

Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

A. Describe the Proposed Action

The proposed action is the renewal of Section 15 grazing leases for the 237 acre High allotment, #00827 and the 112 acre Voight allotment, #00894 in accordance with 43 CFR 4100.0-8, 4110.1, 4130.2, and 4130.3. These allotments are located on the north side of Stukel Mountain, in southern Klamath County (see attached map). The base property for the leases is owned by Gary Voight.

The renewed grazing leases would have the same parameters as the expiring leases. The High allotment has 17 AUMs of cattle use from May 1 to June 15. The Voight allotment has 8 AUMs of cattle use from May 1 to June 15. The term of the renewed leases is 3/01/2004 to 2/28/2014, ten years as required by 43 CFR 4130.2(d) of the current grazing regulations. The leases will be issued to Gary Voight, the owner of the recognized base property.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: **Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (KFRA RMP/EIS dated September 1994)**

Date Approved: **June 1995 via the Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS)**

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

- The KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS lists the grazing parameters for the High and Voight allotments on pages H-28 and H-63 of Appendix H, Grazing Management and Rangeland Program Summary. The listed season-of-use for the High allotment is different than the proposed action. This difference will be explained under **D., 1.** below
- The ROD/RMP/RPS states on page 62, Grazing Management, Objectives, “Provide for livestock grazing in an environmentally sensitive manner, consistent with other objectives and land use allocations. Resolve resource conflicts and concerns and insure that livestock grazing use is consistent with the objectives and direction found in Appendix H (Grazing Management)”.
- The ROD/RMP/RPS states on page 62, Grazing Management, Land Use Allocations, “Provide for initial levels of livestock grazing within the parameters outlined, by allotment, in Appendix H”.

C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

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D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current proposed action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?

The proposed action is different than the grazing management identified in the RMP/EIS Preferred Alternative. The season-of-use in the RMP/EIS for the High allotment is 5/1 – 7/1 and the proposed action is for a 5/1 – 6/15 period. During 1994, the High allotment was transferred to the current lessee, Gary Voight. At the time of transfer Voight also had the lease for the adjacent Voight allotment. The season-of-use for the Voight allotment was 5/1 – 6/15. The season-of-use for the High allotment was changed to match the Voight allotment to provide for better management of the two allotments. There was no change made in the AUMs authorized for the allotment.

Environmental impacts of grazing, for all allotments, are found in Chapter 4 - “Environmental Consequences” (4-1 through 4-143) of the RMP/EIS.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

The proposed action lies within the range of alternatives analyzed in the RMP/EIS. These are summarized in table S-1 “Comparisons of Allocations and Management by Alternative”, pages 18-50 and in table S-2 “Summary of Environmental Consequences by Alternative”, pages 52-53. Since this plan is relatively recent, it more than adequately reflects current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?

A review was conducted to determine if any new information, studies, and analyses were available that would provide data that would materially differ from the data in the earlier analyses performed in the RMP, ROD, FEIS, and DEIS documents noted above. The following was found:

· In accordance with 43 CFR 4180, a Rangeland Health Standards Assessment was

completed for these allotments during FY2003. These assessments determined that the existing grazing management and/or levels of grazing use on the Voight and High allotments promotes achievement or significant progress toward the Oregon Standards for Rangeland Health and conforms with the Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management. The current season-of-use and authorized AUMs were determined to be appropriate for the allotments.

The existing analysis performed in the LUP sited in B. above is still considered valid at this time, including the described/analyzed livestock grazing impacts.

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?

The RMP was approved in 1995 and prepared under the guidance provided by BLM planning regulations issued under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and in conformance with regulations established by the Council on Environmental Quality regarding the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970 (NEPA). This guidance is currently considered appropriate. In addition, the rangeland inventory and monitoring methods used at the time of the RMP development are still currently approved as being appropriate for the analysis of the proposed action.

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?

The proposed action is essentially the same action as was analyzed by the existing NEPA documents sited throughout this document, except as noted under **D., 1.** above. The direct and indirect impacts of livestock grazing on this allotment were analyzed in most of the major sections of Chapter 4 - "Environmental Consequences" in the RMP/EIS. No new information has been discovered that would indicate that the previous analysis of impacts would change substantially. The completion of the Rangeland Health Standards Assessments for both allotments also provided additional site specific analysis of the current grazing management and concluded that no changes were necessary..

6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

The cumulative impacts of the proposed action are essentially the same as those analyzed in the NEPA documents and other analyses sited throughout this document. No new impacts would result from the proposed action that has not already been analyzed.

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

The public involvement associated with the NEPA documents referenced above is outlined on pages R-7 and R-8 of the KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS under Public Involvement.

This effort was in conformance with NEPA and FLPMA and is still considered adequate for the proposed action.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the NEPA analysis and preparation of this worksheet.

Klamath Falls Resource Area, Oregon

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For a list of the team members that reviewed this document, see the signature sheet attached to the front of this document.

