

# Worksheet

## Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

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Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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**Note:** This worksheet is to be completed consistent with the policies stated in the Instruction Memorandum entitled "Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy" transmitting this worksheet and the "Guidelines for Using the DNA Worksheet" located at the end of the worksheet.

*(Note: The signed CONCLUSION at the end of this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal analysis process and does not constitute an appealable decision.)*

**A. BLM Office:** Klamath Falls, Oregon

**Lease/Serial/Case File No.** 01-05

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Klamath Falls Forest Estates Community Protection

**Location of Proposed Action:** Klamath Falls Forest Estates Subdivision

**Description of the Proposed Action:**

Fuels Management Treatments within and surrounding the Klamath Falls Forest Estates Subdivision. The Proposed Action would include mechanical treatments like grinding of vegetation and excess woody down debris, piling of severed vegetation, burning of piles and/or broadcast burning of vegetation and excess down woody debris. The objective of the treatments is to provide protection to life and property from wildfire within the subdivision interface/intermix.

**B. Conformance with one or more of the following Land Use Plans (LUPs) and/or Related Subordinate Implementation Plans:**

Name/Date of Plans:

Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision (ROD) and Resource Management Plan (RMP) (June 2, 1995). (KFRA ROD/RMP). Final Klamath Falls Resource Area Management Plan and EIS (FEIS) (Sept. 1994). (KFRA FEIS), Klamath Falls Resource Area Fire Management EA #OR-014-94-09 (June 10, 1994), Bly Mountain Forest Health Treatment Environmental Assessment EA #OR 014-99-06. National Fire Plan to protect wild lands and rural communities.

\*List applicable LUPs (e.g., Resource Management Plans or applicable amendments).

\*\*List applicable activity, project, management, water quality restoration, or program plans.

☒ The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

The Environmental Assessment OR 014 94-09 is specifically incorporated by reference into the RMP on page 4. Random Fuel Treatment Zones # 199 and 200 are included in this DNA. Environmental Assessment #OR 014-99-06 describes the area not included within random selection.

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The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions) and, if applicable, implementation plan decisions:

Environmental Assessment OR 014 94-09 clearly states the intent is to provide protection to resources and to the public. The inclusion of the remainder of the subdivision is applicable and is covered by the Environmental Assessment #OR 014-99-06.

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**C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.**

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

The Bly Mountain, Swan Lake Rim and Whitelake Forest Health Treatment Environmental Assessment EA #OR 014-99-06.

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., source drinking water assessments, biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, rangeland health standard's assessment and determinations, and monitoring the report).

All projects are covered under the informal consultation for the Fire Management program, 1-10-99-I-77, May 1999

**D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

**1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? YES**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The forest health treatments Environmental Assessment EA #OR 014-99-06 specifically describes mechanical treatment as a process by which fire hazards would be reduced in the subdivision. Language within the Environmental Assessment OR 014 94-09 page 8 (middle of page) states that "there would be limited areas of special treatments," included in the definition is rural interface areas such as the Klamath Falls Forest Estates. The 94-09 EA further states that where special treatments occur the work would be accomplished by manual or mechanical methods using a low ground pressure excavator.

**2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances? YES**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The proposed action lies within the range of alternatives identified and analyzed in the KFRA RMP/EIS. Rural Interface Areas are identified in the RMP, discussed in the Environmental Assessment EA #OR 014-99-06 and Environmental Assessment OR 014 94-09.

**3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (including, for example, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; Unified Watershed Assessment categorizations; inventory and monitoring data; most recent Fish and Wildlife Service lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action? YES**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

All standards and guidelines for sensitive species, riparian areas, rangeland health standards and watershed assessment categorization are current and consistent with the analysis.

**4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action? YES**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Analysis in the KFRA RMP/EIS, the KFRA Fire Management Environmental Assessment OR 014 94-09 and Bly Mountain Forest Health Treatment Environmental Assessment EA #OR 014-99-06 are still considered appropriate for the proposed action. The lack of fire in this area (which has increased the fuels) prior to development and the subsequent housing development have increased human caused fire risk. Only a focused effort within and adjacent to the subdivision with reduce the risks.

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**5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document sufficiently analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action? YES**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The impacts are substantially unchanged. The KFRA RMP/EIS state, "That active management through prescribed fire or mechanical control would prevent continued unnatural (fuels) juniper invasion. Mechanical equipment will be required to adhere to Best Management Practices to protect resources. All burning would follow the direction in the KFRA Fire Management Environmental Assessment OR 014 94-09.

