

**RECORD OF PLAN CONFORMANCE AND
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION**

CX Log #: OR-014-CX-03-04 Lease or Serial #: _____
Project Name: Tree and Brush Planting & Vexar Tube
Installation _____
Applicant: _____ Location: T.38S R.11E SEC19,20,29,30,
T.39S R.11E SEC 19, T.39S R.11 1/2E SEC 24, T.39S R. 14E SEC 4,
T.40S R.12E SEC 5, T.41S R.41.5E SEC 6, _____
Address: _____ County: Klamath County
BLM Office: Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area Phone #: 541-883-6916

Description of the Proposed Action: Hand planting of 87,000 bitterbrush and mountain mahogany seedlings and the installation of protective tubes on 77,000 of the brush seedlings on mule deer winter range. Units have been cleared of juniper and burning is being completed and planting is to establish/reestablish forage for deer browse.

To prevent the spread of noxious weeds, all vehicles and equipment will be cleaned off prior to operating on BLM lands. Removal of all dirt, grease, and plant parts that may carry noxious weed seeds or vegetative parts is required and may be accomplished with a pressure hose.

PLAN CONFORMANCE

The above project has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM plans (reference appropriate section/pages of the plan):

A. Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary, June 1995 (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS), approved June 1995. Refer to Page 54, E-5.

B. EA # _____, Titled _____

Reviewer /s/ Kathy Lindsey Date 3/6/03

IDENTIFICATION OF EXCLUSION CATEGORY

The proposed action has been identified as a categorical exclusion under **Bureau of Land Management Categorical Exclusion 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, (C)3.**

REVIEW OF CX EXCEPTIONS

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental effects on resources or programs listed as Categorical Exceptions, unless noted otherwise. The proposed action will:

Yes No CX Exception

- () (X) 1. Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety.
- () (X) 2. Have significant, adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics or features, or on special designation areas such as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; or prime farmlands. This also includes ecologically significant or critical areas, *such as*

significant caves, ACECs, National Monuments, WSAs, RNAs, and those listed on the National Register of Natural Landmarks.

- (X) 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects (40 CFR 1508.14).
- (X) 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or unique or unknown environmental risks.
- (X) 5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.
- (X) 6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but significant cumulative environmental effects. *This includes connected actions on private lands (40 CFR 1508.7 and 1508.25(a)).*
- (X) 7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. *This includes Native American religious or cultural sites, archaeological sites, or historic properties.*
- (X) 8. Have adverse effects on species listed, or proposed to be listed, as Federally Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species. *This includes impacts on BLM-designated sensitive species or their habitat. When a Federally listed species or its habitat is encountered, a Biological Evaluation (BE) shall document the effect on the species. The responsible official may proceed with the proposed action without preparing a NEPA document when the BE demonstrates either 1) a “no effect” determination or 2) a “may effect, not likely to adversely effect” determination.*
- (X) 9. Fail to comply with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (*water resource development projects only*).
- (X) 10. Violate a Federal, State, Local, or Tribal law, regulation or policy imposed for the protection of the environment, *where non-Federal requirements are consistent with Federal requirements.*

In addition, other topics or issues need to be assessed for potential impacts based on US Department of Interior Policy or rule making: This project would:

Yes No

- (X) a. *Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E)) not already decided in an approved land use plan.*
- (X) b. *Have a disproportionate significant adverse impacts on low income or minority populations; Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice).*
- (X) c. *Restrict access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites; Executive Order 13007 (Indian Sacred Sites).*
- (X) d. *Have significant adverse effect on Indian Trust Resources.*
- (X) e. *Contribute to the introduction, existence, or spread of: Federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act); or invasive non-native species; Executive Order 13112 (Invasive Species).*
- (X) f. *Have a direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply, and/or distribution; Executive Order 13212 (Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects).*

DOCUMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED MITIGATION

For any item checked "Yes" identify the mitigating measures proposed. If no mitigating measures are identified that can prevent the potential adverse impacts, the conditions for a categorical exclusion cannot be met.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Can Be Mitigated</u>	<u>Cannot Be Mitigated</u>	<u>Mitigation Measures</u>
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SURVEYS AND CONSULTATION

Surveys and/or consultation may be needed for special status plants and animals, for cultural resources, and other resources as necessary: (Initial and Date appropriate fields)

<u>Surveys:</u>	1) are completed	2) will be completed	3) are not needed
SS Plants	<u>JW 2/6/03</u>	_____	<u>Sub 2/27/03</u>
SS Animals	_____	_____	_____
Cultural Resources	<u>TC 2/20/03</u>	_____	_____
Other Surveys	_____	_____	_____
SS Animal Consultation	_____	_____	<u>SA 3/6/03</u>
Botanical Consultation	_____	_____	<u>JW 3/6/03</u>
Cultural Consultation	_____	_____	<u>TC 2/20/03</u>

(SS = Special Status)

Remarks: *cultural resource surveys have been conducted for all treatment areas. Archaeological sites are present within Windy Ridge (1), Boundary Springs (5) and Willow Valley East (1). These sites will be marked with yellow and white striped and orange flagging and will be avoided during all project activities.*

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS and CX DETERMINATION

The proposed action has been reviewed against the criteria for an exception to a categorical exclusion (listed above) as identified in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, and does not fall under any exception. The proposed action would not create adverse environmental impacts or require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) and is therefore, categorically excluded from NEPA documentation.

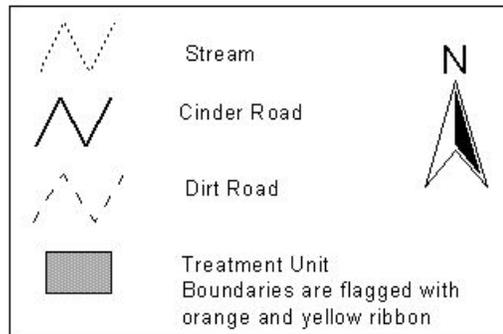
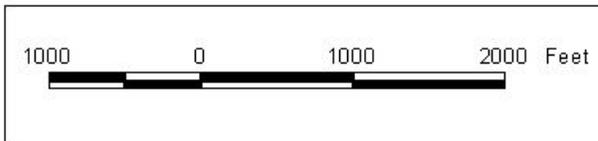
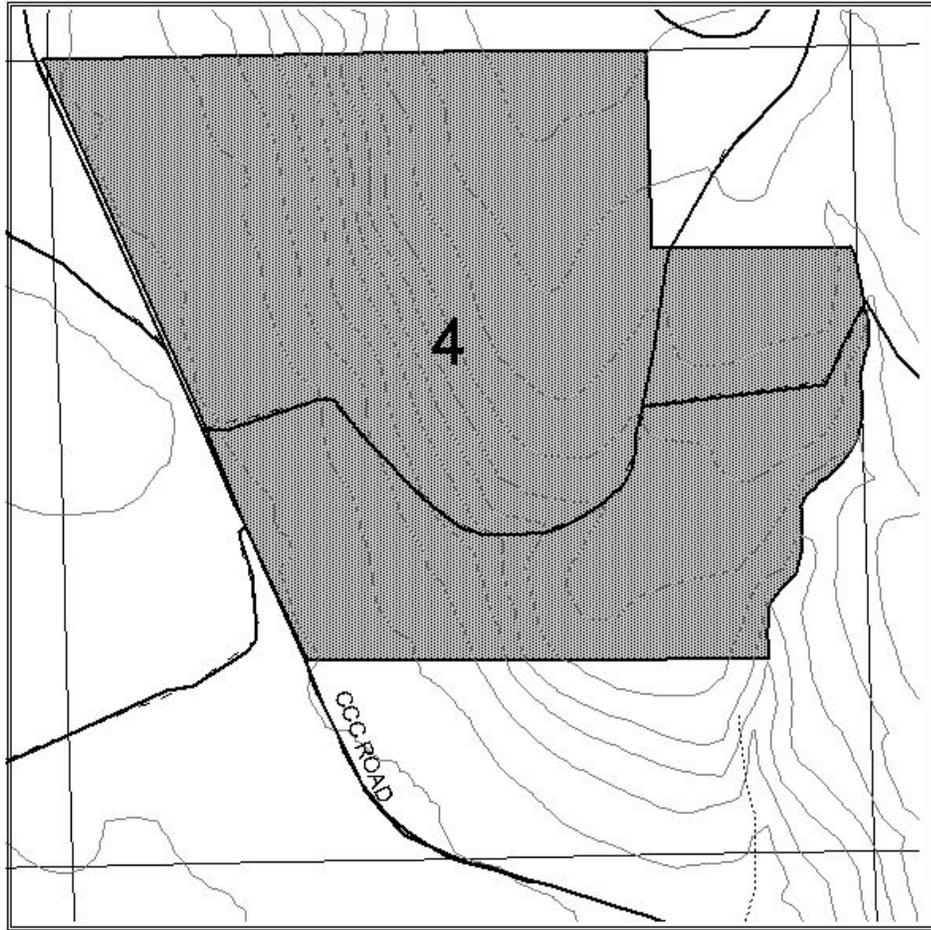
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Approved By: *Teresa Raml* 3/6/03
 Teresa A. Raml, Field Manager Date
 Klamath Falls Resource Area

