

# Klamath Falls Resource Area Optional Plan Conformance Review/NEPA Compliance Record and/or Categorical Exclusion Review

*Klamath Falls Resource Area Project File Number* - Klamath Falls R.A. (OR-O14 KCER-02-05)

*Proposed Action Title/Type:* Brush planting

*Location of Proposed Action:* This CX covers six planting units within the Klamath Falls Resource area (see attached maps). Approximately 576 acres are included.

*Description of Proposed Action:* Hand planting of 71,000 bitterbrush and 19,000 mountain mahogany seedlings and the installation of protective tubes on 62,000 of the brush seedlings on mule deer winter range. Units have been cleared of juniper and burning has been completed. Objective of clearing and planting is to establish/reestablish forage for deer browse.

No implementation on the ground until surveys and clearances are completed.

PART 1: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW. This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary, June 1995.

The proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

Signature of Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_/s/ *D.K. Hoffheins*\_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

PART 2: NEPA REVIEW

**A. Categorical exclusion review. This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, C.3. It has been reviewed and None of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.**

Signature of Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_/s/ *D.K. Hoffheins*\_\_\_\_\_ Title: Planner/Environmental Coordinator

**B. Existing EA/EIS review.** This proposed action is addressed in the following existing BLM EA/EIS: Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS), June 1995.

This EA/EIS has been reviewed against the following criteria to determine if it covers the proposed action:

1. The proposed action is a feature of, or essentially the same as, the alternative selected and analyzed in the existing document.
2. A reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed in the existing document.
3. There has been no significant change in circumstances or significant new information germane to the proposed action.
4. The methodology/analytical approach previously used is appropriate for the proposed action.
5. The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action are not significantly different from those identified in the existing document.
6. The proposed action would not change the previous analysis of cumulative impacts.
7. Public involvement in the previous analysis is appropriate coverage for the proposed action.

Signature of Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ **Not Applicable** \_\_\_\_\_

**Remarks:** References to the proposed action are found on the following pages of the KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS: ROD, p. R-54, E-5.

**Surveys needed for special status plants and animals, for cultural resources, and other resources as necessary:**

1) will be completed      2) are not needed (Circle one).

Are complete - *D.K.H.*

	Initials	Date
SSS Animal Surveys	G.S.	3/21/02
Botanical Surveys	L.W.	4/17/02
Cultural Review	T.C.	4/17/02
Other Surveys	_____	_____

PART 3. DECISION. I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures identified below.

Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks: Sensitive concerns will be addressed according to Specialist direction. Work will begin only on projects areas that have been surveyed and cleared. For wildlife screening, unpruned buffers along the roads at the north and west sides of the unit, would be left untreated.

Authorized Official: /s/ D.K. Hoffheins  
Acting Field Manager

Date: 4/17/02

**Categorical Exclusion No. KCER-02-05**

**Name: Bitterbrush Planting**

**Description of Proposed Action:** Hand planting of 71,000 bitterbrush seedlings and 19,00 mountain mahogany seedlings and the installation of protective plastic tubes on 62,000 of the brush seedlings on mule deer winter range. Units have been cleared of juniper and burning has been completed. Objective of clearing and planting is to establish/reestablish forage for deer browse.

**Location of Proposed Action:** Harpold, North Gerber, Willow Valley, Windy Ridge (See attached map)

**Categorical Exclusion Review:** The proposed bitterbrush planting has been reviewed and qualifies as a categorical exclusion based on 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 C(3), which provides for reforestation and planting.

The proposal has also been screened to determine if any special circumstances exist that would warrant NEPA analysis and documentation. This project does not meet the criteria for exception under 516 DM 2.3A (3):

1. Health and Safety; 2. Unique Resources; 3. Controversial; 4. Risks; 5. Precedent; 6. Cumulative; 7. Cultural and Historical; 8. Threatened or Endangered Species; 9. Flood plains, Wetlands or Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act, 10. Violate Law.

**Specialist Review and Mitigation Measures:** A review of the proposed action was completed by resource specialists and their concerns have been incorporated into project design. Potential impacts can be further mitigated by the following measures: None.

**Determination and Decision:** I have reviewed the Proposed Action in accordance with the above exceptions, specialist's reviews, and determine that the proposed project is a categorical exclusion; therefore no additional environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, with mitigation measures identified above.

