RECORD OF PLAN CONFORMANCE AND CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION

CX Log #: OR-014-05-04 Lease or Serial #: N/A
Project Name: Wood River Bridge Maintenance
Location: Wood River Wetland, ½ mile west of Modoc Point Road County: Klamath County
BLM Office: Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area Phone #: 541-883-6916

Description of the Proposed Action: Work will include:

Demolition of existing bridge decking, wheel guards, and railing (salvage railing for reinstallation).
Relocation of utilities mounted on existing railing.
Inspection of top sides of girders and repair as needed.
Remove all debris from the structure.
Install or tighten bands on piles where needed.
Installation of treated Glu-lam panel decking.
Installation of treated wheel guards (new).
Installation of untreated running planks.
Reinstall salvaged railing and utilities.
Placing riprap protection at both abutments (this will extend 15-20 feet beyond both sides of the bridge).
Place bio-engineered treatment on eroded bank upstream side of abutment on east bank (approximately 40 cubic yards of fill and native plant material).
Install object markers and one lane bridge signs.
Pave both approaches to the bridge (approximately 25 feet each end of the bridge.)
Salvage load limit sign.

This work is necessary to maintain the integrity of the existing bridge structure. An excavator will be used to place the material.

PLAN CONFORMANCE

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

Upper Klamath Basin and Wood River Wetland Resource Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision, 1995, page S2, 2-4, 1-8, 1-9.

Upper Klamath Basin and Wood River Wetland Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, February 1996, (Wood River ROD/RMP).

IDENTIFICATION OF EXCLUSION CATEGORY

The proposed action has been identified as a categorical exclusion under **Department Level Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 2, Appendix 1) #1.7 "*Maintenance*".**

COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further analysis or documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM2, Appendix 1, 1.12 if it does not meet any of the following Exceptions.

Will the proposed action meet the following Exceptions?

Exception	Yes No
1. Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?	( ) (X)
2. Have adverse effects on such 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; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the National Register of Natural Landmarks. This also includes significant caves, ACECs, National Monuments, WSAs, RNAs.	( ) (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 principle 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?	( ) (X)
11. Involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2) (E)) not already decided in an approved land use plan?	( ) (X)
12. Have a disproportionate significant adverse impacts on low income or minority populations; Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice)?	( ) (X)
13. 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)
14. Have significant adverse effect on Indian Trust Resources?	( ) (X)

15. 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)
16. Have a direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply, and/or distribution; Executive Order 13212 (Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects)?	( ) (X)

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental effects or meet any of the above exceptions.

Comments on Exceptions:

#2 - ACEC – The proposed project is within a designated ACEC, however it will not have adverse effects. The maintenance work, placement of rock and wetland plants on the existing river bank, will meet the objectives of the RMP and maintain or enhance the character of the Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

#7 – Cultural Resources – Surveys have been completed at the site and spoil piles. The Klamath Tribes have been consulted. An archaeologist should be contacted to be onsite when the work is performed.

#8 – This project was discussed with USFWS in (Ron Larson via telephone) February 2005. This project work is designed to occur above the waterline, and therefore we have determined that it will have "no effect "under the requirements of the Endangered Species Act. The same BMPs and procedures that were used during the Wood River channel restoration project will be incorporated during the bridge project implementation. If circumstances require the placement of rip rap and fill at or below the waterline, USFWS and ODFW will be contacted prior to implementation, and this work will be conducted within the recommended "in - water work period" (August 1 – September 30).

#9 - Wetlands, Floodplains – This project is necessary to maintain the structural integrity of the bridge. The proposed project does involve wetlands and is within a floodplain; however it will not have adverse effects on Wetlands and Floodplains. The placement of approximately 40 cubic yards of fill material will occur within a wetland and within the floodplain. However, the end result of the project will be no net loss and perhaps a slight increase of wetlands. No Corps of Engineers 404 permit will be required.

#15 – Weeds - Equipment is required to be power washed prior to entering BLM lands.

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.

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			JW 3/1/05
SS Animals			SMT 3/7/05
Cultural Resources	TC 3/16/2005		
Other Surveys			
SS Animal Consultation			SMT 3/7/05
Botanical Consultation			JW 3/1/05
Cultural Consultation	TC 3/16/2005		

(SS = Special Status)

Remarks:

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS and CX DETERMINATION

Based on the available information and a review by the interdisciplinary team, it is my determination that the proposed action does not constitute a significant impact affecting the quality of the human environment greater than those addressed in the:

- Final - Upper Klamath Basin and Wood River Wetland Resource Management Plan and EIS.

