

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

EA Number: OR 125-03-22

BLM Coos Bay District Office

Serial No.: OR 59234, OR 8652

Proposed Action Title/Type A r/w and an amendment for new facilities at an existing communication site.

Location of Proposed Action: T. 19 S., R. 9 W., W.M., Sec. 23 NE¼NW¼, Roman Nose

Applicant (if any): Douglas County & BLM

Conformance With Applicable Land Use Plan: This proposed action is subject to the *Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan & Environmental Impact Statement* and its Record of Decision (BLM, 1995); which is in conformance with the *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Habitat for Late Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* and its Record of Decision (Interagency, 1994). This plan has been reviewed to determine if the proposed action conforms with the land use plan's terms and conditions as required by 43 CFR 1601.5.

Remarks: The Proposed Action is in compliance with the *Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan & Environmental Impact Statement* and its Record of Decision (BLM, 1995)(RMP); hereby incorporated by reference. The RMP has been determined to be consistent with the standards and guidelines for healthy lands at the land use plan scale and associated timelines.

Need for Proposed Action: Douglas County needs to upgrade their emergency 911 communication equipment at Roman Nose and has requested authorization to relocate their facilities for the improvement. They are currently located in the Tower America building and the facility is inadequate for the upgrade. BLM also needs to upgrade equipment and improve security because of Homeland Security measures. The current location in the Oregon State Forestry building will not meet the requirements. BLM has ordered a new tower 80-foot which cannot be installed in the current 20-foot tower location.

Description of Proposed Action: BLM will install the new tower and Douglas County will construct the buildings to house the equipment and generator and install a fuel tank. The project area is 0.08 acres. The two agencies will co-locate to share the tower and buildings. A new r/w will be issued to Douglas County to allow for subleasing, to provide the opportunity for other government agencies to locate in the facility after completion.

Environmental Impacts to Critical Elements of the Human Environment:

Critical Elements	Affected		Critical Elements	Affected	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Air Quality	—	<u>X</u>	T & E Species	—	<u>X</u>
ACECs	—	<u>X</u>	Wastes, Hazardous/Solid	—	<u>X</u>
Cultural Resources	—	<u>X</u>	Water Quality	—	<u>X</u>
Farmlands, Prime/Unique	—	<u>X</u>	Wetlands/Riparian Zones/ACS	—	<u>X</u>
Floodplains	—	<u>X</u>	Wild & Scenic Rivers	—	<u>X</u>
Unresolved conflicts	—	<u>X</u>	Wilderness	—	<u>X</u>
Noxious Weed Management	—	<u>X</u>	Port Orford Cedar Management	—	<u>X</u>
Environmental Justice Concerns	—	<u>X</u>	Energy production, transmission	—	<u>X</u>
Native American religious concerns and/or Indian trust resources	—	<u>X</u>			

Description of Impacts to Specific Elements of the Human Environment:

Roman Nose is a designated communication site in the RMP, operated under a communication site management plan. The mountain top is clear of timber and no trees need to be removed. The proposed location of the project is designated future development in the communication site plan. Most of the area to be developed has previously been disturbed. There are no anticipated impacts.