/s/ D.K. Hoffheins

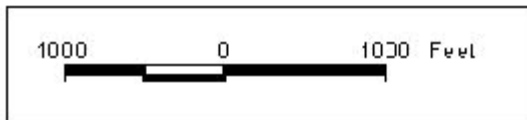
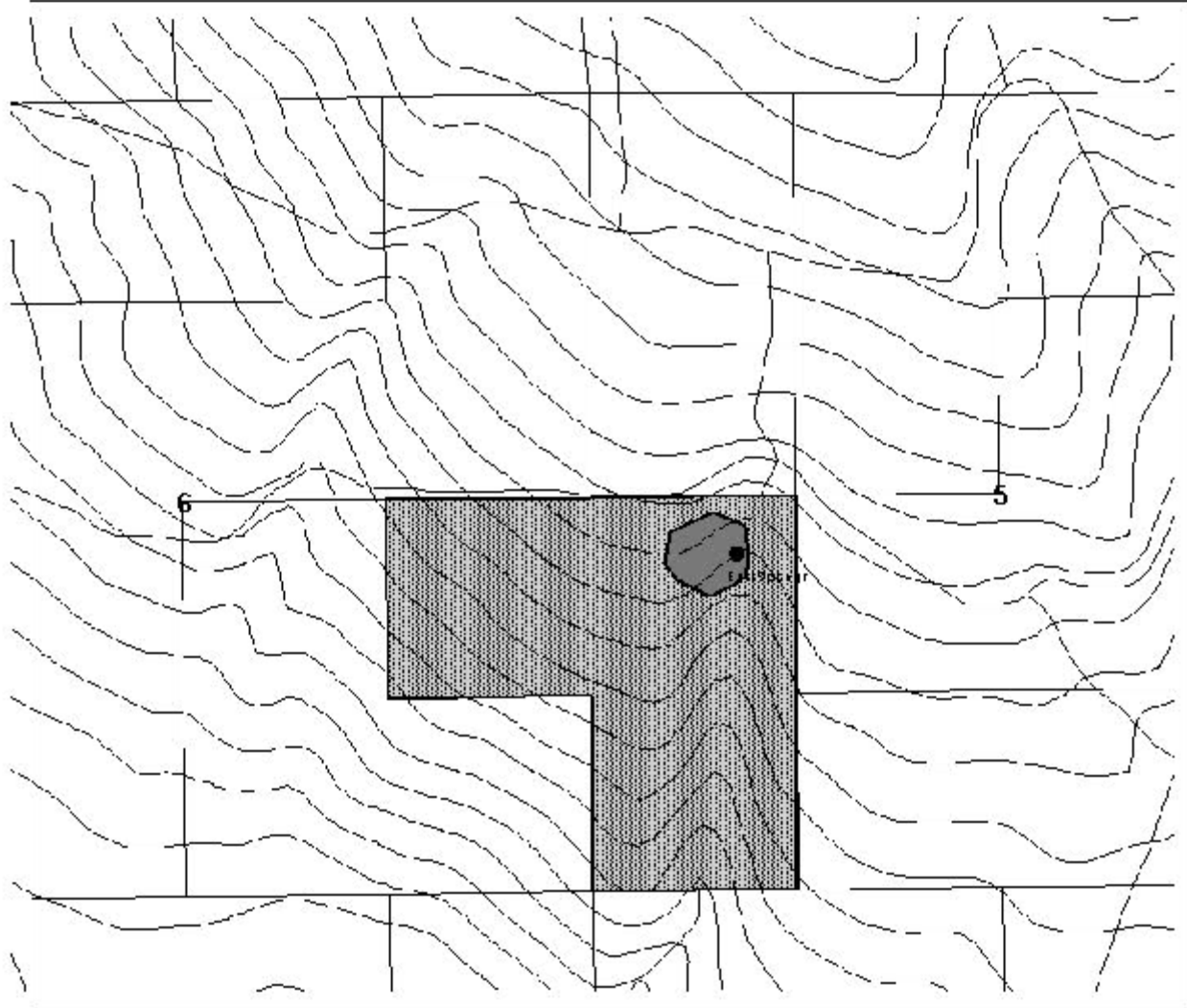
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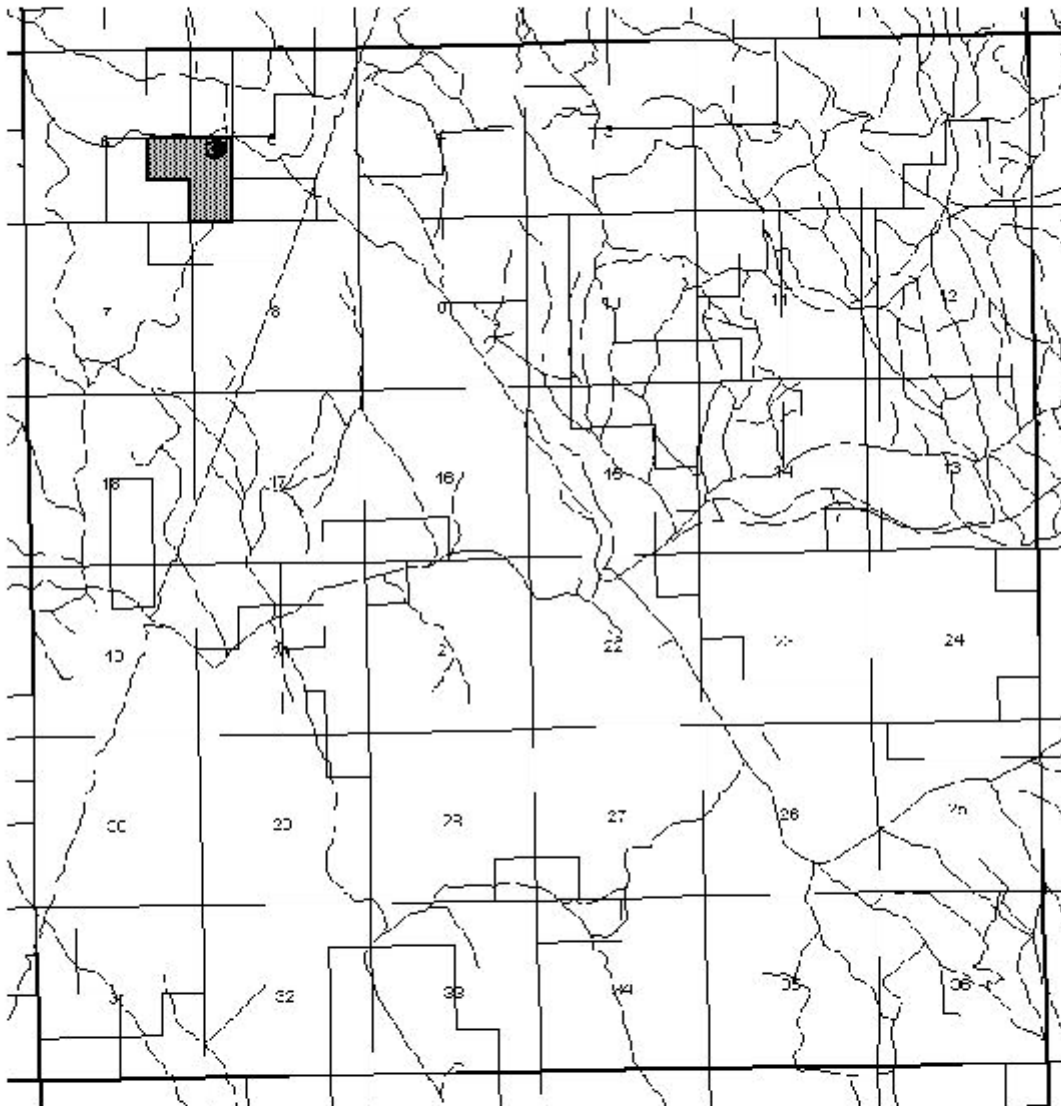
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T. 38S., R. 12E., Sec. 5, 6  
TREATMENT AREA:  
BULL SPRING

