

RECORD OF PLAN CONFORMANCE AND CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION

CX Log #: OR-014-CX-04-10 Lease or Serial #: N/A
Project Name: Bitterbrush planting and Vexar tubing
Location: T38S R13E Sec 25,36; T38S R14E Sec 31; T38S R13E Sec 25,26,35,36; T39S R141/2 E Sec 04; T40S R12E Sec 03,10 County: Klamath County
BLM Office: Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area Phone #: 541-883-6916
Applicant: _____ Address: _____

Description of the Proposed Action:

This project will consist of hand planting 55,000 bitterbrush and mountain mahogany seedlings in units (see map 1-4) where invasive juniper was removed. Juniper was cut, piled and burned and the shrubs will be planted primarily within the burned pile areas. The planting is intended to provide future wildlife habitat by reestablishing the shrub community in the area.

To prevent the spread of noxious weeds, all vehicles and equipment will be cleaned prior to operating on BLM lands. Removal of all dirt, grease, and plant parts that may carry noxious weed seeds or vegetative parts is required and may be accomplished with a pressure hose.

PLAN CONFORMANCE

The above project has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM plans or NEPA analyses (reference appropriate section/pages of the plan):

- A. Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS), approved June 1995.
- B. Vegetation Treatment on BLM Lands in Thirteen Western States FEIS and ROD (1991)
- C. Northwest Area Noxious Weed Control Program FEIS and ROD (1985) and Supplement (1987)
- D. Integrated Weed Control Plan (IWCP) 1993

IDENTIFICATION OF EXCLUSION CATEGORY

The proposed action has been identified as a categorical exclusion under – **Bureau of Land Management Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, (C) 3.**

COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further analysis or documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM2, Appendix 1, 1.12 if it does not meet any of the following Exceptions (listed in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2; IM No. OR-2002-130).

Will the proposed action meet the following Exceptions?

Exception	Yes No
1. Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?	() (X)
2. Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics or features, or on special designation areas such as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the National Register of Natural Landmarks. This also includes significant caves, ACECs, National Monuments, WSAs, RNAs.	() (X)
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects (40 CFR 1508.14)?	() (X)
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or unique or unknown environmental risks?	() (X)
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	() (X)
6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but significant cumulative environmental effects? This includes connected actions on private lands (40 CFR 1508.7 and 1508.25(a)).	() (X)
7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places? This includes Native American religious or cultural sites, archaeological sites, or historic properties.	() (X)
8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed as Federally Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species? This includes impacts on BLM-designated sensitive species or their habitat. When a Federally listed species or its habitat is encountered, a Biological Evaluation (BE) shall document the effect on the species. The responsible official may proceed with the proposed action without preparing a NEPA document when the BE demonstrates either 1) a “no effect” determination or 2) a “may effect, not likely to adversely effect” determination.	() (X)
9. Fail to comply with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (water resource development projects only)?	() (X)
10. Violate a Federal, State, Local, or Tribal law, regulation or policy imposed for the protection of the environment, where non-Federal requirements are consistent with Federal requirements?	() (X)
11. Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E)) not already decided in an approved land use plan?	() (X)
12. Have a disproportionate significant adverse impacts on low income or minority populations; Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice)?	() (X)
13. Restrict access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites; Executive Order 13007 (Indian Sacred Sites)?	() (X)
14. Have significant adverse effect on Indian Trust Resources?	() (X)
15. Contribute to the introduction, existence, or spread of: Federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act); or invasive non-native species; Executive Order 13112 (Invasive Species)?	() (X)
16. Have a direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply, and/or distribution; Executive Order 13212 (Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects)?	() (X)

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental effects or meet any of the above exceptions.
DOCUMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED MITIGATION

For any item marked under "Yes", identify the mitigating measures proposed. If no mitigating measures are identified that can prevent the potential adverse impacts, the conditions for a categorical exclusion cannot be met.

