

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)  
And DECISION RECORD  
for the Environmental Assessment # OR-118-03-012  
O&C Right-of-Way Permit, Copper Queen Road**

**Finding of No Significant Impact**

I have reviewed the Environmental Assessment, including the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant environmental impacts not previously identified, and I have also reviewed the comments received from the public concerning this proposal. The following critical elements identified in the BLM handbook have been analyzed in the EA: air quality, areas of critical environmental concern, historical or cultural resources, prime or unique farmlands, floodplains, Native American religious sites, invasive species, energy, threatened or endangered species, known hazardous waste areas, water quality, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, wilderness and environmental justice. The proposed action is located in T. 34 S., R. 6 W., Section 15, Josephine County.

I have determined the O&C Right-of-Way Permit for Copper Queen Road will not have any significant impacts on the human environment beyond those described in the Medford District Resource Management Plan and amendments, and that a supplemental EIS is not required.

**Decision**

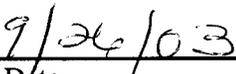
It is my decision to implement Alternative 2 and the Project Design Features proposed in EA # OR118-03-012. This will result in reconstruction and realignment of an existing powerline road (BLM road 34-6-15) accessing Indian Hill, LLC property. The road is located parallel to and about ¼ mile west of Interstate 5 immediately south of the Sunny Valley Exit.

**Rationale**

The decision to implement this proposal meets the purpose and need identified in the EA. The O&C permit will allow road access to Indian Hill property. After reconstruction and realignment it will accommodate log hauling trucks.

Removal of trees to accommodate the roadwork will degrade the edge of a 320 block of contiguous habitat yet will allow for continued function as suitable spotted owl nesting habitat (USFWS BO #1-15-03-I-0546). This action is consistent with the *Medford District Resource Management Plan* and amendments.

  
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Date