

## Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record

**Environmental Assessment Number (EA):** OR-056-02-028  
**Title of Action:** SCAT Machine  
**BLM Office:** Prineville District, Deschutes Resource Area

The City of Maupin has entered into agreement with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to facilitate installation of a human waste disposal system (SCAT Machine) within Maupin City Park. The SCAT Machine is a large washing unit that cleans portable toilets and properly disposes of human waste. The machine would be set up on an 8 by 14 foot concrete pad located adjacent to an existing shower/restroom building and connected to pre-existing municipal water and sewer lines. Four to six inches excavation depth would be required for the concrete pad. The City of Maupin would complete all site preparation work, including the pad, and the SCAT machine manufacturer would complete installation on site. There are no public lands associated with this proposal. Human waste has become a problem in most undeveloped campsites within the Lower Deschutes River corridor. In an effort to reduce human waste problems, primary river managing agencies (Bureau of Land Management and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, with concurrence of Oregon Departments of Fish and Wildlife, State Police, and Marine Board, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Bureau of Indian Affairs and local governments) developed a requirement for all overnight river float trips to carry, set up and use an approved portable toilet system. Agency implementation of this regulation was effective June 1, 2002.

### **Decision:**

Based on information in the EA and other information available to me at this time, it is my decision to allow the SCAT machine installation to proceed as described in the proposed action. No comments were received on the proposal. This decision will be implemented thirty days from signature date.

### **Rationale for the Decision:**

The Decision to implement the Proposed Action was made based on documented human waste problems occurring adjacent to the Lower Deschutes River on recreational use areas. Presence of human wastes on the ground of recreational use areas has increased, subsequently impacting aesthetics and creating potential for disease transmission to other users.

### **Finding of No Significant Impact:**

I have reviewed the environmental assessment, including the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant impacts. On the basis of information contained in the EA and otherwise available to me, it is my determination that the proposed action does not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. My reasons for this determination are:

- There would be no significant irreversible or irretrievable commitments of resources,
- the proposed action would result in no identified impacts or issues to public health or safety,
- cultural resources would not be impacted by the proposal,
- there would be no significant impact to sensitive plant or animal species, and
- implementation of the proposed action would have positive impacts on recreation and scenery, two of the river's designated outstandingly remarkable values.

An environmental impact statement is therefore unnecessary and will not be prepared. The proposed action is consistent with direction in the Two Rivers Resource Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision (1986), and the Lower Deschutes River Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision (1993).

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