TREATMENT AREA MAP  
UNIT 1: 115 ACRES

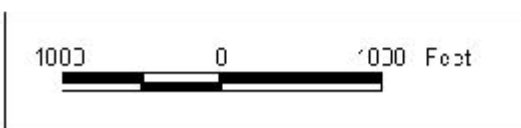
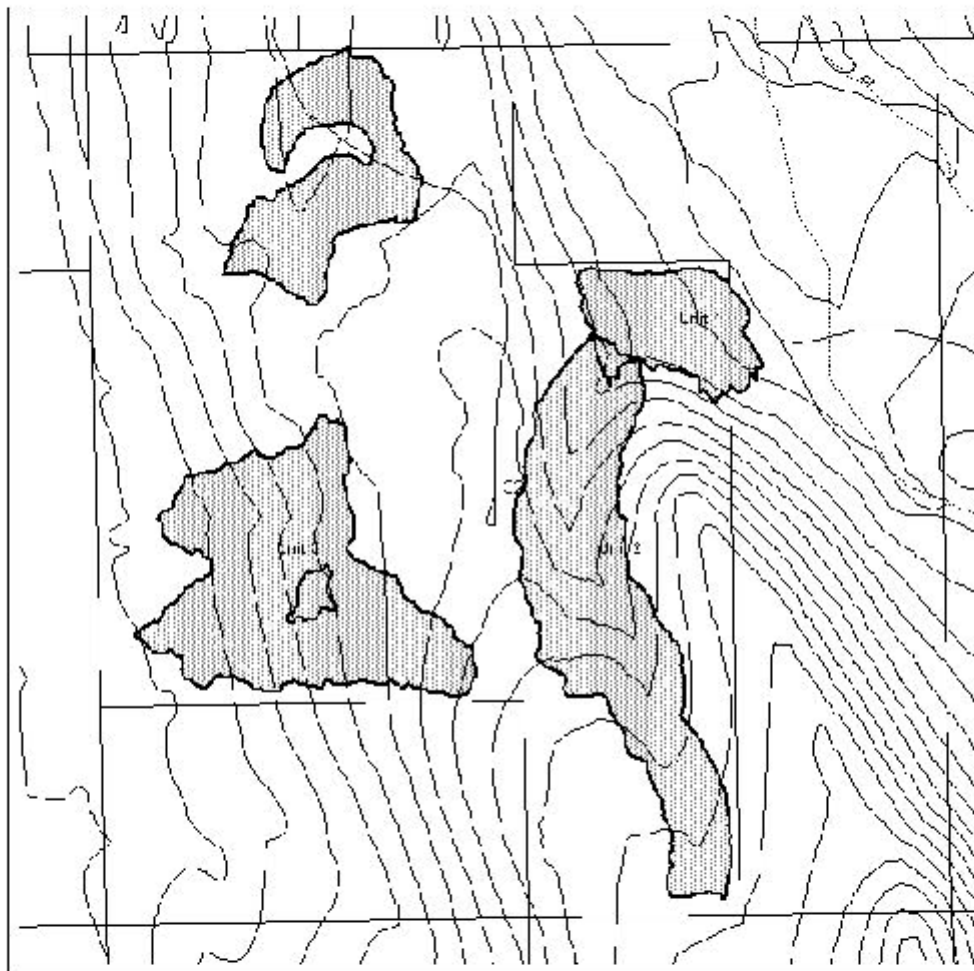