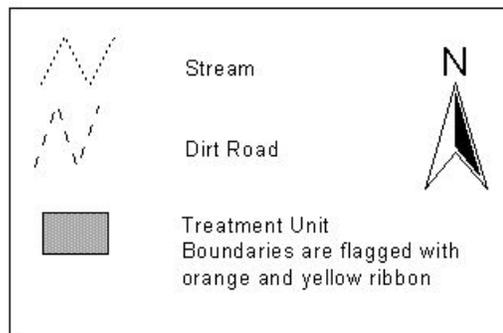
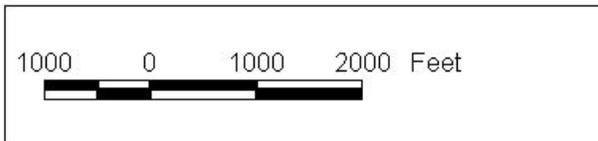
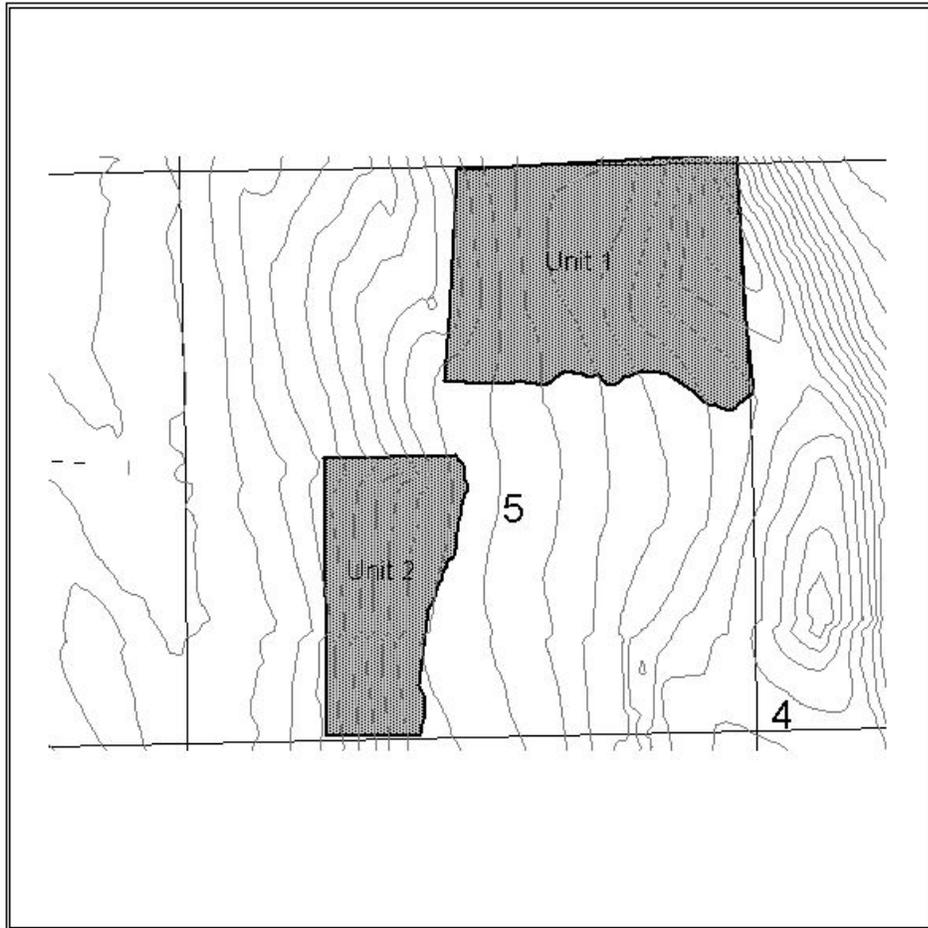
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T.39S., R.14E., SEC. 4,
TREATMENT AREA
BOUNDARY SPRINGS

