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

Klamath Falls Resource Area Project File Number - OR 56235

Proposed Action Title/Type: 3.3 acre Site and Road Use ROW, Water transmission line, pump house, pump. 7.15 acres

Location of Proposed Action: Communication site located in T. 40 S, R. 7 E., Section 27, W.M. on Hamaker Mountain. Road right of way is located in various sections from hwy. 66 and continuing up to Hamaker Mtn. Communication site.

Description of Proposed Action: Right to use, reconstruct, operate, maintain, and terminate a right-of-way for a radar facility, including Facility 36- Search Radome, Facility 40- Radome base, Facility 3- BE Storage Shed, Facility 50 - Telephone Duct Facility, Facility 1020 - Primary Distribution UG, Facility 545 - Storm Drain Disposal, an existing snow fence, and an access road on public lands described as follows: T. 40 South, Range 7 East Section 1 W2/NE3; Section 2, E2NE3, SE3; Section 10 N2NE3, SW3NE3, E2NE3SW3, SE3; Section 11 N2N2; Section 15 W2E2; Section 22 W2SE3, SE3NE3, SE3SE3NW3, SE3; Section 23 SW3SW3; Section 26 NW3NW3; Section 27 NE3NE3, NE3NW3NE3. Included in this grant is a transfer of a FAA water line under serial number OR 44128. Located in T. 40 S, R. 7 E., Sec. 11, SW1/4SW1/4SW1/4, Sec. 15, lot 1, W1/2SE1/4. Sec. 22, SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4. Sec. 23, SW1/4SW1/4, WM, Klamath County, Or. The road right-of-way to be granted herein is 30 feet wide, 8.14 miles long and contains 29.60 acres, more or less. The radar site contains 3.3 acres, more or less. Water transmission line, water well, and pump house site is 7790 feet in length, 40 ft. in width, and approximately 7.15 acres total.

Applicant (if any): U.S. Department of Transportation, F.A.A. 1601 Lind Ave. SW Renton, WA 98055

ART 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. Refer to Pg 62 & Table 15.

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

Signature of Reviewers: [Signature]
Realty Specialist

Remarks: [Signature] combining two previous ROWs and transferring authority to FAA.

PART 2: NEPA REVIEW

A. Categorical exclusion review. This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 512 DM 2, Appendix 1. (E) or 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 (E10). It has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Signature of Reviewers: [Signature]
Realty Specialist

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

This EA/EIS has been reviewed against the following criteria to determine if it covers the proposed action:
- The proposed action is a feature of, or essentially the same as, the alternative selected and analyzed in the existing document. This is merely a transfer of existing ROW to another government entity.
A reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed in the existing document. There has been no significant change in circumstances or significant new information germane to the proposed action. The methodology/analytical approach previously used is appropriate for the proposed action. The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action are not significantly different from those identified in the existing document. The proposed action would not change the previous analysis of cumulative impacts. Public involvement in the previous analysis is appropriate coverage for the proposed action.

Signature of Reviewer: [Signature] Realty Specialist

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

Part 3. Recommendation/Rationale

Recommendation: I recommend that a right-of-way 30 feet wide and 42,979 feet long, for a(n) 3.3 acre Site and Road Use ROW and a 7.15 acre water line site to be granted to U.S. Deptment of Transportation, F.A.A. perpetually, across T. 40 S., R. 7 E., Sections 1,2,10,11,15,22,23,26,27. The grant should be made under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761) and subject to the terms and conditions in 43 CFR 2801 and no rental payments as determined by 43 CFR 2803.1-2. The grant should also be subject to the mitigations set forth in the application.

Rationale for Recommendation: The proposed action meets the criteria for categorical exclusion in 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 (E-1), and none of the exceptions in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply. Further, the action is in conformance with the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan, Approved June 1995.

[Signature] Realty Specialist  4/11/02 Date

PART 4. 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: none

Authorized Official: [Signature] Teresa A. Raml Field Manager  4/15/02 Date
Categorical Exclusion No.  KCER-02-04

The proposed action to 3.3 acre Site and Road Use ROW, a water transmission line and site including 7.15 acres is designated a categorical exclusion in 516 DM 6 Appendix 5.4 E. The proposal has been screened and does not meet the criteria for exception under 516 DM 2.3 E(10): 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. Floodplain Management, Protection of Wetlands, Fish and Wildlife. 10. Violate Law. Therefore, no further environmental analysis is required.

/s/ Teresa A. Raml  
Teresa A. Raml  Date
Field Manager

4/15/02