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GRAVE CREEK BOAT LANDING PROJECT **(EA #OR110-02-08)**

DECISION RECORD / RATIONALE / FONSI

I. DECISION

The decision is to implement Alternative 2, the proposed action, for the Grave Creek Boat Landing Project as described in the Environmental Assessment for this project. The project design features described in the EA are an integral part of the proposed action and are to be implemented.

II. DECISION RATIONALE

Alternative 1, the No Action Alternative, is rejected because it will not meet the purpose and need identified in the EA. It will not remedy the congestion and safety issues that currently exist.

Alternative 2 is selected because it will meet the identified purpose and need. It will address safety and ease of landing use issues that have been a management concern for many years. Initiation of the access road improvement and guard rail installation portions of the project will be implemented after all other aspects of the project are completed.

Implementation of Alternative 2 will also promote Goals 1.1 and 1.4 of the BLM's Strategic Plan for FY2000 to FY2005. Goal 1.1 addresses the BLM's goal of minimizing risks to public health and safety while maintaining the health and diversity of the land. It also addresses maintaining physical facilities in good condition. Implementing Alternative 2 will address safety concerns and result in providing better boat launching / landing conditions for the many river users. Goal 1.4 addresses the reduction of threats to public health, safety and property. The parking improvement, access improvement and rock slide stabilization are directed at addressing these issues.

IV. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

During the design and preparation of the project plan and EA, the BLM consulted and coordinated with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of State lands, Oregon Marine Board, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Josephine County Parks Department.

V. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public notification and involvement during the planning of this project included a scoping effort in

July 2001 and an EA public comment period in June 2002. Six (6) letters of comment were received from organizations and individuals during project scoping. The issues and concerns raised in these letters were considered during development of the project proposal and EA. No comments were received from the public in response to the EA public comment period.

VI. CONCLUSION AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

Based on the information and analysis of potential environmental impacts in the project's environmental assessment (EA) and the response from the public and state agencies during design and assessment of the project, I conclude that the decision noted above is consistent with the Medford District Resource Management Plan, 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 and, the Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines (January 2001). It is also consistent with the Endangered Species Act, The Native American Religious Freedom Act and cultural resource management laws and regulations.

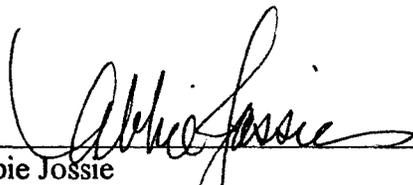
This decision is also consistent with the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the 1972 Rogue River management plan.

It is my determination that, based on the information and analysis in the EA, the decision is not expected to result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment. An Environmental Impact Statement is not, therefore, warranted and will not be prepared.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

This decision is a forest management decision. Administrative remedies are available to persons who believe that they will be adversely affected by this Decision. Administrative recourse is available in accordance with BLM regulations and must follow the procedures and requirements described in 43 CFR 5003 - Administrative Remedies.

In accordance with the BLM Forest Management Regulation 43 CFR 5003.2 (a&c), the effective date of this decision will be the date of publication of the Notice of Decision and FONSI in The Grants Pass Daily Courier. Publication of this notice establishes the date initiating the protest period provided for in accordance with 43 CFR 5003.3. Any contest of this decision should state specifically which portion or element of the decision is being protested and cite the applicable CFR regulations.



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Date