

**DECISION RECORD/RATIONALE/FONSI**  
**FISH PASSAGE CULVERT PROJECTS**  
EA#OR110-00-21

I. DECISION: Implement Alternative 2, the proposed action, of the environmental assessment for this project with the following provisions: (1) Culvert replacement at the Wallow Creek Site will be done in 2001 or later; (2) Culvert replacement at the Morris Creek Site will be done in 2000 or later; (3) The non-vascular habitat identified adjacent to the Morris Creek site by the botanist is to be avoided and left undisturbed; (4) Proposed mitigating measure #1 is accepted and is to be implemented; and (5) Proposed mitigating measure #2 is accepted and is to be implemented.

II. RATIONALE: Implementing the decision will remove two fish passage blocks thereby restoring access to potential anadromous fish spawning habitat. Upgrading of the stream crossing structures to the 100 year flood standard of the RMP will reduce the potential for future washouts and adverse sedimentation impacts. Upgrading of these structures is also appropriate given the long term needs of the roads and road systems involved and is consistent with the TMOs for the roads.

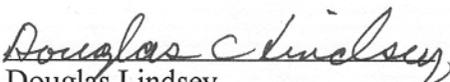
Avoiding the identified mollusc and non-vascular plant habitats identified by the botanist and wildlife biologist at the Morris Creek Site will preclude potential adverse impacts to the species of concern that might be occupying the sites.

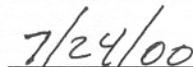
As no public comments were received in response to the public EA review period and no new issues have been identified pertinent to the project proposal.

The No Action Alternative was rejected because it does not meet objectives of the NW Forest Plan or the Medford District Resource Management Plan related to a improving watershed conditions and improving fish habitat.

This decision is consistent with the Medford District Resource Management Plan and the Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines on Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl. This decision is also consistent with the Endangered Species Act, The Native American Religious Freedom Act and cultural resource management laws and regulations.

III. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: On the basis of the information contained in the environmental assessment for this project, it is my determination that the decision stated above does not constitute significant effects to the quality of the human environment. In addition this project does not exceed the range of effects discussed in the EIS documents that the project EA is tiered to. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary and will not be prepared.

  
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