TREATMENT AREA MAP
UNIT 1 : 359 ACRES



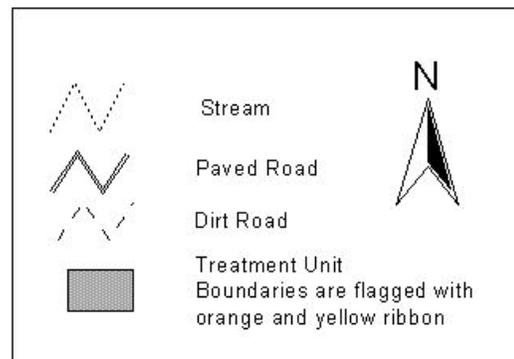
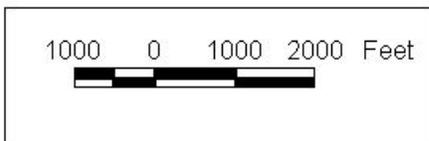
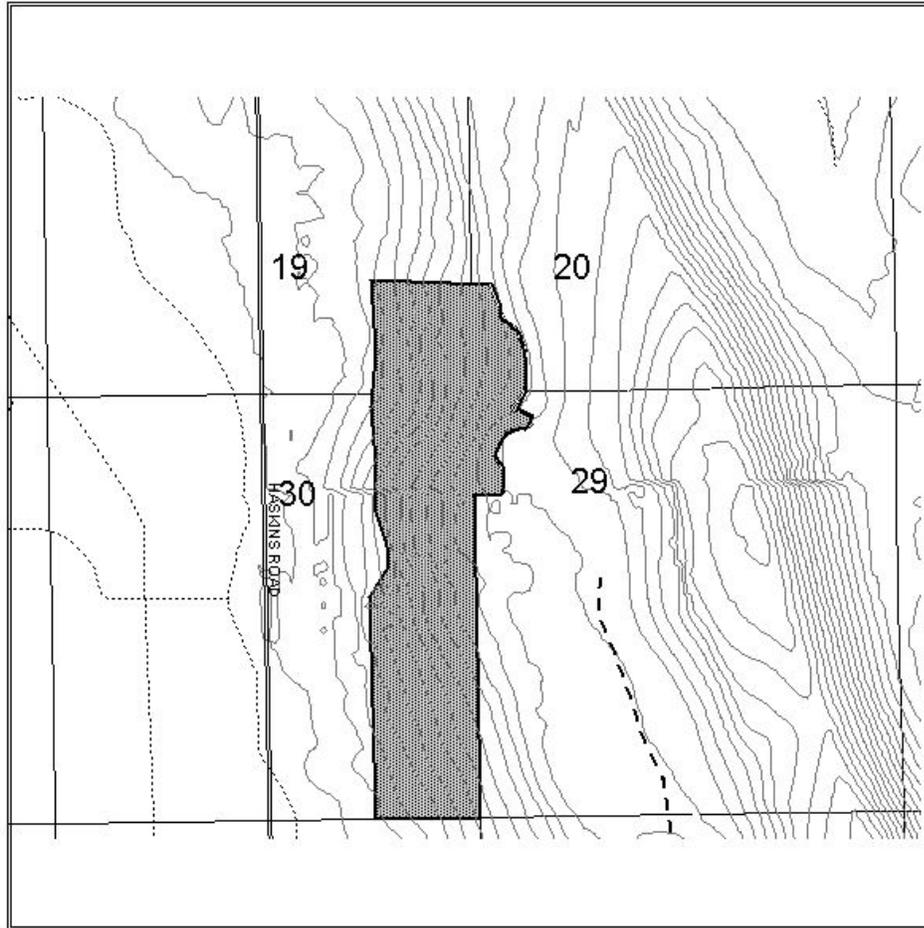
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TREATMENT AREA
HARPOLD SOUTH