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental impacts or require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS). 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 meet any exception. The application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate, as there are no extra ordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action is, therefore, categorically excluded from additional NEPA documentation.

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Approved By: (Signature)	Name: Jon Raby	Title: Resource Area Manager	Date: 3/15/05

February 28, 2005

Note to the File.

Subject: Consultation with USFWS on Wood River Bridge deck replacement.

I spoke with Ron Larson from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Klamath Falls) today, about this project. I described the work to be done and explained to Ron that we were only replacing the decking, adding some riprap (above the waterline) and bioengineering a small area on the east bank of the river north of the bridge (about 40 cubic yards of material). Because the work, that we are proposing to do, is above the water line during the in- stream work period, I felt like we were looking at a "no effect" determination. Ron agreed with this conclusion, based on the information that I provided him. He asked that we supply the engineer's drawings and a copy of the categorical exclusion document that we were using to cover the project, for his files.

Ron suggested that if circumstances changed to the point where we felt that a "may effect, not likely to adversely effect" determination became necessary, that this would be a good step for providing background information about the project. We concluded our conversation by agreeing to document it in the file.

Wedge Watkins

Wood River Project Coordinator

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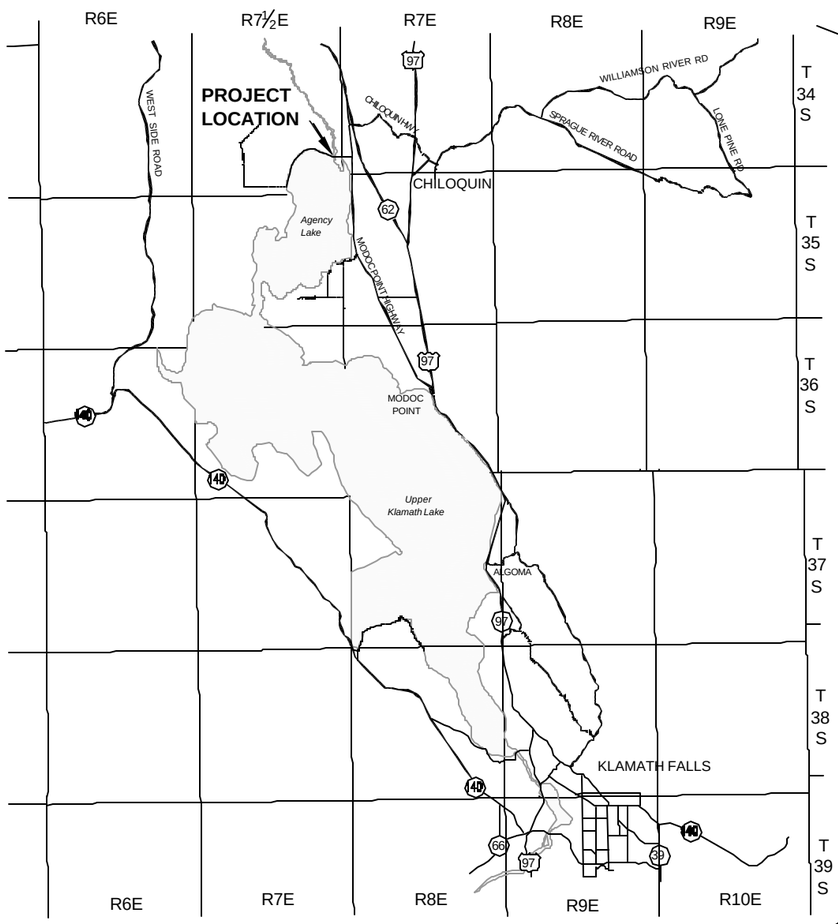
Wood River Bridge
DECK REPLACEMENT
T. 34 S., R. 7 ½ E., Section 36, W.M.
Klamath County, Oregon



