

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT # OR-035-03-02**

The attached Environmental Assessment (EA) contains a description of the proposed action, an analysis of expected impacts on land and resources, and mitigating measures to reduce those impacts.

In relation to context, I find that the project's affected region is localized and the effects of implementation are relevant to people recreating and living in the area. There would be no societal or regional impacts and no impacts on potentially affected interests.

I have evaluated the effects of the proposed action, together with the proposed mitigating measures, against the tests of significance found at 40 CFR 1508.27. I have determined that:

1. The proposed action would cause no significant impacts, either beneficial or adverse. All impacts would be minimal; most would be of short duration.
2. The proposed action would have no effect on public health or safety.
3. The proposed action would not affect unique characteristics of the geographic area.
4. The proposed action would have no controversial effects.
5. The proposed action would have no uncertain effects and would not involve unique or unknown risks.
6. The proposed action is a routine and common project and does not establish a precedent for future actions.
7. The proposed action is not related to any other action being considered by BLM.
8. The proposed action would have no effect to any property listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
9. The proposed action would not adversely affect an endangered or threatened species, or any habitat critical to an endangered or threatened species.
10. The proposed action does not violate any law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

Therefore, I have determined that the proposed action, with the proposed mitigating measures, would not have any significant impacts on the human environment, and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

s/Penelope Dunn Woods

May 9, 2003

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Date