TREATMENT AREA MAP
UNIT 1 : 132 ACRES
UNIT 2 : 65 ACRES



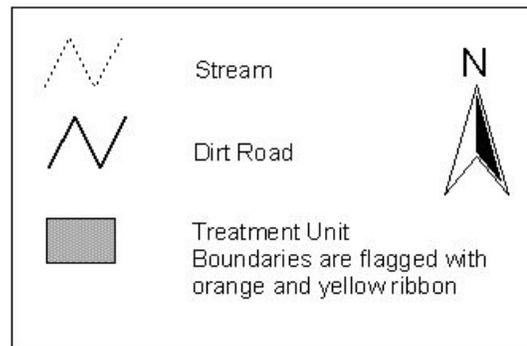
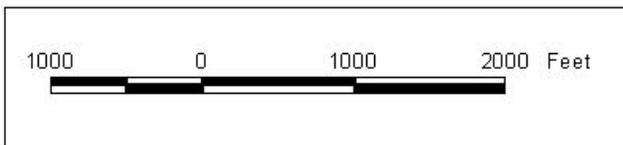
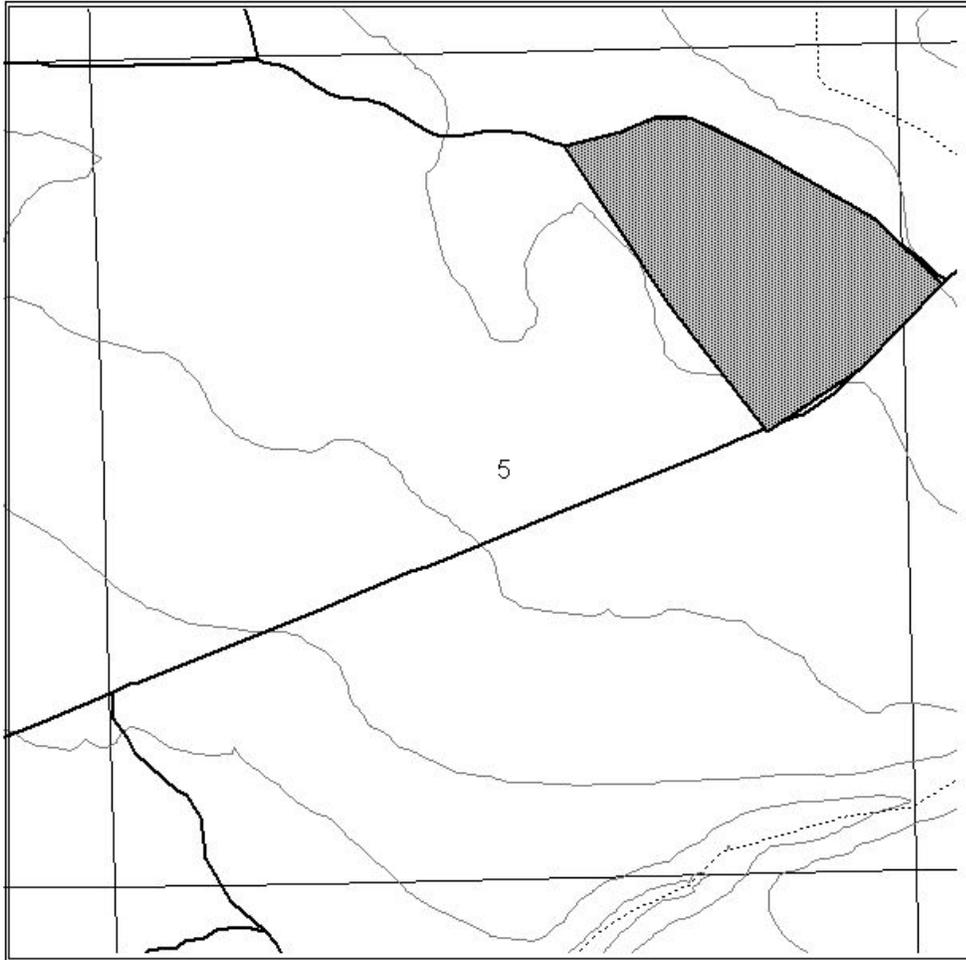
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T.38S., R.11E., SEC. 19,20,29,30
TREATMENT AREA
SHORT LAKE WEST

