

DECISION RECORD

EA LOG No. OR-010-2003-01

Project Name: **Red Knoll/Clover Flat Restoration**

Applicant: Lakeview BLM

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Decision:

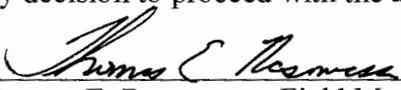
The following is the decision of the Bureau: actively restore sage-grouse habitats and control medusahead rye on approximately 5000 acres within five watersheds (269,000 acres) of the Chewaucan basin, as described under Alternative 1. Restoration under this alternative is a three to five step process, depending on the type and extent of medusahead infestation. The Bureau intends to utilize prescribed fire, herbicides and seeding to restore sage-grouse habitats and reduce the amount of medusahead rye in the project area. Restoration areas will be rested from livestock grazing after seeding for at least two growing seasons.

Rationale:

Implementation of the Preferred Alternative (1) will allow the Bureau to restore sage-grouse habitat invaded by medusahead rye and curtail the spread of medusahead rye into new habitats by assisting private landowners with control efforts on their lands and by controlling the re-infestation of public lands. The BLM is including lands of willing private landowners within this analysis so that federal funds (under the Wyden Amendment) can be used in partnership on these private lands. One other alternative was considered. The No Action Alternative (2) would continue with the current management for the area. This alternative would not allow for active restoration on both public and private lands and would likely fail due to the high risk of re-infestation of medusahead from adjacent lands.

The EA and FONSI were made available for a 30-day comment period. During that time no comments were received.

Based on the analysis contained in the EA and all other information available to me, it is my decision to proceed with the action as described above.



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8/3/04
Date