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**6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? YES**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The proposed action as analyzed in the KFRA RMP/EIS and the KFRA Fire Management Environmental Assessment OR 014 94-09 and Bly Mountain Forest Health Treatment Environmental Assessment EA #OR 014-99-06, would not change the analysis of cumulative impacts. Any adverse cumulative impacts are the same as and within the parameters of those identified and accepted in the existing NEPA documents.

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**7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequately for the current proposed action? YES**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The RMP/EIS and both EA's were distributed to all interested public and other government agencies for review. Interested public and other agencies are kept informed through planning updates. The planning updates inform the public and agencies of projects scheduled for the out year. Public meetings have been held in the KFFE area for the forest health treatments and fuels treatment projects over the last five years. A concentrated effort will continue to be used to inform and allow for adequate public involvement. We have received very positive comments from the public regarding our past burn projects adjacent to the KFFE subdivision, we expect nothing less in the future.

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**E. Interdisciplinary Analysis:** Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource Represented</u>
Joe Foran	Fuels Management Specialist	Fire/Fuels Management
Gayle Sitter	Wildlife Biology	Wildlife
Tom Cottingham	Reality Specialist	Lands/Rural Interface

**F. Mitigation Measures:** List any applicable mitigation measures that were identified, analyzed, and approved in relevant LUPs and existing NEPA document(s). List the specific

mitigation measures or identify an attachment that includes those specific mitigation measures. Project files shall document that these applicable mitigation measures have been incorporated and implemented.

Best Management Practices will apply. Project Design Features identified as part of informal consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been or will be incorporated into appropriate environmental planning. Application of appropriate RMP BMP's and PDF's (see attached comments and maps) are anticipated to minimize potential impacts to sensitive resources.

## **CONCLUSION**

☒ Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes the BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked

/s/ Teresa A. Raml

Signature of the Responsible Official

April 25, 2001

Date

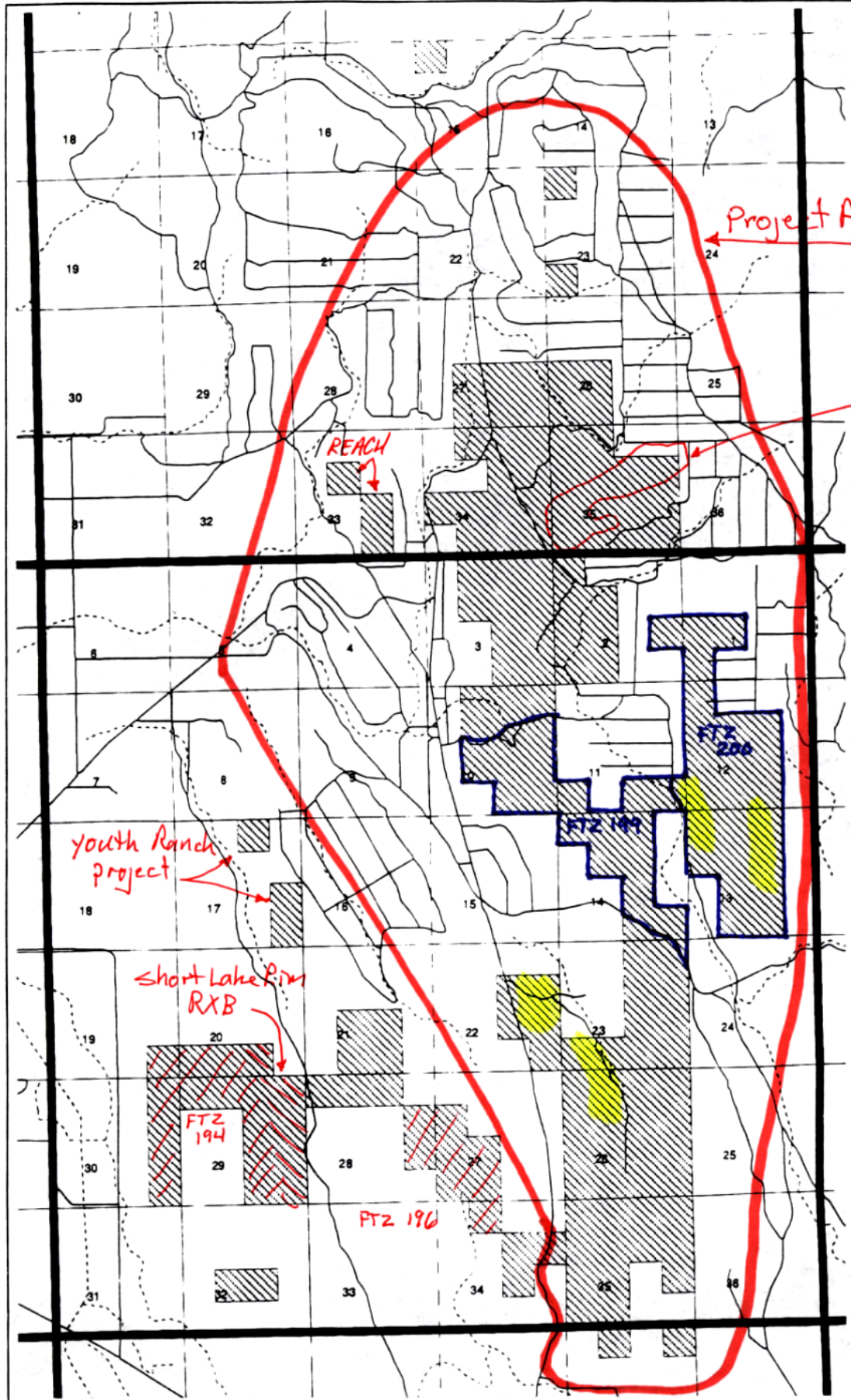
# Bly Mountain Proposed Project Area

7463.7 Acres

Appendix-B1

Township 37 South

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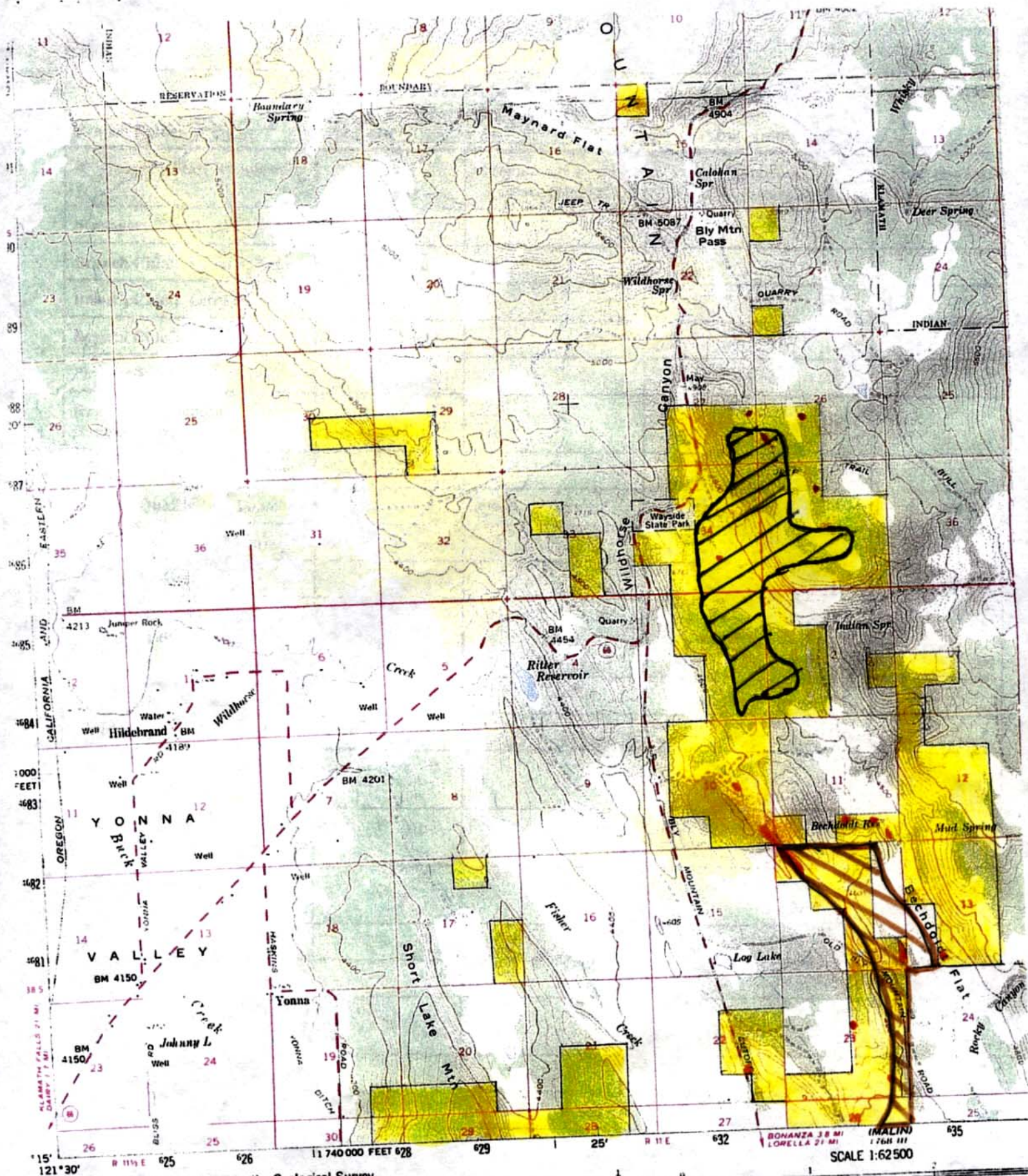