TREATMENT AREA MAP
UNIT 1 : 220 ACRES



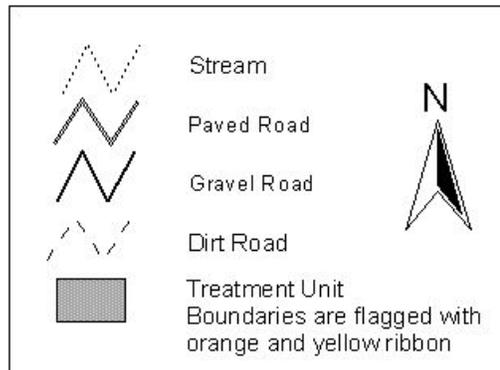
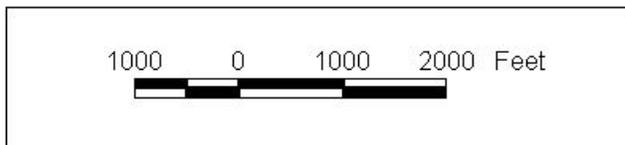
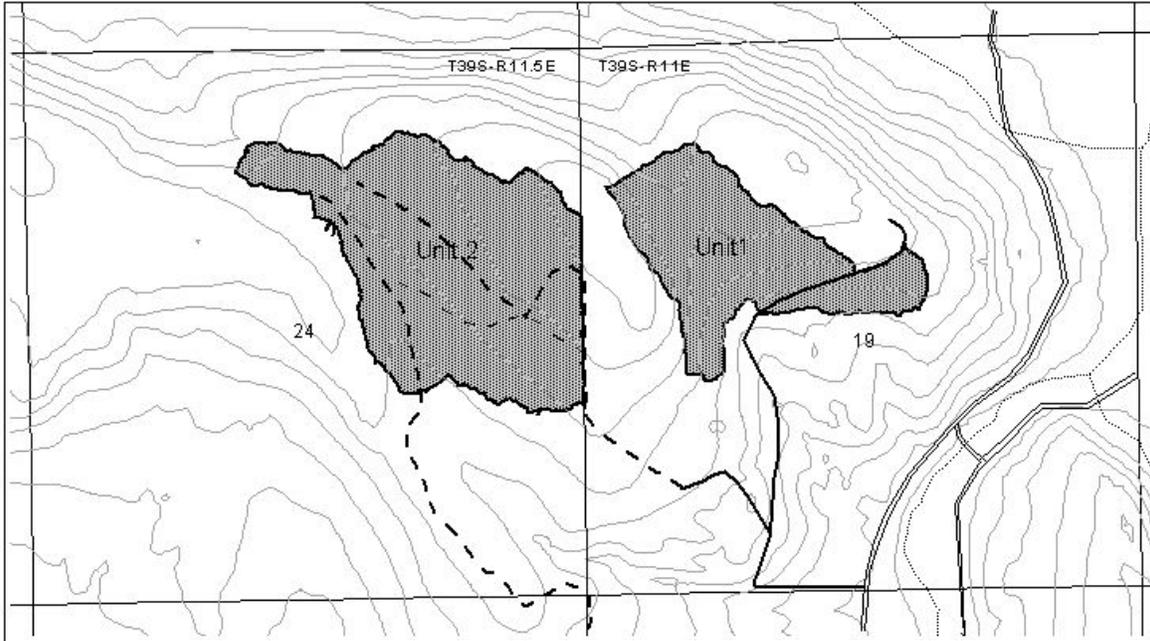
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T.41S., R.14.5E., SEC. 5
TREATMENT AREA
WILLOW VALLEY EAST

