

**Vale District Bureau of Land Management  
North Star Mountain Well(s) Construction  
Environmental Assessment  
EA No. OR-030-03-019**

**Findings of No Significant Impact**

The Malheur Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, has analyzed a proposal to authorize livestock operators to install two wells to improve livestock distribution during drought years in the North Star Mountain Allotment (00309) and pump water into the Boney Basin Allotment (00307). The analysis includes a no action alternative based on the following summary of consequences and as discussed in this Environmental Assessment. I have determined that implementation of the proposed action will continue to meet resource management objectives defined in the Southern Oregon Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision September 2002.

Impacts to critical elements of the human environment, including ten points of significance identified in 40 CFR 1508.27(b), are not determined to be in excess of limits requiring the development of an environmental impact statement. Negative impacts to desired perennial vegetation communities and thus watershed stability are not anticipated to increase with the proposed action. Additionally, management direction provided in the selected proposed action alternative is more consistent with the resource management direction in the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan.

As a result, on the basis of the information in this environmental assessment and all other information available, it is my determination that the proposed action does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required.

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7/8/2003 \_\_\_\_\_  
Date