

Klamath Falls Resource Area NEPA Document Routing Slip for Electronic Review

Project Name and Document Number: PacifiCorp ROW Renewal CX-06-24 (#03466)

Date Initiated: 8/22/06

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Resource or Staff Responsible	Review Priority	Preliminary Review Initials / Date	Comments Attached / Incorporated	Final Review Initials / Date
Manager: Barbara Machado	Last			BM 9/19/06
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Planner/EC: Don Hoffheins, Kathy Lindsey	x	-----	None	KL 9/14/06
Range: Bill Lindsey, Dana Eckard	x	BL 8/30/06	None	BL 8/30/06
Wild Horses: Tonya Pinckney				
Fire/Air Quality: Eric Johnson	x	EJ 8/24/2006	Incorporated	EJ 8/24/2006
Silviculture: Bill Johnson				
Timber: Mike Bechdolt				
Botany/ACEC/Noxious Weeds: Lou Whiteaker	x	LW 8/31/06	None	8/31/06
Cultural: Tim Canaday, Michelle Durant	x	TC 8/31/2006		TC 8/31/2006
Safety/HazMat: Tom Cottingham				
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Recreation/Visual/Wilderness: Scott Senter				
Hydrology/Riparian: Liz Berger	x	EB 9/5/06	None	EB 9/5/06
Wildlife/T&E: Steve Hayner	x	SH 09/05/06	None	SH 09/05/06
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Minerals: Rebecca Lange				
Clearances/Surveys	Needed	Done/Attached	Each review period is proposed for two weeks. Please complete edits in "Track Changes" within two weeks of receiving an e-mail notice. Some resources are not marked for all projects. Other specialists are welcome to review the document even though they are not identified with an "X" or number.	
Cultural		TC 8/31/2006		
Botanical	No. LW 8/31/06			
T&E, BA & or Consultation	NO SH 09/05/06			
Survey and Manage	NO SH 09/05/06			
R-O-W Permits				

**RECORD OF PLAN CONFORMANCE AND
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**

CX Log #: OR-014-CX-06- 24 Lease or Serial #: ORE-03466
Project Name: PacifiCorp Powerline Right-of-way Renewal
Location: Lorella USGS - T. 39S., R.12E., Sec. 32, NESE,SESE
County: Klamath County
BLM Office: Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area Phone #: 541-883-6916
Applicant: PacifiCorp, 825 NE Multnomah, Suite 1000, Portland, OR 97232-2135

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION (INCLUDING PURPOSE AND NEED)

This is a right-of-way for a 12.0KV overhead distribution feeder line that crosses a 9 acre parcel of land managed by the BLM. This parcel was re-conveyed back to the U.S. government for \$1.00. It does not show up on BLM LLI therefore it doesn't show as government land on the map. It has been in place and in use for about 50 years. This line will be in place and in use for the foreseeable future. This grant will be converted from the Act of 1948: 062StatT0017 Power transmission line, to a FLPMA ROW. The land contained within the right-of-way totals 0.16 acres. See attached maps.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

This project is implemented ready for renewal for another 30 years.

PLAN CONFORMANCE

The proposed project has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM plans or NEPA analyses:

- Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS), approved June 1995 (page 66)
- Northwest Area Noxious Weed Control Program FEIS and ROD (1985) and Supplement (1987)
- Integrated Weed Control Plan (IWCP) 1993
- Lakeview District Fire Management Plan – Phase 1 (1998)

IDENTIFICATION OF EXCLUSION CATEGORY

The proposed action has been identified as a categorical exclusion under Bureau of Land Management Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 E-16).

COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further analysis or documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if it does not meet any of the following Exceptions (listed in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2; IM No. OR-2002-130).

Will the proposed action meet the following Exceptions?

Exception	Yes No
1. Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?	() (X)
2. Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics or features, or on special designation areas such as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the National Register of Natural Landmarks. This also includes significant caves, ACECs, National Monuments, WSAs, RNAs.	() (X)
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects (40 CFR 1508.14)?	() (X)
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or unique or unknown environmental risks?	() (X)
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	() (X)
6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but significant cumulative environmental effects? This includes connected actions on private lands (40 CFR 1508.7 and 1508.25(a)).	() (X)
7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places? This includes Native American religious or cultural sites, archaeological sites, or historic properties.	() (X)
8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed as Federally Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species? This includes impacts on BLM-designated sensitive species or their habitat. When a Federally listed species or its habitat is encountered, a Biological Evaluation (BE) shall document the effect on the species. The responsible official may proceed with the proposed action without preparing a NEPA document when the BE demonstrates either 1) a “no effect” determination or 2) a “may effect, not likely to adversely effect” determination.	() (X)
9. Fail to comply with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (water resource development projects only)?	() (X)
10. Violate a Federal, State, Local, or Tribal law, regulation or policy imposed for the protection of the environment, where non-Federal requirements are consistent with Federal requirements?	() (X)
11. Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E)) not already decided in an approved land use plan?	() (X)
12. Have a disproportionate significant adverse impacts on low income or minority populations; Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice)?	() (X)
13. Restrict access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites; Executive Order 13007 (Indian Sacred Sites)?	() (X)
14. Have significant adverse effect on Indian Trust Resources?	() (X)
15. Contribute to the introduction, existence, or spread of: Federally listed noxious weeds (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act); or invasive non-native species; Executive Order 13112 (Invasive Species)?	() (X)
16. Have a direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply, and/or distribution; Executive Order 13212 (Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects)?	() (X)
17. Have a significant adverse effect on Migratory Landbirds (Executive Order 13186).	() (X)

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental effects or meet any of the above exceptions.

DOCUMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED MITIGATION

Note: although none of the conditions for the above exceptions are met, the resources discussed are potentially affected. Mitigation measures and Project Design Features below are applied to prevent the adverse conditions discussed in the exceptions:

Exception No.	Can Be Mitigated	Cannot Be Mitigated	Mitigation Measures and/or Project Design Features

SURVEYS AND CONSULTATION

Surveys and/or consultation may be needed for special status plants and animals, for cultural resources, and other resources as necessary (appropriate fields are Initialed and Dated by responsible resource specialist):

Surveys	Are Completed	Will Be Completed	Are Not Needed
SS Animals			SH 09/05/06
SS Plants			LW 8/31/06
Cultural Resources			
Survey and Manage			
Consultation	Is Completed	Will Be Completed	Is Not Needed
SS Animal Consultation*			SH 09/05/06
Botanical Consultation			LW 8/31/06
Cultural Consultation			
*(SS = Special Status)			

Remarks:

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND CX DETERMINATION

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental impacts or require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS). The proposed action has been reviewed against the criteria for an Exception to a categorical exclusion (listed above) as identified in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, and does not meet any Exception. The application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate, as there are no extra ordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action is, therefore, categorically excluded from additional NEPA documentation.

Prepared By: Linda Younger, Realty Specialist
Reviewed by: Klamath Falls Interdisciplinary Team

Approved By: (Signature)	Name: Barbara Machado (signed) Barbara Machado	Title: Acting Resource Area Manager	Date: 9/19/06
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CONTACT PERSON

For additional information concerning this project, contact:

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Figure 1: Location of 9-acre parcel re-conveyed to BLM.

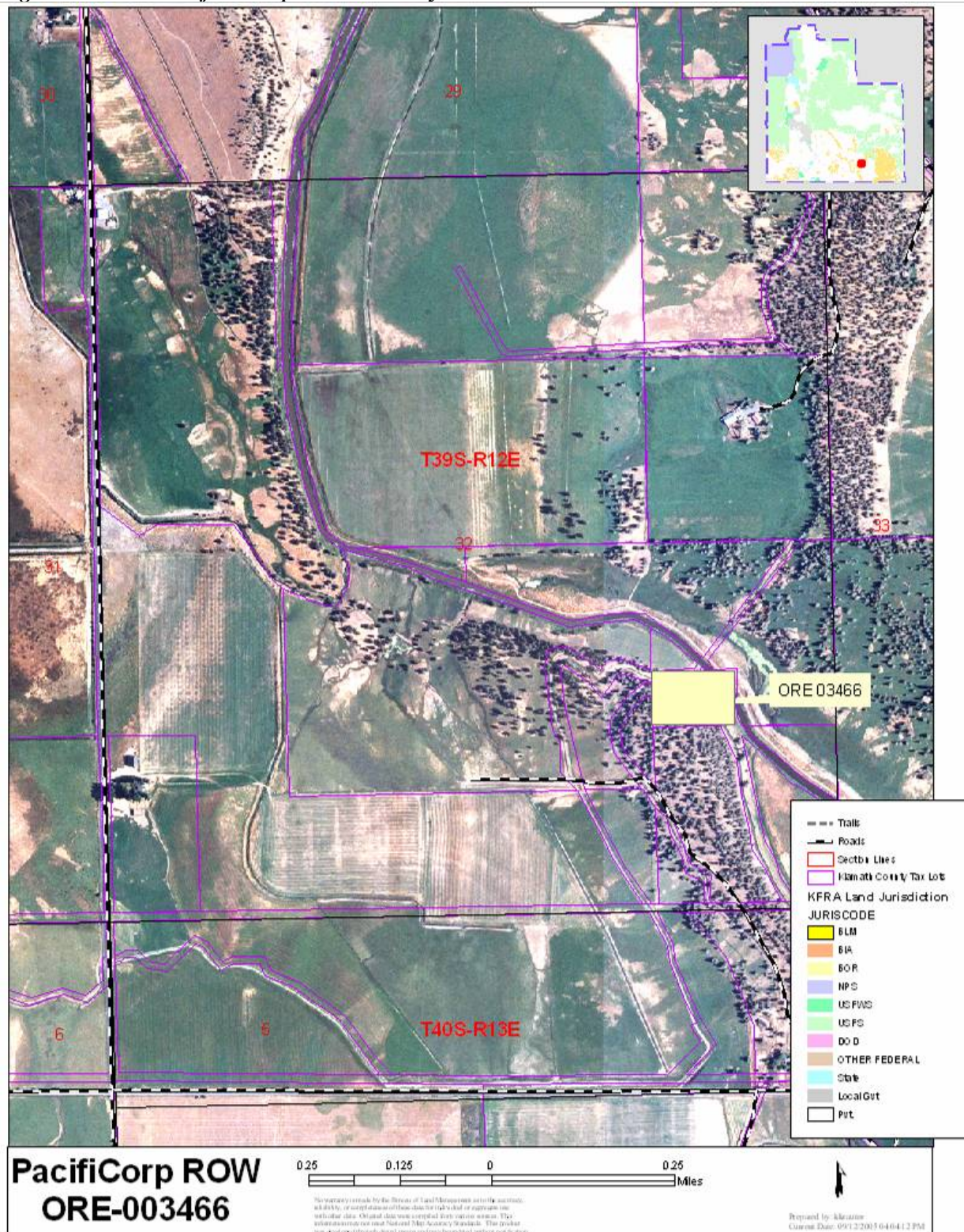


Figure 2: Location of Right-of-way within the 9-acre parcel.