Conclusion

- Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA

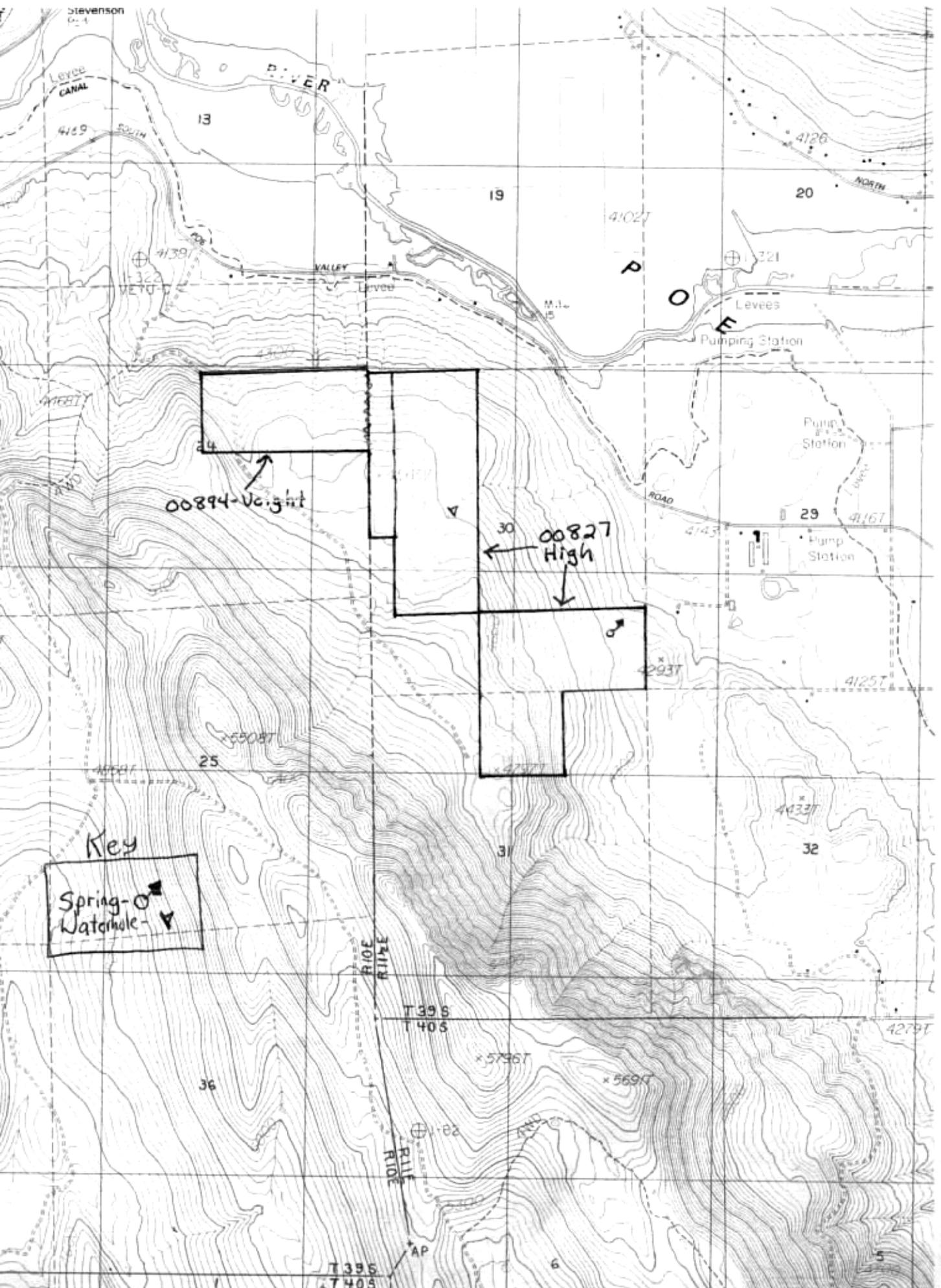


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12/15/03

Date

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision.



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Klamath Falls Resource Area Project Proposal Routing Slip for Internal Review

Project Name: Doight lease renewals DNA OR-014-04-03 Date Initiated: 11/24/03

Resource or Staff Responsible	Review Priority	Preliminary Review Date/Initials	Comments Attached/Incorporated	Final Review Date/Initials
Manager: Jon Raby	Last			JRC 12/15
Branch Chief: Barbara Ditman	Second to Last		NONE	BCL 12/9
Branch Chief: Larry Frazier	Second to Last			
Branch Chief:	Second to Last			
Planner/EC: Don Hoffheins Kathy Lindsey	Third from Last			KL 12/8
Range: Bill Lindsey Range: Dana Eckard	author			BCL 12/1 DCE 12/8
Wild Horses: Tonya Pinckney				
Fire/Air Quality: Joe Foran				
Silviculture: Bill Johnson				
Timber: Mike Bechdolt				
Botany/ACEC/Sensitive Plants/Noxious Weeds: Lou Whiteaker		11/25/03 JW	No special status plants Six med sage populations + 1 Dalmatian toadflap population	11/25/03 JW
Soils:				
Cultural: Tim Canaday		12/5/03	Survey required if improvements are planned (leaves, meter holes, etc.)	12/05/03
Lands/Realty/Minerals/HazMat: Tom Cottingham				
Recreation/Visuals/Wilderness: Scott Senter				
Hydrology/Riparian: Mike Turaski		MRT 11/24/03	NONE	MRT
Wildlife/T&E: Steve Hayner		Sut 11/25/03	NONE	Sut 11/25/03
Fisheries/T&E: Scott Snedaker				
W&S Rivers: Grant Weidenbach				
Engineering: Brian McCarty				
Clearances/Surveys	Needed	Done/Attached	*This document will not sit on your desk for more than 8 hours **Some resource areas may not apply for all projects. If so, just mark "N/A" and date reviewed.	
Cultural	No TC 12/5/03			
Botanical		Done JW 11/25/03		
T&E, BA & or Consultation				
404 Permit				
R-O-W Permits				