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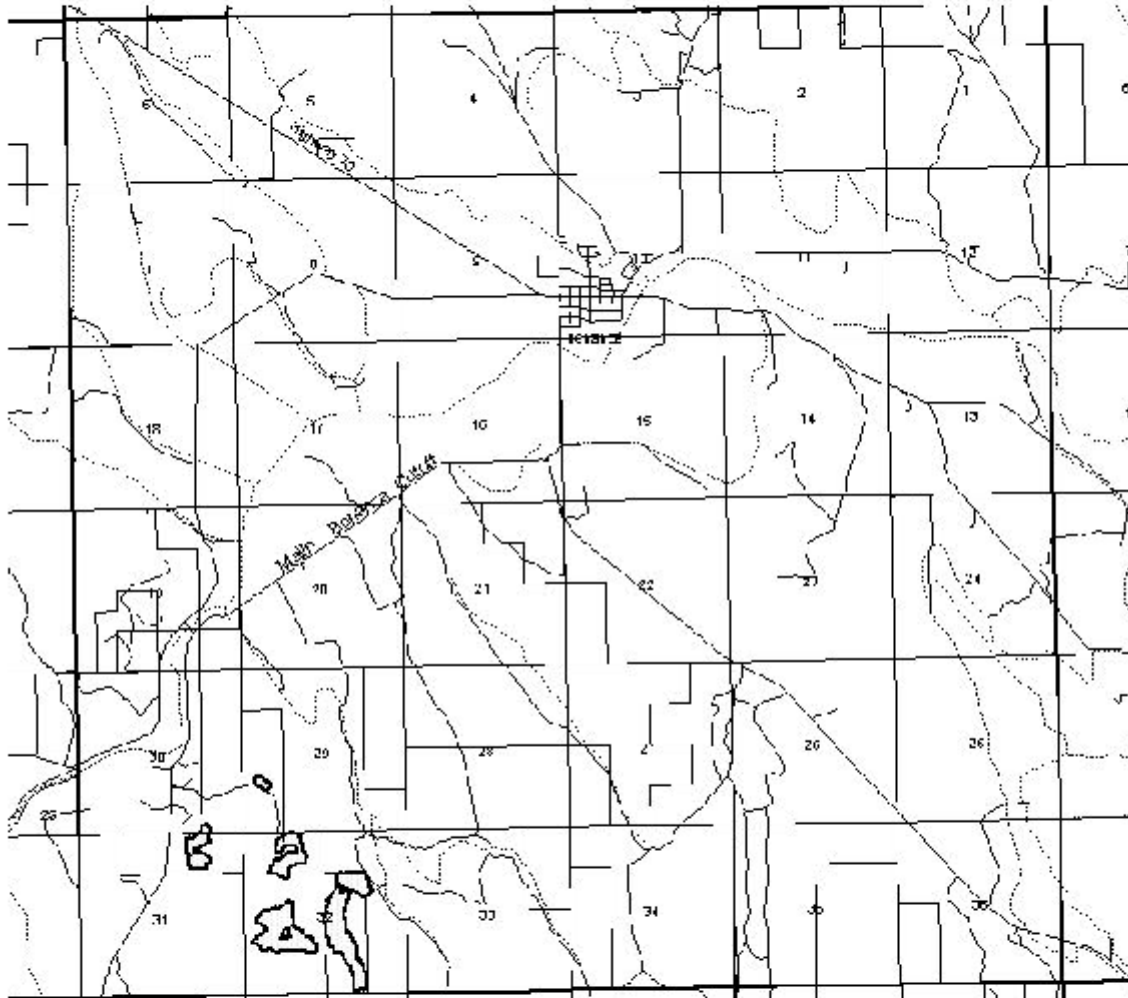


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T. 39S., R. 11E., Sec. 32  
TREATMENT AREA  
HARPOLD

