

Finding of No Significant Impact

North Fork Crooked River Headcut (Lookout Pasture)
Environmental Assessment (EA) OR-054-02-058, Project 73-5180
Prineville District Bureau of Land Management, Central Oregon Resource Area

Summary of Proposed Action and Alternatives

An interdisciplinary team of resource specialists at the Prineville District BLM has analyzed a proposal to remove a portion of an old stock pond berm, fill in the spillway, and reconstruct the segment of stream channel cutting through the old berm. This action will reduce streambank erosion and reestablish, in a controlled manner, approximately 75 feet of the old stream channel of the North Fork Crooked River. A no-action alternative was also considered.

FONSI Determination

Based on the information contained in the EA, and other available information, it is my determination that the proposed action would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. My reasons for this determination are:

- < There would be no significant irreversible or irretrievable commitment of resources.
- < There would be no significant, adverse impacts to water quality or stream channel morphology. Channel morphology would be improved.
- < There were no identified impacts or issues related to public health or safety.
- < Cultural resources would not be expected to be impacted.
- < There would be no impact on Threatened, Endangered or Sensitive plants or animals within the affected area.
- < Wetlands and floodplains would not be impacted. In fact, floodplain function would be improved.
- < The proposed action is not part of any other action having potential for cumulatively significant impacts to the important or relevant resource values for the area involved.
- < The area is not within a Wild and Scenic River boundary or Wilderness Study Area, so no impacts to those resources would occur.

An Environmental Impact Statement is therefore unnecessary and will not be prepared. The proposed action and alternatives are consistent with the existing Brothers/La Pine Resource Management Plan.

Approved: _____

Dan Tippy
Acting Field Manager, Central Oregon Resource Area

Date