

KLAMATH FALLS RESOURCE AREA
NEPA CONFORMANCE/PLAN CONFORMANCE
RECORD

KCER 99-15

BLM Office: Klamath Falls R.A.

Serial No. OR 55101

Applicant: Century Tel of Eastern Oregon

Proposed Action Title/Type: Buried fiber optic and copper communications cable

Location of Proposed Action: T. 39 S., R. 11 E. W. M. Section 19 SE¼SE¼ and Section 31 Lot 2

Description of Proposed Action: Century Tel of Eastern Oregon proposes to install a buried fiber optic communications cable, and appurtenances thereto, along the southeasterly side of Harpold Road, a Klamath County maintained road. A buried copper conductor communications cable was installed in trespass by US West the predecessor to Century Tel. within the proposed 20-foot wide right-of-way. All proposed construction activities and the existing copper cable are located within the Harpold road right-of-way.

Part 1 Plan Conformance Review This proposed action is subject to the Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, approved June 1995. The proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3)

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Part 2 NEPA Review

A. Categorical exclusion review. This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 E (16). It has been reviewed to determine if any exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

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B. Existing EA/EIS review. This proposed action is addressed in the following existing BLM EA/EIS: Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan Date Approved: June 1995.

This EA/EIS has been reviewed against the following criteria to determine if it covers the proposed action:

1. The proposed action is a feature of, or is essentially the same as, the alternative selected and analyzed in the existing document.
2. A reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed in the existing document.
3. There has been no significant change in circumstances or significant new information germane to the proposed action.
4. The methodology/analytical techniques approach previously used is appropriate for the proposed action.
5. The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action are not significantly different than those identified in the existing document.

6. The proposed action would not change the previous analysis of cumulative impacts.
7. Public involvement in the previous analysis provides appropriate coverage for the proposed action.

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Part 3 Recommendation/Rationale

Recommendation: I recommend that a right-of-way 1,504.8 feet long and 20 feet wide, for a buried fiber optic communication cable be granted to Century Tel of Eastern Oregon for a period of 20 years, with an option to renew, across T. 39 S., R. 11 E. W. M. Section 19 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and Section 31 Lot 2. I also recommend that the copper communications cable installed in trespass by US West, predecessor to Century Tel, be included in this grant. Back rent should be collected for the copper cable from the time the facility was purchased by Century Tel to the date of authorization. The grant should be made under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761) and subject to the terms and conditions in 43 CFR 2801 and rental payments as determined by 43 CFR 2803.1-2. The grant should also be subject to the mitigations set forth in the application.

Rationale for Recommendation: The proposed action meets the criteria for categorical exclusion in 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 E (16), and none of the exceptions in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, applies. Further, the action is in conformance with the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan, Approved June 1995 June 1995.

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Date 6/22/99

Decision: I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA conformance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures identified below.

Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks: None

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Categorical Exclusion No. KCER-99-15

The proposed action to authorize the installation of a buried fiber optic communications cable, and appurtenances thereto, within the right-of-way of the southeasterly side of Harpold Road, a Klamath County maintained road and also authorize a buried copper conductor communications cable that was installed in trespass by US West predecessor to Century Tel of Eastern Oregon is designated a categorical exclusion in 516 DM 6 appendix 5.4 E (16). The proposal has been screened and does not meet the criteria for exception under 516 DM 2.3A(3): 1. Health and Safety; 2. Unique Resources; 3. Controversial; 4. Risks; 5. Precedent; 6. Cumulative; 7. Cultural and Historical; 8. Threatened or Endangered Species; 9. Violate Law. Therefore, no further environmental analysis is required.

/s./ Teresa A. Raml
Teresa A. Raml
Manager, KFRA

6 /23/99
Date