

Decision Record

EA # OR-054-04-035
Jake Place Fence
Bureau of Land Management
Prineville District Office

Decision:

We will allow the owner of the Jake Place property to build a straight fence running north-south along the east side of his private land which will result in a 40-acre block of BLM land (the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 6, T18S, R23E) being fenced in with his private land. The section of fence that would cross BLM land would be about ¼ mile in length. Fence construction would conform to guidelines outlined in the RMP and in the EA.

Alternatives Considered:

The only alternative to this proposal was to not allow the owner of the Jake Place to fence in the 40-acre block of BLM land with his private land, forcing him to either build a ¾ mile fence around the 1/8th section or maintain the existing fence on his property.

Rationale for Decision:

This decision was made because building a straight fence will reduce the impact of a potential livestock concentration area and provide better forage utilization on the North Twelvemile Table pasture of the Lister allotment. This straight fence will also be easier to build and maintain, which will make livestock trespass onto the Jake Place property less likely. This will improve plant community structure and diversity on the Jake Place property and the South Fork Crooked River riparian area which runs through the property. These results are in conformance with the Brothers/LaPine RMP (Record of Decision, July 1989).

Not allowing the straight fence to be constructed would result in the construction or maintenance of a fenceline which has the potential to concentrate livestock on the west side of the North Twelvemile Table pasture of the Lister allotment.

Compliance and Monitoring:

To insure compliance with fence-building specifications, onsite inspections during and after fence construction would be conducted to ensure compliance with BLM directives.

The 40-acre block will continue to be monitored over time along with established range monitoring trend plots on the Lister allotment. If the vegetative plant community should fall below 40 percent of its potential, we may require that the owner of the Jake Place property build a fence which would separate the private land from the BLM-managed 40-acre block.

Terms / Conditions / Stipulations:

New fence construction would conform to guidelines outlined in the RMP and would be paid for by Mr. Keller. The fence would be have 4 wires and be constructed using steel T-posts set at 16.5 foot intervals. The bottom wire will be smooth, and will be set 18 inches above the ground.

The next 3 wire strands will be barbed. They will be set at 24, 30, and 40 inches above the ground. At least one wire stay will be placed between fenceposts.

Rock cribs may be placed if needed where fenceposts can not be driven adequately into the shallow soils. The fenceline would not be bladed during construction or at any later time.

In order to reduce impacts to wildlife, where big game trails are identified, wildlife crossings will be placed in the fenceline. Flagging would also be attached to the top strand of the newly constructed fences to increase the fences' visibility to wildlife.

/S/ Christina M. Welch

June 1, 2004

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Date

Attachments:

Map 1:

