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

Klamath Falls Resource Area Project File Number - KCER-01-05

Proposed Action Title/Type: Christmas Tree Cutting Area

Location of Proposed Action: T38S, R6E, Section 20. Cutting area directions from Klamath Falls are Hwy 66 west to Keno; take Clover Creek Road northwest for @8 miles to the Spencer Creek Hook-up Road. Turn west onto Spencer Creek Hookup Road and go for @5 miles to junction of BLM road 38-6E-33.1 Turn onto Road 38-6E-33.1 and go for @1 mile until junction of Road 38-6E-28.1. Turn onto Road 38-6E-28.1 and go for @1 mile until junction of Road 38-6E-20. Cutting area is 20 feet of either side of the road.

Description of Proposed Action: Public Christmas Tree cutting area.

Applicant (if any): None.

PART 1: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW
This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan:

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

Signature of Reviewers: __/s./ Charles D. Hicks_________________

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 (5), “Disposal of small amounts of miscellaneous vegetation products outside established harvest areas, such as Christmas trees, wildings, floral products (ferns, boughs, etc.) cones, seeds and personal use firewood.” It has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Signature of Reviewers: __/s./ Charles D. Hicks________________

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)
Date Approved: 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 Reviewers: __/s./ Charles D. Hicks________________

Remarks: References to the proposed action are found on the following pages of the KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS: RMP, p. 57.

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: No cutting shall be done further than 20 feet from either side of Road 38-6E-20.
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The cutting of christmas trees within 20 feet on either side of BLM Road 38-6E-20, is designated a categorical exclusion in 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 C(5). The proposal has been screened and 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) Violate law. Therefore, no further environmental analysis is required.

_/s/ Mel Crockett (for)_ 11/21/2000
Manager Date
Klamath Falls Resource Area
BLM CHRISTMAS TREE AREA

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T. 38 S., R. 6 E., Sec. 20

Only trees within 20 feet of the 38-6E-20 Road are available for cutting. Christmas Tree Area signs are posted in the area.
BLM Christmas Tree Cutting Area
T. 38 S., R. 6 E., Section 20 (Road 38-6E-20)

BLM Forest Lands

Christmas Tree Area (within 20 feet of 38-6E-20 rd.)