TREATMENT AREA MAP  
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UNIT 2: ACRES 44  
UNIT 3: ACRES 43

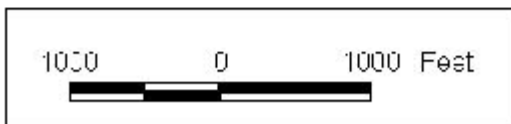
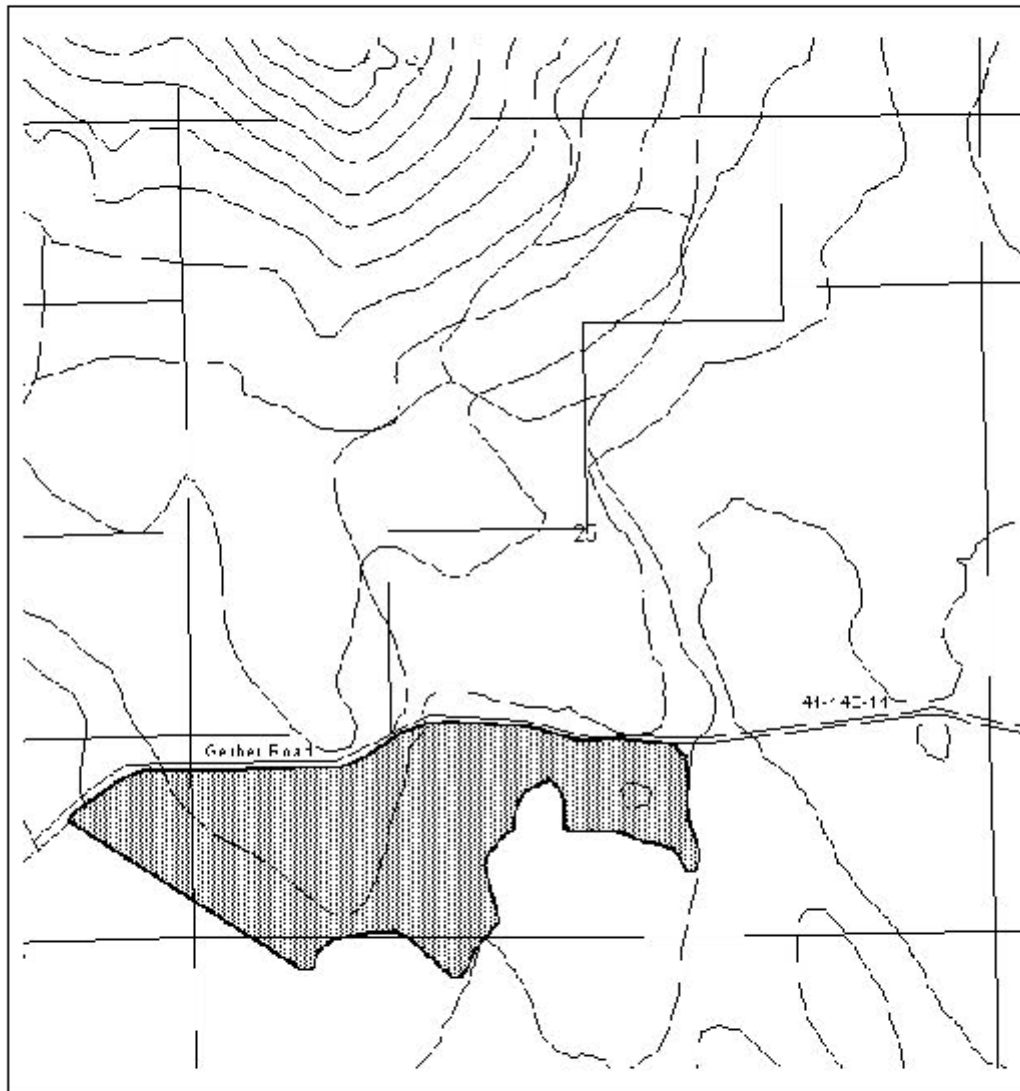


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TREATMENT AREA  
NORTH GERBER

