

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Recreation and Public Purposes Application
City of Redmond - Public Building Corporation
Relocation of the Juniper Golf Course
Environmental Assessment (EA#) OR-056-98-186
OR-53890
Prineville District Bureau of Land Management - Deschutes Resource Area

Summary of Proposed Action and Alternative

An interdisciplinary team of resource specialists at the Prineville District BLM have analyzed a proposal to allow the City of Redmond to continue to provide a public golfing opportunity at a reasonable price. The City of Redmond, through the Redmond Public Building Corporation, has applied to acquire 181.34 acres of public land. The site would provide for the relocation of the Juniper Golf Course. A lease would be used to authorize the development of the golf course with an option to acquire the property upon completion of development. The proposed site is located adjacent and south of the Redmond city limits and urban growth boundary.

A no-action alternative was considered as well as other sites. The City of Redmond has considered five alternative site locations and evaluated the parcels in terms of public opinion, zoning, size, proximity to Redmond and feasibility of development. Other BLM managed public lands adjacent to the proposed site were also considered. The alternative sites were considered to be inferior because of physical limitations, location, poor access, lack of utility services and adverse public opinion.

FONSI Determination

Based on information contained in the EA, and other available information, it is my determination that none of the alternatives would 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.
- There would be 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 flood plains do not exist in the area, and would therefore not be impacted.
- 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:

Marci Todd
Acting Field Manager
Deschutes Resource Area

Date