United States Department Of The Interior
Bureau Of Land Management
Klamath Falls Resource Area
Decision Record
Dehlinger Trust Right of Way - OR56564
Road Construction

Background:
The Klamath Falls Resource Area staff of the Lakeview District, Bureau of Land Management completed an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed construction of 60 lineal feet of road across BLM administrated land. The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Georgia Dehlinger Trust (Trust) propose to trade access rights over private lands owned by the Trust and public lands administrated by BLM. The Trust wishes to construct a road over 60 lineal feet of BLM administrated land to access property owned by the trust. The road would be used for year round residential access. The trustees wish to construct a home on nearby private Trust lands. An adjacent land owner, with property south of Dehlinger, has refused to allow access to the Trust property, therefore the only other reasonable access would be across BLM property. The BLM needs access to public lands on the west face of Stukel Mountain for fire control, construction and maintenance of wildlife habitat improvement projects and other purposes. Access rights would be perpetual and equal in type of use allowed. The proposed road on BLM administrated land, will be located in the SW1/4SW1/4, T40S, R10E, sec. 9, Willamette Meridian, Klamath Falls, Oregon. This road will allow ingress and egress to the Dehlinger property for residential use only.

Decision:
My decision is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Final Klamath Falls Resource Area Management Plan and Record of Decision (June 1995). The impacts created by the Resource by the above decision do not require further analysis as noted in the FONSI determination.

Decision Rationale
On the basis of the information contained in the Environmental Assessment (EA), and all other information available to me, it is my determination that implementation of the proposed action will not have significant environmental impacts on the small section of ground disturbance. The benefits to BLM will significantly improve access to the west side of Stukel Mtn., and will allow better management of the BLM administrated lands adjacent to the Dehlinger property. The EA is in conformance with the Klamath Falls Resources Area Resource Management Plan, and does not constitute a major federal action having significant effect of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement, or a supplement to the existing RMP, is not necessary and will not be prepared.

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