TREATMENT AREA MAP  
UNIT : 1 ACRES 84

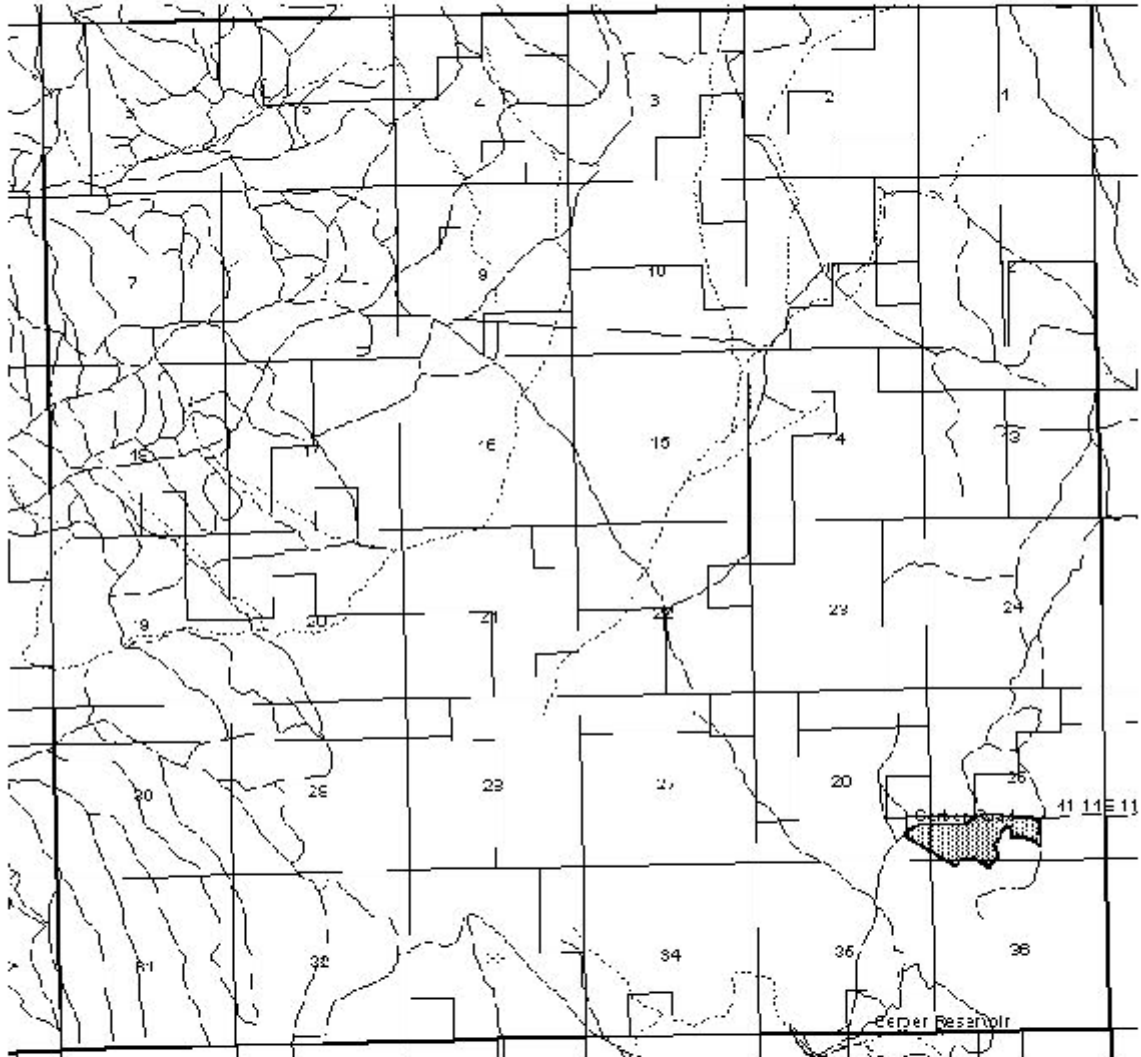


	Stream
	Dir. Road
	Treatment Unit
Boundaries are flagged with orange and yellow ribbon	