Item No.	Can Be Mitigated	Cannot Be Mitigated	Mitigation Measures
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SURVEYS AND CONSULTATION

Surveys and/or consultation may be needed for special status plants and animals, for cultural resources, and other resources as necessary: (Initial and Date appropriate fields)

Surveys:	1) are completed	2) will be completed	3) are not needed
SS Plants	_____	_____	JW 3/16/04
SS Animals	_____	_____	SA 3/16/04
Cultural Resources	TC 3/16/04	_____	_____
Other Surveys	_____	_____	_____
SS Animal Consultation	_____	_____	SA 3/16/04
Botanical Consultation	_____	_____	JW 3/16/04
Cultural Consultation	_____	_____	TC 3/16/04

(SS = Special Status)

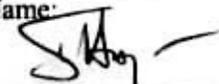
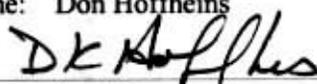
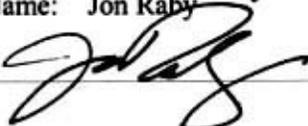
Remarks:

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS and CX DETERMINATION

Based on the available information and a review by the interdisciplinary team, it is my determination that the proposed action does not constitute a significant impact affecting the quality of the human environment greater than those addressed in the:

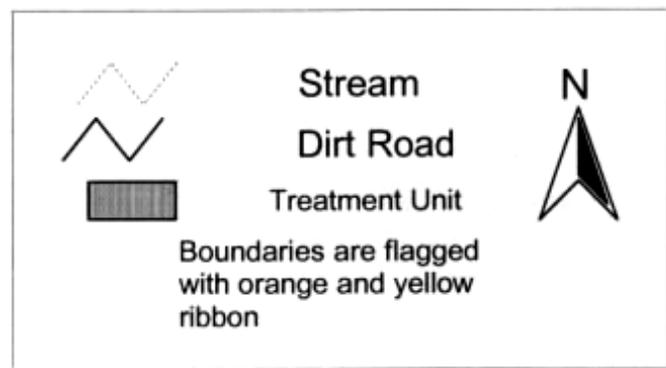
- Final - Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and EIS.

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental impacts or require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS). The proposed action has been reviewed against the criteria for an Exception to a categorical exclusion (listed above) as identified in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, and does not meet any Exception. The application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate, as there are no extra ordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action is, therefore, categorically excluded from additional NEPA documentation.

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Approved By: (Signature)	Name: Jon Raby 	Title: Resource Area Manager	Date: 3/16/04

