

USDI, Bureau of Land Management  
Burns District  
HC 74-12533 Highway 20 West  
Hines, Oregon 97738

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
for  
NORTH CATLOW WINTER PASTURE FENCES, PIPELINE, AND TROUGHS  
EA OR-026-01-08

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District, Andrews Resource Area has analyzed a cooperative proposal and two alternatives to construct two wire fences, each approximately 6 miles long, install approximately 4 miles of pipeline and two water troughs. Fences would create a new pasture in the North Catlow grazing allotment. This allotment is located about 70 air miles south of Burns, in Harney County, Oregon. These range improvements would improve the BLM's ability to achieve better grazing management within the South Catlow Allotment. This proposal is in conformance with the 1982 Andrews Management Framework Plan and the 1983 Andrews Grazing Management Program Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). It is in conformance with the objectives stated in the August 12, 1997 Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Management for Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the States of Oregon and Washington. It is also consistent with the 1991 Final Oregon Wilderness EIS, and the Endangered Species Act, Section 2(c) and 7(a)2.

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached Environmental Assessment (EA) and all other available information, I have determined that the proposal and alternatives analyzed do not constitute a major Federal action that would adversely impact the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an EIS is unnecessary and will not be prepared.

Rationale

This determination is based on the following factors:

1. Beneficial, adverse, direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts have been disclosed in the EA. Analysis indicated no significant impacts on society as a whole, the affected region, the affected interests, or the locality. The physical and biological effects are limited to the Burns District, Andrews Resource Area and adjacent land.
2. Public health and safety would not be adversely impacted. There are no known or anticipated concerns with project waste or hazardous materials.

3. There would be no adverse impacts to regional or local air quality, prime or unique farmlands, known paleontological resources on public land within the area, wetlands, floodplains, areas with unique characteristics, ecologically critical areas or designated Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. There would be no adverse impacts from invasive, nonnative species.
4. There are no highly controversial effects on the environment.
5. There are no effects that are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risk. Sufficient information on risk is available based on information in the EA and other past actions of a similar nature.
6. This alternative does not set a precedent for other projects that may be implemented in the future to meet the goals and objectives of adopted Federal, State, or local natural resource-related plans, policies or programs.
7. No cumulative impacts related to other actions that would have a significant adverse impact were identified or are anticipated.
8. Based on previous and ongoing cultural resource surveys, and through mitigation by avoidance, no adverse impacts to cultural resources were identified or anticipated. There are no known American Indian religious concerns or persons or groups who might be disproportionately and adversely affected as anticipated by the Environmental Justice Policy.
9. No adverse impacts to any threatened or endangered species or their habitat, that was determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act, were identified.
10. This proposed action is in compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and requirements for the protection of the environment.

Signature on File

August 1, 2001

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Miles R. Brown  
Andrews Resource Area Field Manager

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Date