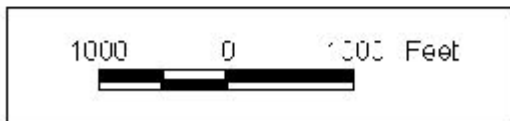
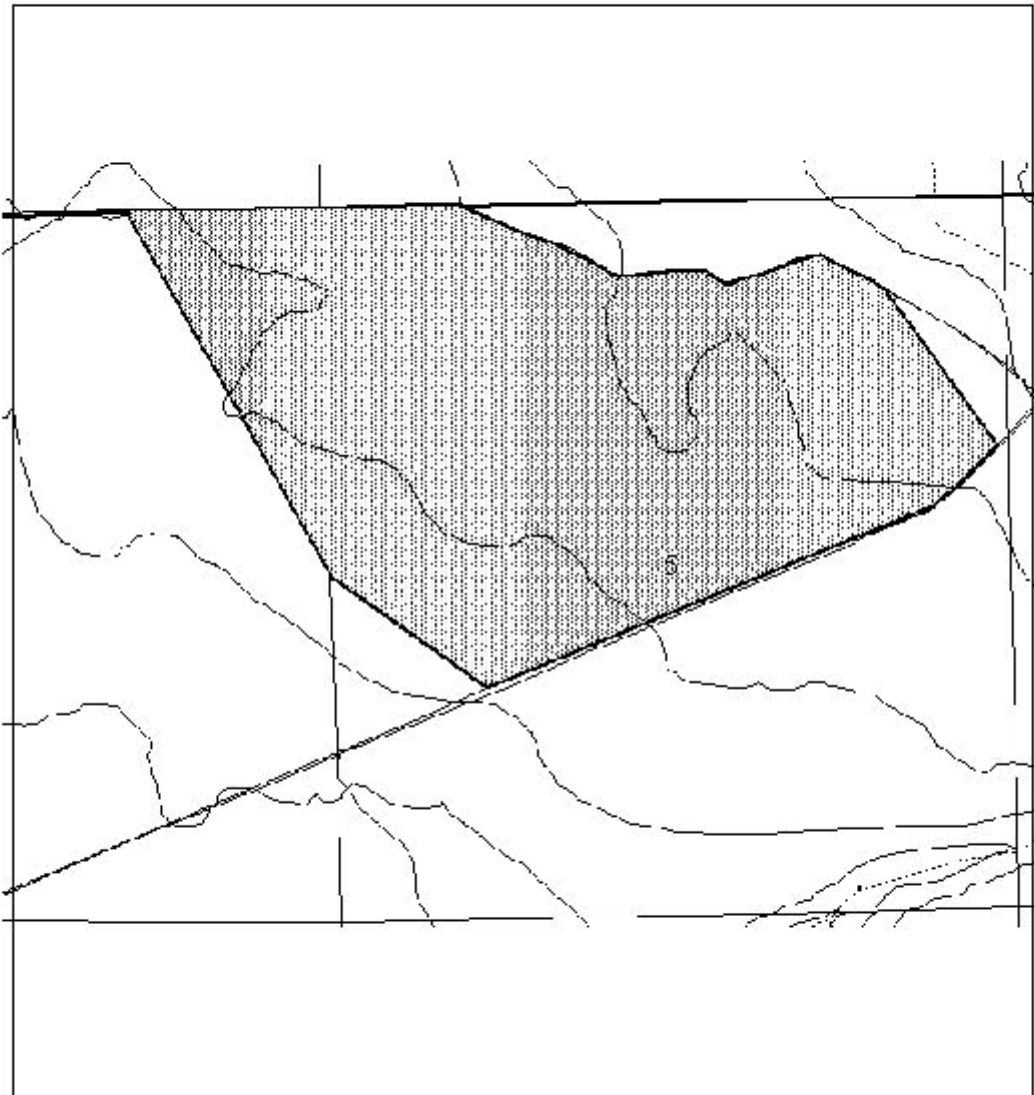


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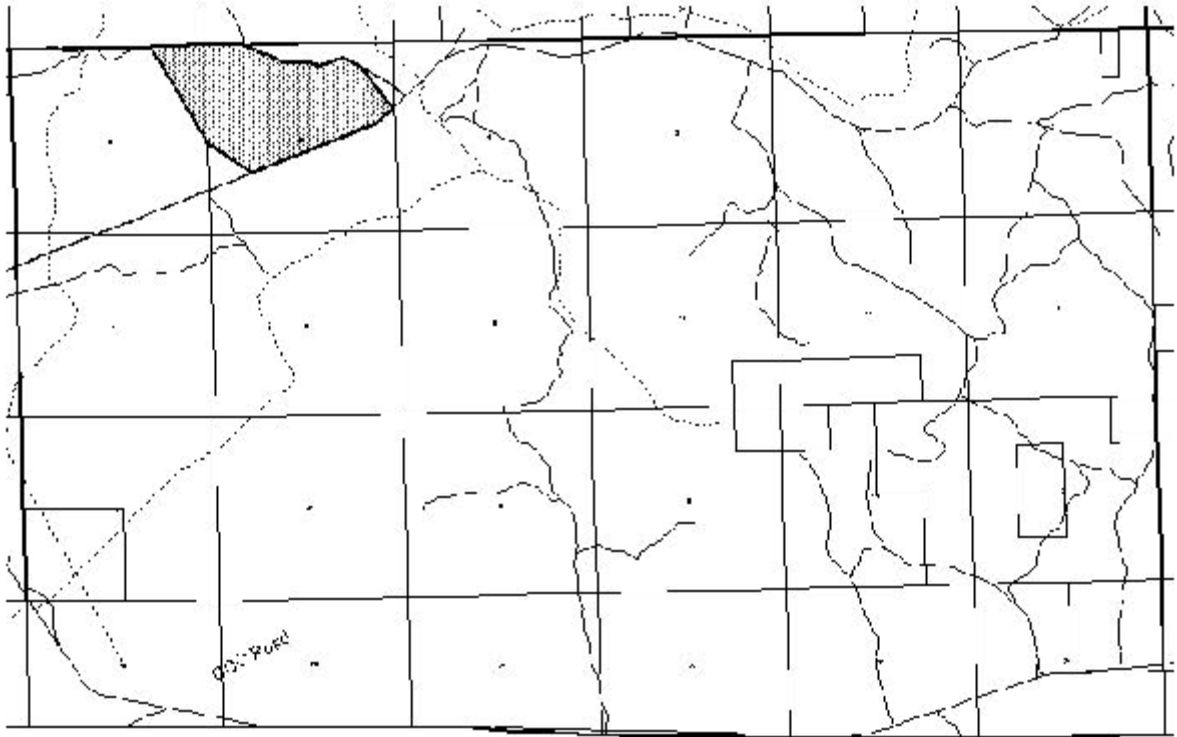