LOCATION MAP

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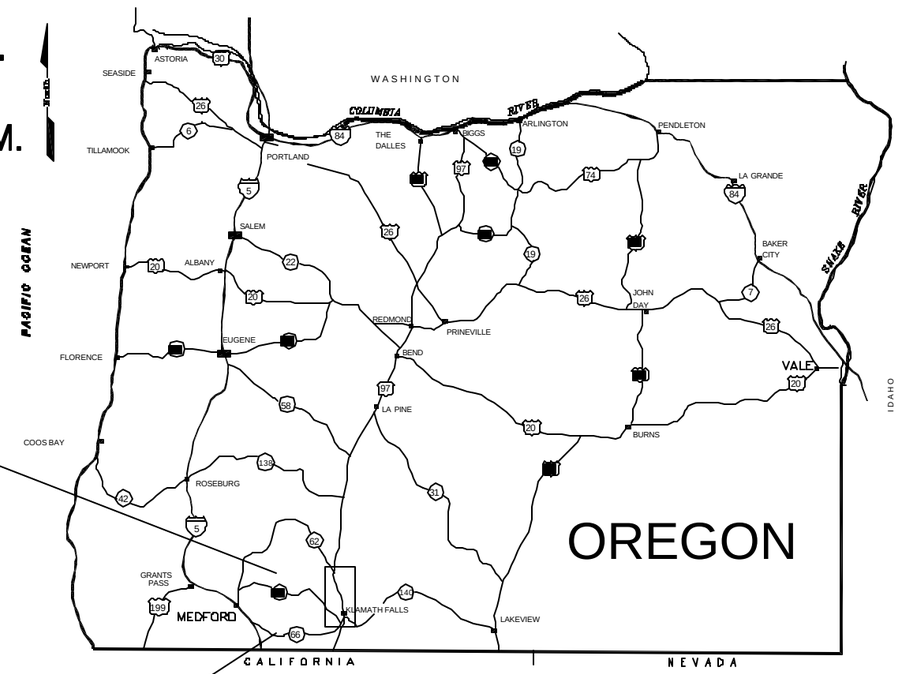

VICINITY MAP

(NO SCALE)

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TITLE SHEET

LAKEVIEW DISTRICT OREGON

ENGINEERING APPROVAL /s/Dana Maxwell Cork
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Jon Raby, Field Manager, Klamath Falls R.A., Lakeview District

RECOMMENDED /s/Jim Platt
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APPROVED /s/Joe Tague
Joe Tague, District Manger, Lakeview District

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DATE: February 2005	SHEET 1 OF 6
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Klamath Falls Resource Area NEPA Document Routing Slip for Internal Review

Project Name: CX-05-04 Wood River Bridge Maintenance
Date Initiated: 2/18/05 **Project Lead/Contact:** Wedge Watkins

Resource or Staff Responsible	Review Priority	Preliminary Review Initials / Date	Comments Attached / Incorporated	Final Review Initials / Date
Manager: Jon Raby	Last			JR 3/1/05
Branch Chief: Natural Resources	Second to Last			
Branch Chief: Larry Brooks	Second to Last			LB 3/7/05
Planner/EC: Don Hoffheins, Kathy Lindsey	Third from Last	DKH 2/18/04		DKH 3/3/05
Range: Bill Lindsey, Dana Eckard				
Wild Horses: Tonya Pinckney				
Fire/Air Quality: Joe Foran				
Silviculture: Bill Johnson				
Timber: Mike Bechdolt				
Botany/ACEC//Noxious Weeds: Lou Whiteaker	9	JW 2/28/05	weed prevention incorporated	JW 3/1/05
Cultural: Tim Canaday	8	TC 2/28/2005	no cultural concerns	TC 2/28/2005
Minerals/HazMat: Tom Cottingham				
Lands/Realty: Linda Younger				
Recreation/Visual/Wilderness: Scott Senter	7	VSS 2/28/05	NONE	VS 3/1/05
Hydrology/Riparian: Liz Berger	6	LB 2/23/05		LB 3/3/05
Wildlife/T&E: Steve Hayner	5	SH 2/23/05	sticky note	SH 3/7/05
Wildlife/Fuels: Matt Broyles				
Fisheries/T&E: Scott Snedaker	4	SS 3/2/05		SS 3/2/05
W/S Rivers: Grant Weidenbach				
Engineering: Brian McCarty	3	BMC 2/22/05	none	BMC 2/22/05
Soils/Veg Surveys: Molly Juillerat Amber Knoll	2	MOJ 2/22/05		MOJ 3/2/05
Wood River Wetlands: Wedge Watkins	1	WWW 2/28/05	attached phone record with USFWS	WWW 2/28/05

Clearances/Surveys	Needed	Done/Attached
Cultural		TC 2/28/2005
Botanical	No JW 2/28/05	
T&E, BA & or Consultation	~~No~~ SH 3/7/05	
R-O-W Permits		

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