

DECISION RECORD
for the
GLENDALE ROAD DECOMMISSIONING, RENOVATION AND ROAD CLOSURE
PROJECTS

EA #OR-118-02-011

Decision

It is my decision to implement Alternative 2 in the Glendale Road Decommissioning, Renovation and Road Closure Projects Environmental Assessment (EA #OR-118-02-011) and described below. This action will not result in significant impacts on the human environment and a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This decision is consistent with the Record of Decision for *Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (1994), the *Medford District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* (RMP, 1995), and the Record of Decision for *Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines* (2001) as well as the Endangered Species Act, The Native American Religious Freedom Act, Clean Water Act, cultural resource management laws and regulations and BLM Critical Elements listed on page 8 of the EA.

The approved action consists of reducing the number of miles of maintained forest roads. A total of 4.65 miles of roads would be blocked and decommissioned, 0.38 miles of roads would be blocked, and 1.58 miles of road would be maintained by blading the road to create a smooth surface and brushing encroaching vegetation for public safety. Road decommissioning would include: barricading, ripping, pulling existing culverts, installing water-bars, mulching or seeding. Roads or portions of roads, in the project area not being blocked, or decommissioned would continue to be maintained. Barricading would be by an earth berm.

The project areas are listed below:

1. BLM Road # 33-5-10.1. Decommission the upper 1.42 miles of this road and pull the existing pipes, rip the road surface, barricade, and mulch areas of newly exposed soils. The lower 1.58 miles of road that access private and public lands would be maintained for safety. This project is located in Sec. 11, Township 34 South, Range 5 West W.M.
2. BLM Road # 33-5-11.1. Decommission 0.18 miles and pull the existing draw pipe, rip the road surface, barricade, and mulch. This project is located in the NW 1/4 of Sec. 11, Township 34 South, Range 5 West, W.M.
3. BLM Roads # 33-4-15.7, # 33-4-15.8, # 33-4-15.9, # 33-4-15.11, and # 33-4-15.12. These roads are currently accessed by a low water crossing. Decommission 2.05 miles of natural surface roads. These roads are on the east side of Grave Creek, located in the NW

1/4 of Section 15, Township 33 South, Range 4 West, W.M. Due to the high density of roads in this area and low use the existing culverts would be pulled and light ripping would occur around existing vegetation and in the existing mining location. Disturbed, exposed soils would be mulched and barricades would be constructed.

4. BLM Road # 34-6-3.4. Block this natural surface, outloped road with a barricade at the beginning to prevent the dumping of household garbage and enhance habitat for wildlife. Road is 0.38 miles long and is located in the SW 1/4 of Section 3, Township 34 South, Range 6 West, W.M.

The public was notified of the Glendale Road Decommissioning, Renovation and Road Closure Projects Environmental Assessment through the Grants Pass Daily Courier (May 4, 2002) and Umpqua Free Press newspapers. One letter was received from the Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center commenting that “KS Wild fully support the proposal to decommission roads in the Graves Creek Watershed.” No other comments were received from the public

Rationale

This action meets the purpose of the proposal which is to reduce the miles of roads needing maintenance and comply with the best management practices identified in Appendix D of the Medford District Resource Management Plan which identify the objectives of reducing soil compaction, minimizing or reducing stream sedimentation, and improving site productivity (RMP pg 165).

The No-Action Alternative was not selected because it did not meet the identified purpose and need of reducing wild fire fuel levels in the area.

The decision record will appear in the Grants Pass Daily Courier and Umpqua Free Press. The date of publication of the legal notice will constitute the decision date for purposes of protests and appeals under 43 CFR 5003. Protests must be filed within 15 days of the publication of the decision or within 15 days of this decision record.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Roger Schroes

5-28-02

Date

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
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The Glendale Road Decommissioning, Renovation and Road Closure Projects EA can be obtained at the Medford District Office or on the Medford BLM internet site:
[http://www.or.blm.gov/Medford/.](http://www.or.blm.gov/Medford/)

The specific treatments for each of the roads to be treated are described in Alternative 2 of the Glendale Road Decommissioning, Renovation and Road Closure Projects EA and attached Decision Record. These BLM roads include: # 33-5-10.1, # 33-5-11.1, # 33-4-15.7, # 33-4-15.8, # 33-4-15.9, # 33-4-15.11, and # 33-4-15.12, and # 34-6-3.4 within the Glendale Resource Area.

The following critical elements identified in the BLM handbook will not be adversely affected by this project and have been analyzed in the EA: air quality, areas of critical environmental concern, historical or cultural resources, prime or unique farmlands, floodplains, Native American religious sites, invasive species, energy, threatened or endangered species, **known** hazardous waste areas, water quality, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, wilderness and environmental justice.

FONSI DETERMINATION

Based on the effects discussed in the Glendale Road Decommissioning, Renovation and Road Closure Projects EA, I have determined that Alternative 2, which I have selected, will not have significant effect on the human environment. Effects will not be beyond those already fully described in the Final Medford District Proposed Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. For this reason, no environmental impact statement needs to be prepared.



5-28-02

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