TREATMENT AREA MAP
UNIT 1 : 60 ACRES



USD/BLM KLAMATH FALLS RA
T.39S., R.11E, SEC. 19
T.39S., R.11 1/2 E, SEC. 24
TREATMENT AREA
WINDY RIDGE

TREATMENT AREA MAP
UNIT 1 : 66 ACRES
UNIT 2 : 120 ACRES



Klamath Falls Resource Area Project Proposal Routing Slip for Internal Review

Project Name: TREE AND BRUSH PLANTING & UEXHA TUBING
Date Initiated: 2/19/03

source or Staff Responsible	Review Priority	Preliminary Review Date/Initials	Comments Attached/Incorporated	Final Review Date/Initials
Manager: Teri Raml	Last			TR
Branch Chief: Barbara Ditman	Second to Last		GREAT!!	BD 3/3/03
Branch Chief: Larry Frazier	Second to Last			
Branch Chief: Mel Crockett	Second to Last			
Planner/EC: Don Hoffheins, Kathy Lindsey	Third from Last			KL 3/6/03
Range: Bill Lindsey Range: Dana Eckard				
Wild Horses: Tonya Pinckney				
Fire/Air Quality: Joe Foran				
Silviculture: Bill Johnson, Gabi Sommerauer				
Timber: Mike Bechdolt				
Botany/ACEC/Noxious Weeds: Lou Whiteaker		JW 3/3/03	Notable weeds in some areas - add weed prevent mit meas.	JW 3/6/03
als: Jannice & Mike Cutler				
Cultural: Tim Canaday		TC 2/20/03	see comments page 3	TC 2/20/03
Minerals/HazMat: Tom Cottingham				
Lands/Realty: Linda Younger				
Recreation/Visuals/Wilderness: Scott Senter				
Hydrology/Riparian: Mike Turaski, Andy Hamilton				
Wildlife/T&E: ^{Steve Idinger} Gayle Sitter		SI 2/27/03		SI 2/27/03
Fisheries/T&E: Scott Snedaker				
W/S Rivers: Grant Weidenbach				
Engineering: Brian McCarty				
Clearances/Surveys	Needed	Done/Attached	*This document will not sit on your desk for more than 8 hours. Please check on calendar to make sure that the next person will be available to review the document.	
Cultural		TC 2/20/03		
Botanical		JW 3/3/03		
FE, BA & or Consultation		SI 2/27/03	**Some resource areas may not apply for all projects. If so, just mark "N/A" in "Review Priority" column.	
R-O-W Permits				