

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
MEDFORD DISTRICT

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
and
DECISION RECORD
for the proposed
Timbered Rock Fire Rehabilitation / Stabilization Project

EA Number OR-110-03-08

The Proposed Action would consist of 7000 acres of rehabilitation and restoration on the Timbered Rock Fire.

The Proposed Action would occur on lands designated as Late Successional Reserve (LSR) in the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP). These lands are intended to provide Old Growth Habitat as well as wildlife habitat, water, and soil stability.

The project is located in T32S., R1E., Sections 3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,15,17,19,21,29,30,31, and 33, T32S., R1W., Sections 1,11,12,13,14,23,24,25,26, and 35, T33S., R1E., Sections 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,15, and 17, T33S., R1W., Section 1 Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon.

The proposed action, the no action alternative are described in more detail in the Timbered Rock Fire Rehabilitation / Restoration Environmental Assessment (EA). This EA is in conformance with the Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD), dated April 14, 1995 and the ROD and Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines dated January 2001. The EA is also consistent with the ROD on the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl.

This proposal required no ESA consultation. Survey and Manage (S&M) surveys for plants, fungi and wildlife have been completed or were deemed to be not necessary. No T&E species were present on the project area.

Based on the assessment of potential environmental effects contained in this EA and that the actions are consistent with the standards and guidelines set forth in the RMP ROD and SEIS ROD, I have determined that the effects of authorizing the proposal would not have significant impacts on the human environment, and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

This notice of **Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)** is provided through the BLM Medford District's central registration and advertised in the Medford Mail Tribune and Upper Rogue Independent. Copies of the EA are available at the Medford District Office.

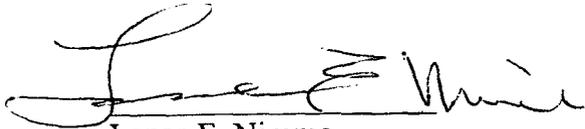
DECISION

It is my decision to implement the proposed action as described in the Timbered Rock Fire Rehabilitation / Restoration Environmental Assessment. The proposed action would rehabilitate / restore 7000 acres of federal lands.

RATIONALE for DECISION

My decision to authorize the proposed action is in compliance with the Record of Decision on the FSEIS (FSEIS ROD) and the Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP), dated April 14, 1995. The project area is located within Matrix lands. The proposed action complies with all applicable standards and guidelines. This action takes into consideration cumulative impacts of past management practices on both Federal lands and on nearby private lands. All required Threatened and Endangered (T&E), Survey and Manage and cultural surveys have been completed or deemed to be not necessary.

Implementation of the proposed action will begin in FY- 03.



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10/16/02
Date