

**Decision Record**  
for the  
**Glendale Resource Area Road Decommissioning and Barricading FY2000 Project**  
EA #OR110-00- 7

I. **Decision**: It is my decision to implement the proposed action and project design features identified in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Glendale Resource Area Road Decommissioning and Barricading FY2000 Project, with the following modifications:

Road 32-5-33.3 will be decommissioned, rather than fully decommissioned as described in the EA. This means that the surface will not be ripped, but the road will be stabilized and barricaded. This change is made after receiving comments from a private land owner (Silver Butte Timber Co.) who objected to plans to fully decommission this road which provides access to their private property.

This permit will result in full decommissioning (ripping the road surface) approximately 5.1 miles of existing roads, decommissioning (closing and stabilizing, but not ripping) approximately 2.2 miles and barricading another 0.6 miles.

I did not receive any other comments from the public regarding this proposal. The Oregon Department of Forestry had a question regarding one proposed location, but once that was clarified, they had no concerns with the proposal.

II. **Rationale**:

The proposed road decommissioning would reduce the road mileage in several areas, thereby helping restore natural hydrologic flows, reducing sedimentation and reducing disturbance to wildlife.

Project design features adequately protect environmental resources and minimize the risk of adverse effects which might result from implementing the project.

The No-Action alternative was not selected because the environmental damage associated with keeping these roads open will gradually increase over time. Road maintenance funding is not keeping pace with the needs. Retaining these roads would result in increased costs and erosion.

The roads were selected to avoid any conflicts with access to private lands. And decommissioning or closing these roads will not pose management problems for public lands, since most are short, dead end spurs.

The modification of the proposal, to change the two roads from fully decommissioning to just decommissioning will still accomplish virtually all the objectives of the proposal. While not restoring the natural hydrologic flow in these roads (totaling 0.85 miles), the surface will be

stabilized and the erosion potential will be dramatically reduced.

This decision is consistent with the Record of Decision for the Medford District Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plan (RMP) dated April 14, 1995, as well as the Endangered Species Act, The Native American Religious Freedom Act and cultural resource management laws and regulations.

The decision notice will appear in the Grants Pass Daily Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in the project area, on August 11, 2000. The date of publication of the legal notice will constitute the decision date for purposes of protests and appeals under 43 CFR 5003. The decision will also be posted on the Medford District web site (<http://www.or.blm.gov/Medford/>). Protests must be filed within 15 days of the publication of the decision.

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Date

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)  
for the  
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The proposed action for the Glendale Resource Area Road Decommissioning and Barricading FY2000 Project is described in the environmental assessment (EA) and it can be obtained at the Medford District Office or on the District web site (<http://www.or.blm.gov/Medford/>).

The proposed action is located within the Glendale Resource Area as described in the EA. The public notice of availability of this FONSI is provided through the Medford District BLM central registration recording system and newspapers in the area of the proposed action.

There are no floodplains, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, known hazardous waste areas, areas of religious concern, prime or unique farmlands within the project area. The project area does not qualify for wilderness designation. No significant adverse impact is anticipated to fisheries, lands and minerals. No cultural sites or special status plants are in the project area.

The estimation of impacts was based on research, professional judgment and experience of the interdisciplinary team. This method of estimating effects to the environment reduces the uncertainties to a level which does not involve highly unknown or unique risks.

**FONSI DETERMINATION**

I have reviewed the environmental assessment including the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant environmental impacts not previously identified. I have determined the action described above will not have any significant impacts on the human environment beyond those already fully described in the Final Medford District Proposed Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement and that a supplemental EIS is not required.

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