

RECORD OF PLAN CONFORMANCE AND CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION

CX Log #: OR-014-CX-03-03 Lease or Serial #: OR58239
Project Name: Wirta Logging Road Use
Applicant: Mike Wirta, Wirta Logging Inc. Location: T.41 S., R.141/2 and 15 E.
Address: P.O. Box 1356, Portola, CA 96122 County Klamath
BLM Office: Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area Phone #: 541-883-6916

Description of the Proposed Action:

Proposal to haul approximately 175 MBF from Burnt Log area, and 375 MBF from Mud Springs over Forest Service and BLM roads, Main Haul 40-15E-17 and Willow Valley Rd. 41-14E-13. Maintenance will be provided by Grantee.

PLAN CONFORMANCE

The above project has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM plans (reference appropriate section/pages of the plan):

A. Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary, June 1995 (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS), approved June 1995. Refer to Page 66.

B. EA # _____, Titled _____

Reviewer /s/ Linda Younger 1-23-03 Date

IDENTIFICATION OF EXCLUSION CATEGORY

The proposed action has been identified as a categorical exclusion under **E (16) Department Level Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 2, Appendix 2), or Bureau of Land Management Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4).**

REVIEW OF CX EXCEPTIONS

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental effects on resources or programs listed as Categorical Exceptions, unless noted otherwise. The proposed action will:

Yes No CX Exception

- () (X) 1. Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety.
- () (X) 2. Have significant, adverse effects on 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; or prime farmlands. This also includes ecologically significant or critical areas, *such as significant caves, ACECs, National Monuments, WSAs, RNAs*, and those listed on the National Register of Natural Landmarks.
- () (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 principal 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.*

In addition, other topics or issues need to be assessed for potential impacts based on US Department of Interior Policy or rule making: This project would:

Yes No

- () (X) a. Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E)) not already decided in an approved land use plan.
- () (X) b. Have a disproportionate significant adverse impacts on low income or minority populations; Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice).
- () (X) c. 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) d. Have significant adverse effect on Indian Trust Resources.
- () (X) e. 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) f. Have a direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply, and/or distribution; Executive Order 13212 (Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects).

DOCUMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED MITIGATION

For any item checked "Yes" identify the mitigating measures proposed. If no mitigating measures are identified that can prevent the potential adverse impacts, the conditions for a categorical exclusion cannot be met.

Item No.	Can Be Mitigated	Cannot Be Mitigated	Mitigation Measures
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SURVEYS AND CONSULTATION

Surveys and/or consultation may be needed for special status plants and animals, for cultural resources, and other resources as necessary: (Initial and Date appropriate fields)

Surveys:	1) are completed	2) will be completed	3) are not needed
SS Plants	_____	_____	<u>SW 1/24/03</u>
SS Animals	_____	_____	<u>SW 2/7/03</u>
Cultural Resources	<u>TC 1/23/03</u>	_____	_____
Other Surveys	_____	_____	_____
SS Animal Consultation	_____	_____	<u>SW 2/7/03</u>
Botanical Consultation	_____	_____	<u>SW 1/24/03</u>
Cultural Consultation	_____	_____	_____

(SS = Special Status)

Remarks:

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS and CX DETERMINATION

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 fall under any exception. The proposed action would not create adverse environmental impacts or require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) and is therefore, categorically excluded from NEPA documentation.

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(Name)/(Title) Date

Reviewed By: Kathy Lindsey 2-7-03
(Name)/(Title) Date

Approved By: Teresa A. Raml 2-11-03
Teresa A. Raml, Field Manager Date
Klamath Falls Resource Area