Range 11 East

SEE ATTACHED  
MAP FOR  
LOCATION OF  
STRUCTURES

locations  
of past RX burns





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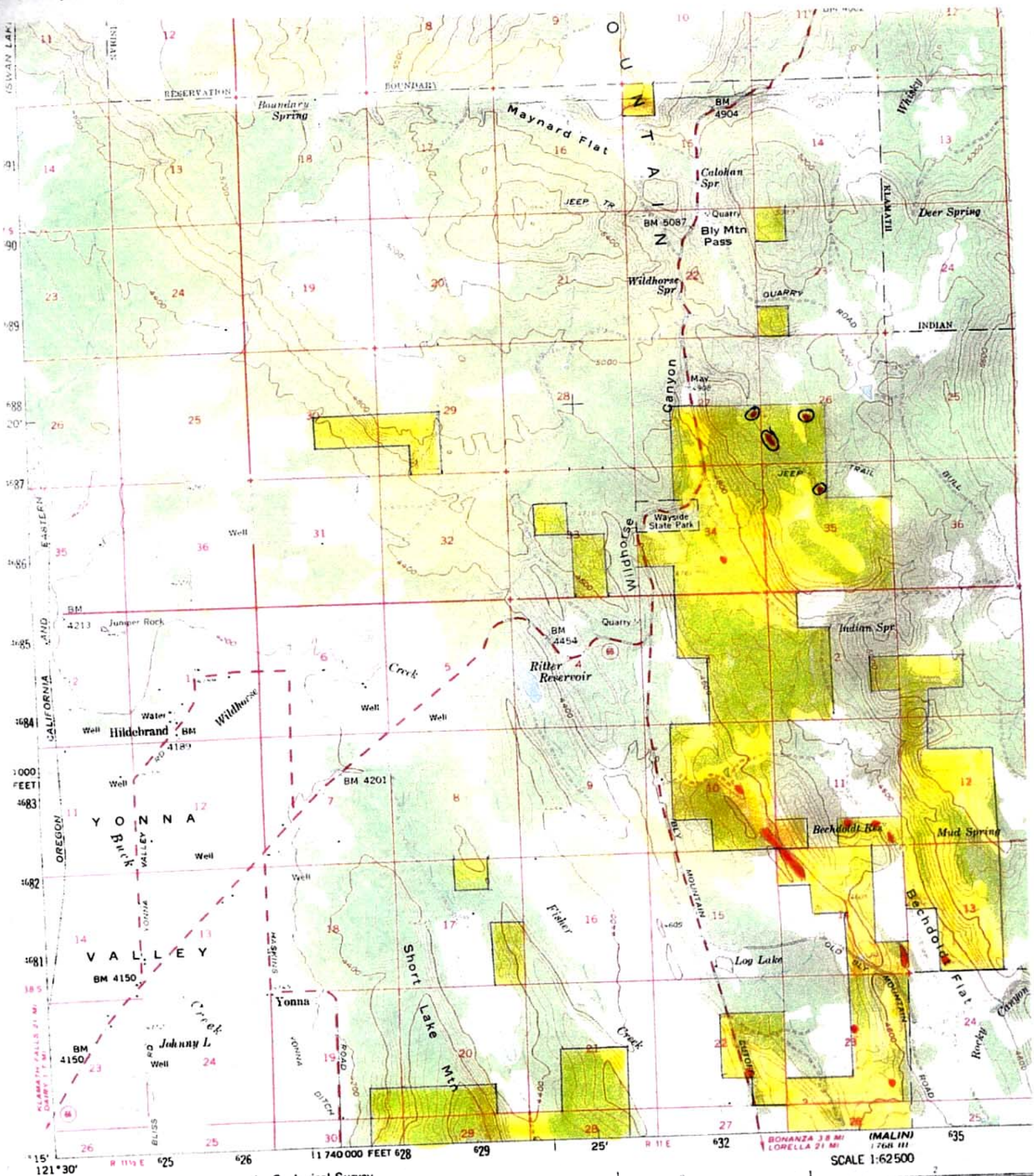


VRM CLASS II Areas



VRM CLASS IV AREAS





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- *Silene nuttalliana* (fringed campion)
- *Calochortus longebarbatus* var. *longebarbatus*  
(long-bearded mariposa lily)