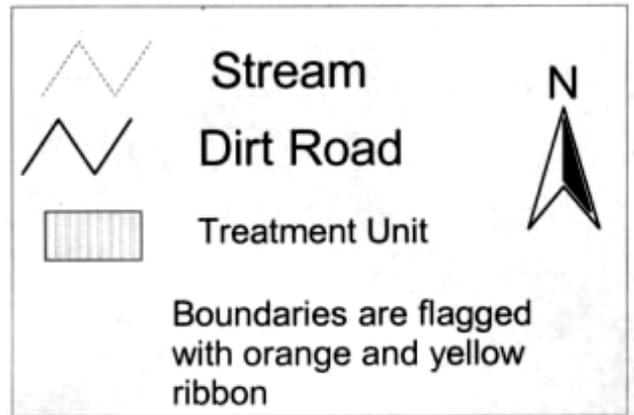
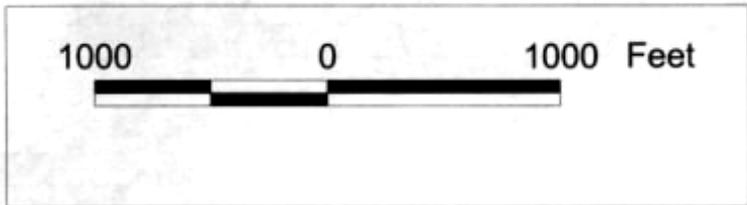
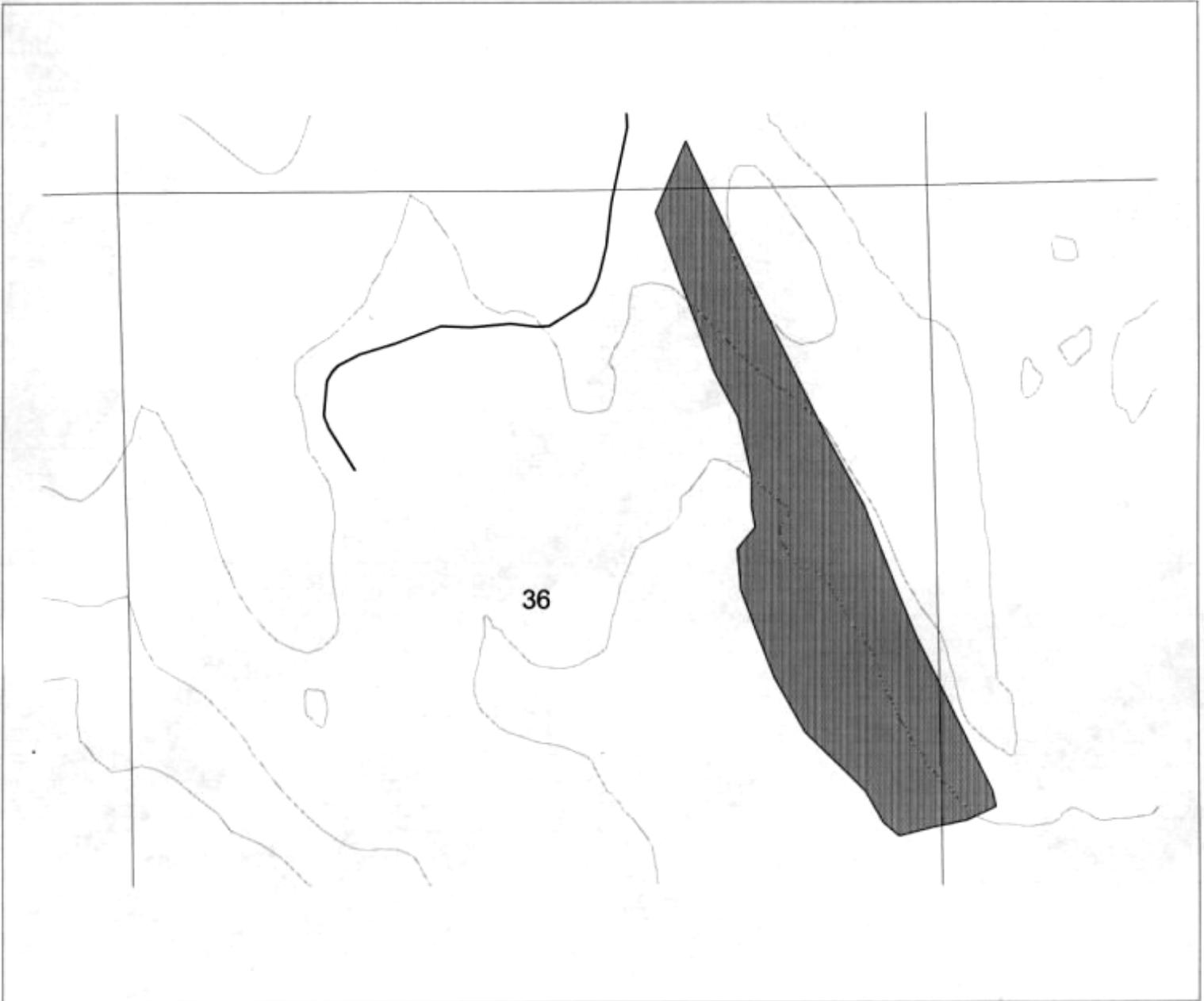
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T.40S., R.12E., SEC. 3,10
TREATMENT AREA:
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TREATMENT AREA MAP
UNIT 1: 90 ACRES



