

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
GLENDALE FIELD OFFICE**

**Decision Record and
Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
for the
Tucker Flat Drinking Water Supply
EA # OR-118-02-016**

I. Decision / FONSI: I have decided to implement the installation of a portable water system and related facilities at the Tucker Flat Campground proposed as alternative 1 in the Tucker Flat Drinking Water Supply environmental assessment (EA) # OR-118-02-016, dated June 12, 2002. I find that this action, with its project design features, will not result in significant impacts on the human environment and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This decision is consistent with the *Medford District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* (RMP, 1995), and amendments.

Installation of the portable water system will be accomplished by using an existing on-site spring box and piping water from this spring box to a chlorinator, then passing the water into a holding tank equipped with a single faucet which would supply water to the public. The area around the spring box will be fenced with a wire chain-link fence to minimize disturbance to the area. All pipes will be buried a minimum of 18" to minimize disturbance. A small concrete block building (approximately 7ft. x 7ft. x 7ft.) will be constructed to house the chlorinator and the water holding tank. A pipet attached to the water holding tank and mounted with a faucet on the exterior wall of the building will supply potable water to the public. The design of the chlorination system, holding tank, related plumbing and the concrete block building will be pre-approved by the State of Oregon and Curry County Water Resources Departments.

II. Rationale: The Tucker Flat Campground is a historical camping area located alongside Mule Creek, near the Rogue River, and serves as an entrance gate to the scenic Wild Rogue Wilderness. Historically there was a spring water system which fed the campground. Several years ago the system was decommissioned as testing of the water indicated that it did not meet Oregon State and Curry County public drinking water regulations. The hundreds of campers to the area annually were left with either hauling their own drinking water in, using water out of the river, or traveling almost two hours by car to access nearest safe public drinking water.

The purpose of the proposed installation is to provide a safe drinking water system to enhance the recreational opportunities and experience for the visiting public while complying with public drinking water regulations.

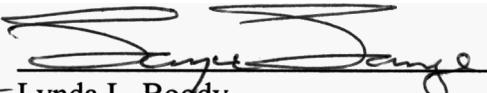
The following critical elements of the human environment have been analyzed in the EA and will not be significantly affected by this project: air quality, areas of critical environmental concern, historical or cultural resources, Native American religious sites, prime or unique farmlands, flood

plains, threatened or endangered species, known hazardous waste areas, water quality, wetlands, riparian zones, invasive species, wild and scenic rivers, environmental justice, wilderness and energy development, production or distribution.

No public comments were received after publishing the availability of the Tucker Flat Drinking Water Supply environmental assessment legal notice in the local newspapers.

Notice of this decision will appear in the Grants Pass Daily Courier and Umpqua Free Press newspapers. The decision will also be posted on the Medford District web site <http://www.or.blm.gov/Medford/planning>

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 4. If an appeal is taken, a written notice of appeal must be filed in the Glendale Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon, 97504 within 30 days from publication of this decision in the newspaper. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error. If the appellant wishes to file a petition pursuant to 43 CFR 4.21 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time the appeal is being reviewed by the IBLA, it must accompany the notice of appeal. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the IBLA and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If a stay is requested, the appellant has the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.


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Date