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T.41S., R.14.5E., Sec. 5, 6  
TREATMENT AREA  
WILLOW VALLEY

TREATMENT AREA MAP  
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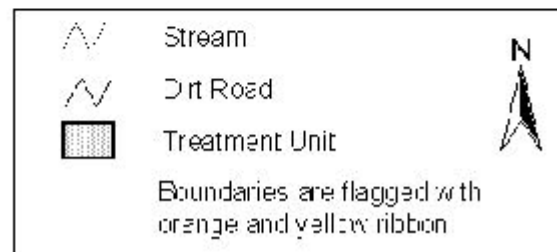
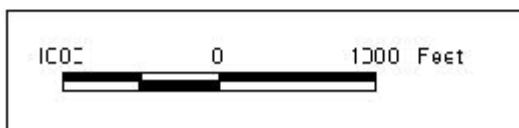
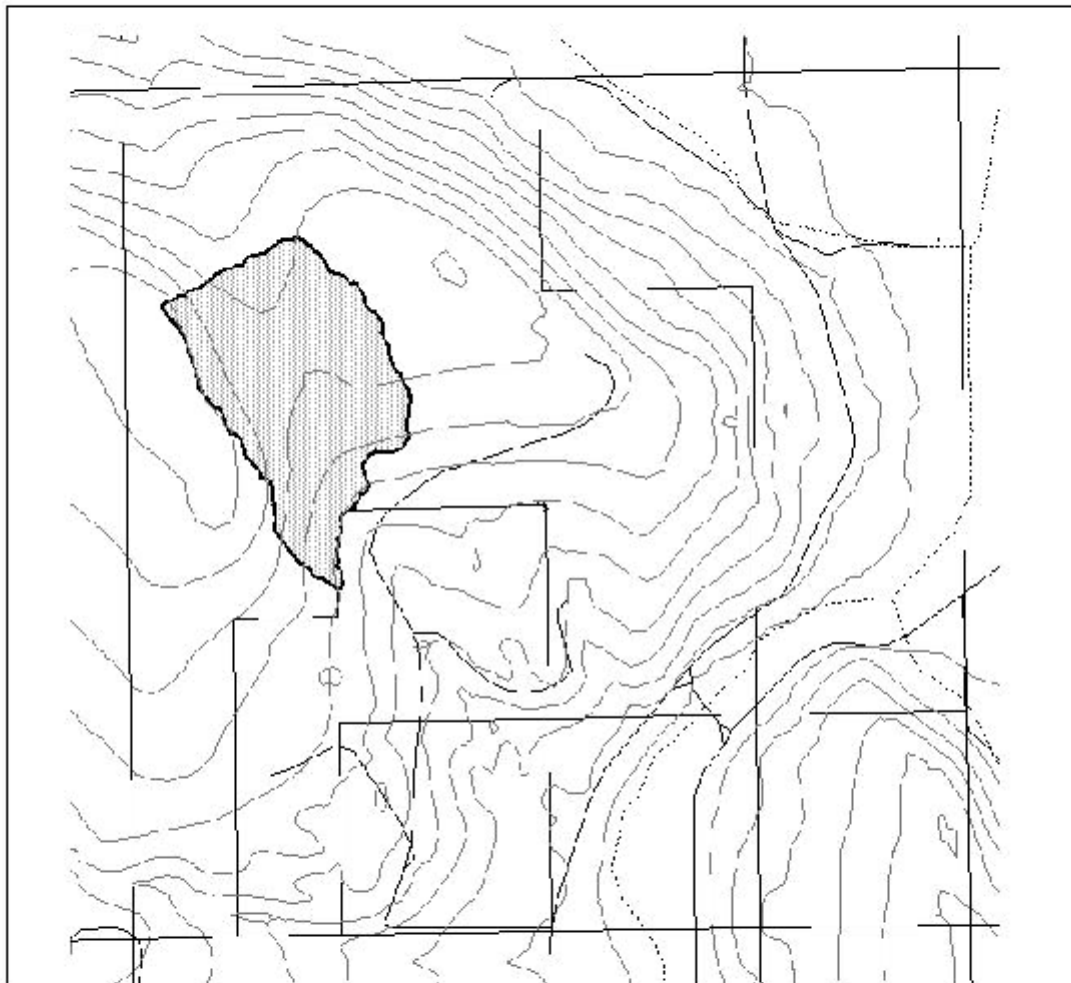


# T. 41 S. R. 14.5



USDI/BLM KLAMATH FALLS RA  
T. 39S., R.11E., Sec. 19  
TREATMENT AREA:  
WINDY RIDGE

TREATMENT AREA MAP  
UNIT 1: 41 ACRES



# T. 39 S. R. 11 E.