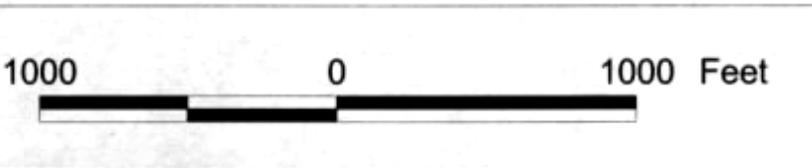
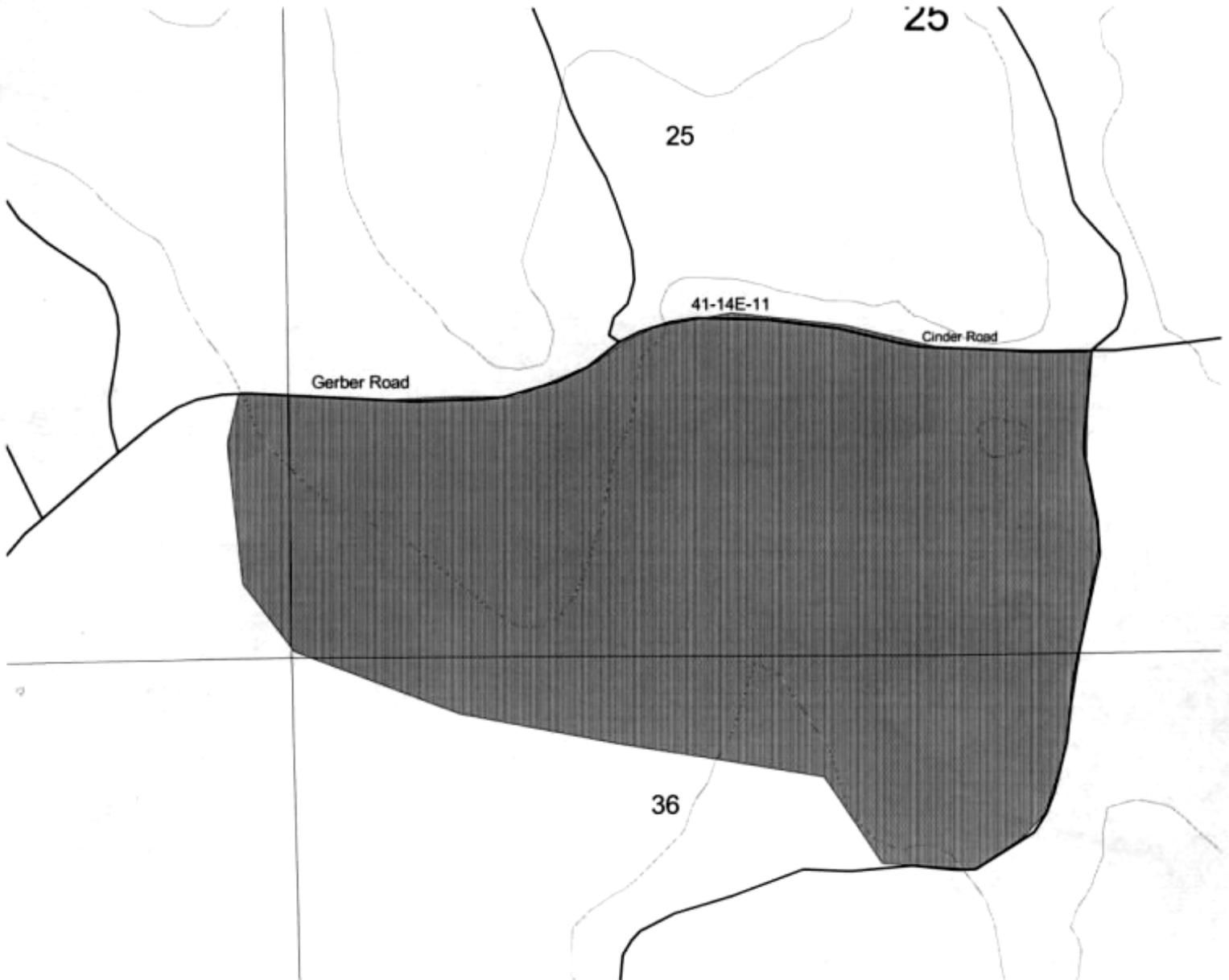
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T.38S., R.13E., SEC.25,36
T.38S., R.14E., SEC.31
TREATMENT AREA
BEN HALL

TREATMENT AREA MAP
UNIT 1: 71 ACRES



USDI/KLAMATH FALLS RA
T.38S., R13E., SEC.25,26,35,36
TREATMENT AREA:
BEN HALL2

TREATMENT AREA MAP
UNIT 1: 120 ACRES



Stream

Dirt Road

Unit

Boundaries are flagged with orange and yellow ribbon.

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USDI/BLM KLAMATH FALLS RA
T.39S., R.14 1/2E., SEC. 4
TREATMENT AREA:
BOUNDARY SPRINGS

TREATMENT AREA MAP
UNIT 1: 64 ACRES

