

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS

I have reviewed EA, OR-030-04-017 with respect to the context and intensity criteria in CEQ Regulation § 1508.27, and determined that the proposed action will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. My rationale for this finding of no significant impacts is as follows. This TNR application is for a one time shift of grazing use outside of the normal permitted grazing dates. The proposed use, though outside the normal permitted end date, would be within the same season of use and would have no greater impact. The proposed change would not cause detrimental affects to the vegetation. Average utilization of the Rome South Pasture would not exceed 40%. Grazing use would be made at a different time (winter), during the same grazing season. Grazing at this time would occur outside of the growing season after plants are quiescent.

Values such as unconfined recreation, solitude, species diversity, scenery, etc would still be available to the public and not affected by the proposed action. Soils, air quality, noxious weeds, wildlife, special status plant species, recreation, and cultural resources would not be affected.

Allowing these temporary nonrenewable authorizations is a reasonable action. No impacts were identified that would significantly affect any aspect of the human environment. I have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the land use plan.

/S/ WAYNE A. WETZEL
Signature of Authorized Official

9/22/2004
Date