

**Decision Record/Rationale and Finding of No Significant Impact
for Chopaka Lake Campground Improvements
Environmental Assessment #OR134-04-EA-001**

Decision

It is my decision to implement Alternative 1 (Proposed Action) to improve the Chopaka Lake campground area. Management actions to be implemented include constructing a new loop road with designated campsites and parking spaces along it. In addition, the existing boat ramp and entrance road would be improved; extra parking spaces would be created; the western perimeter of the camp area would be fenced; the area behind the outhouse would be modified to improve drainage; interpretive and entrance signs would be constructed and installed; a trail would be designated leading from the camping area to the Wilderness Study Area; and native plants would be established for screening purposes.

The proposed campground improvements are in accordance with the Spokane District Resource Management Plan (1987).

Rationale for the Decision:

Implementing the proposed action will define specific parking and camping areas, meet the needs associated with increasing recreational use, provide onsite interpretive information, and protect sensitive resource values of the riparian area and the Wilderness Study Area.

The proposed action will not, directly or indirectly, have an adverse impact on energy development, production, supply and/or distribution (Executive Order 13212-Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects).

Finding of No Significant Impact

This EA will be available for a 2-week public review. Due to the nature of the actions being implemented, the management actions are expected to be favorably received. Any public input received during that review period will be considered and may result in an amendment to this decision.

Based on the attached environmental assessment, the above rationale, and other available information, I have determined that the selected alternative does not constitute a major Federal action affecting the quality of the human environment, constituting a Finding of No Significant Action (FONSI). Therefore, an EIS is not necessary and will not be prepared.

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Date