

DECISION RECORD/RATIONALE/FONSI
REPAIR OF FLOOD RELATED ROAD DAMAGE
EA#OR110-00-06

I. DECISION: Implement Alternative 2, the proposed action, of the environmental assessment for this project with the exception of the repair in Big Windy Creek (34-9-8). Specific actions of the proposed action are listed on Table 1 of the EA. Implementation of this decision shall include all project design features described in the environmental assessment. Proposed mitigation measures #1 and #2 are accepted and are to be a part of project implementation.

II. RATIONALE: Implementing the decision will allow road damage caused by local flooding and high runoff to be repaired. This action will significantly reduce erosion and sedimentation, maintain or improve access for the public, and improve culverts. Upgrading of the culvert sizes to the 100 year flood standard of the RMP will minimize the potential for future damage, washouts and sedimentation.

Repair of the Big Windy road (34-9-8) proposal is not accepted as the Transportation Management Objectives (TMOs) completed in spring 2000 indicated that the road beyond the washout is not, in the foreseeable future, needed and that it should be allowed to naturally revegetate. BLM lands that it accesses are accessible via other roads.

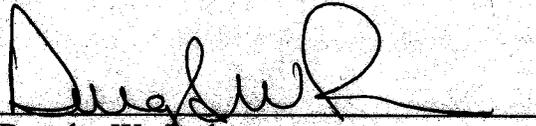
Public comments received regarding the EA questioned the need for completing the repairs and culvert upgrades and suggested that Mungers Creek and Glade Fork roads located in the Williams drainage not be repaired but rather be closed to vehicular use and decommissioned. The need to maintain and repair these roads is identified in the Transportation Management Objectives (TMOs) evaluation completed in September 1999 for the Williams watershed. For road #39-5-22 (Glade Fork) the recommendation includes improving the road drainage, spot rocking and repairing the road. The road is needed as it provides the only access to extensive BLM managed lands. For road #39-5-6.1 the TMO recommends that the road remain open as it is on a BLM easement over private land, is encumbered with a Reciprocal road use agreement, and accesses extensive BLM lands.

The No Action Alternative was rejected because it does not meet objectives of the NW Forest Plan or the Medford District Resource Management Plan related to a improving watershed conditions, reducing sedimentation and improving fish habitat.

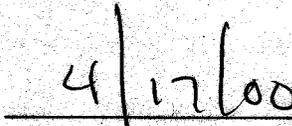
This decision is consistent with the Medford District Resource Management Plan and the Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines on Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl. This decision is also consistent with the Endangered Species Act, The Native American Religious Freedom Act and cultural resource management laws and regulations.

III. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: On the basis of the information contained in the environmental assessment for the subject project, it is my determination that the decision stated above does not constitute significant effects to the quality of the human environment. In addition

this project does not exceed the range of effects discussed in the EIS documents that the project EA is tiered. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary and will not be prepared.



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