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GOOS

GOOSE LAKE TIMBER COMPANY

2003 TIMBER SALE

~~Burnt Log~~
Deer Spring Harvest Unit

Bug Spring Harvest Unit



Sale Area

T.41S, R.14 1/2 E + 15E

Deer Spring

Bug Spring

North Antler

Bear Valley

Cottonwood

Strawberry Flat

Unit 4

Unit 6

Unit 5

Unit 8

Johnson Meadow

Prepared by Wall Forestry

8770 Greenback Lane #1
Orangevale, CA 95662

Bus. 916 989-9550
Fax 916 989-0798

1 miles to Langell Valley 12 miles
and paved road

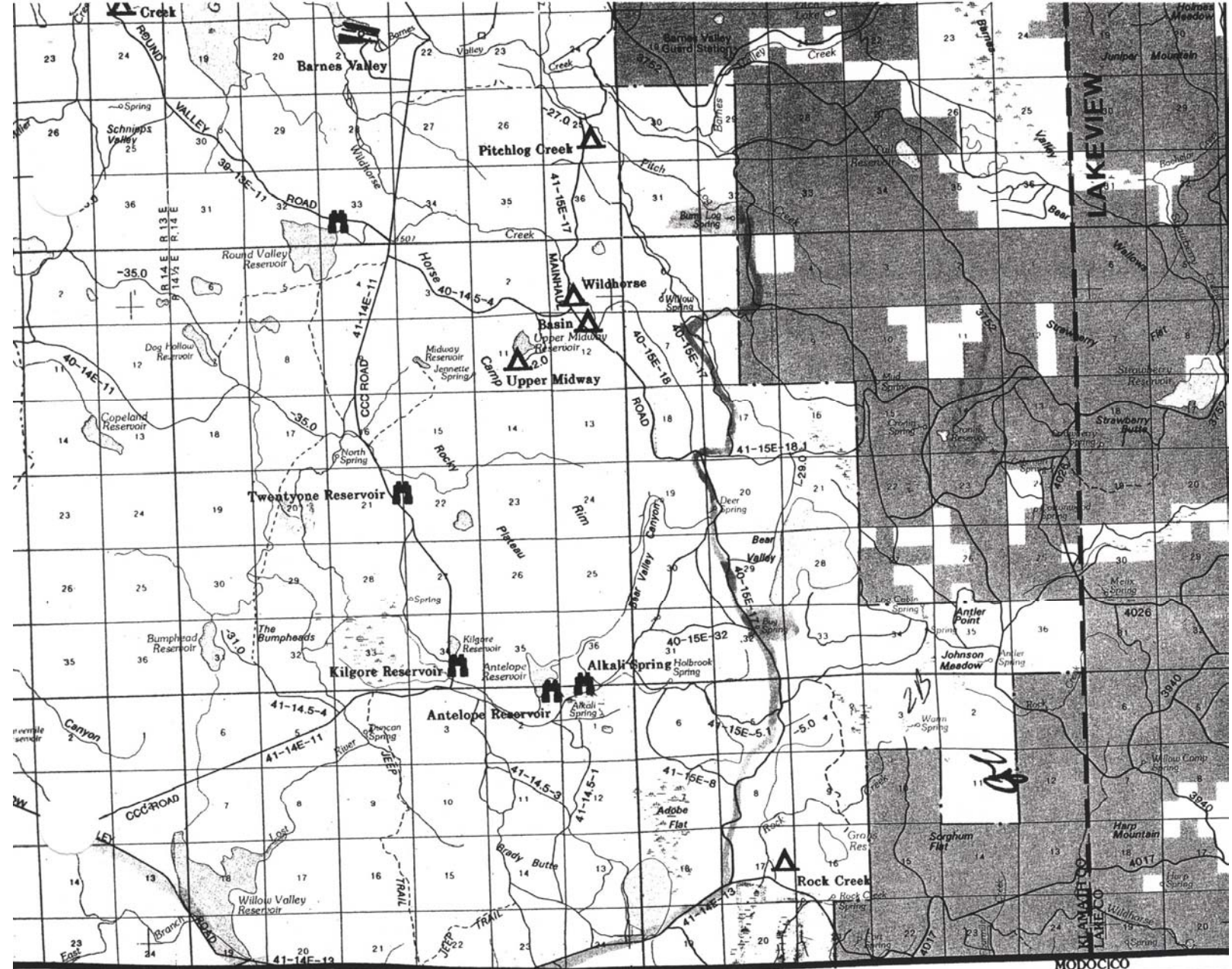
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R. 14 1/2 E.

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R. 15 E. *BLM*

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R. 16 E

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Fishing Wood River
Photo: Ron Hicks

in the Klamath Basin. Human activities, such as f
urbanization, have reduced the wetlands to 75,000
widely recognized as having a large role in improv
quality, reducing flooding, providing fish and wild
and other important functions, wetlands are contin
every year. In an attempt to reverse this trend the
purchased the 3,220 acre Wood River Ranch from
Lands Conservancy for wetland restoration.

Located 25 miles north of Klamath Falls, this par
bordered by Agency Lake on the south and the Wc
the east. Recreation activities in the area include f
fishing, canoeing, and general sightseeing. Wood
nationally recognized trout fishery, is a popular fis
The best boat access is from Petric Park, a Klamat
recreation site, located 1/2 mile north of the Wood
Ranch's entrance.

Future plans for this land include parking areas, b
interpretive trails and exhibits, visitor center, and 1
This area is currently closed to motorized vehicles

cles of wetlands

Klamath Falls Resource Area Project Proposal Routing Slip for Internal Review

Project Name: Wirta Logging Road Use
Date Initiated: 1-23-03

Resource or Staff Responsible	Review Priority	Preliminary Review Date/Initials	Comments Attached/Incorporated	Final Review Date/Initials
Manager: Teri Raml ⁽¹⁾	Last			
Branch Chief: Barbara Ditman	Second to Last			
Branch Chief: Larry Frazier	Second to Last			
Branch Chief: Mel Crockett	Second to Last			
Planner/EC: Don Hoffheins, ⁽⁶⁾ Kathy Lindsey	Third from Last			KL 2/7/03
Range: Bill Lindsey Range: Dana Eckard				
Wild Horses: Tonya Pinckney				
Fire/Air Quality: Joe Foran				
Silviculture: Bill Johnson, Gabi Sommerauer				
Timber: Mike Bechdolt				
Botany/ACEC/Noxious Weeds: Lou Whiteaker ⁽⁵⁾		JW 1/24/03		JW 1/24/03
Soils: Jannice & Mike Cutler				
Cultural: Tim Canaday ⁽³⁾		TC 1/23/03		TC 1/23/03
Minerals/HazMat: Tom Cottingham ⁽²⁾				Tom C 1/23/03
Lands/Realty: Linda Younger ⁽¹⁾				Ly. 1-23-03
Recreation/Visuals/Wilderness: Scott Senter				
Hydrology/Riparian: Mike Turaski, Andy Hamilton				
Wildlife/T&E: Gayle Sitter ⁽⁴⁾				
Fisheries/T&E: Scott Snedaker				St 2/7/03
W/S Rivers: Grant Weidenbach				
Engineering: Brian McCarty				
Clearances/Surveys	Needed	Done/Attached	*This document will not sit on your desk for more than 8 hours. Please check on calendar to make sure that the next person will be available to review the document. **Some resource areas may not apply for all projects. If so, just mark "N/A" in "Review Priority" column.	
Cultural	No TC 1/23/03			
Botanical	No JW 1/24/03			
T&E, BA & or Consultation	No GS 2/7/03			
R-O-W Permits				