

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

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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 R.A. OR-014 **Lease/Serial/Case File No.**

Proposed Action Title/Type: Tunnel Creek Wetlands fence addition.

Location of Proposed Action: Within the Buck Lake grazing allotment, #00104. The new fence will be in T38S, R5E, Section 23, NW¼, NW¼ in an area known as the Tunnel Creek wetlands (see attached map).

Description of the Proposed Action: Construction of additional fence around the Tunnel Creek wetlands. An existing fence is being rebuilt to better withstand snow loads and treefall. The new fence will be an extension of the rebuilt fence and will provide additional protection from livestock grazing during the early spring and summer. The new fence will be approximately 1,500 feet in length.

Applicant (if any):

B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans

LUP Name: **Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (KFRA RMP/EIS) dated September 1994, and, Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS).**

Date Approved: **June 1995**

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

1. The KFRA RMP/EIS provides for 3 miles of new fence within the Buck Lake allotment.

This is shown on page H-65 of Appendix H of the KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS under **Potential Range Improvements by Allotment.**

2. The ROD/RMP/RPS states on page 62, Grazing Management, Objectives, “Provide for range land improvement projects and management practices, consistent with other objectives and land use allocations”.
3. The ROD/RMP/RPS states on page 63, Grazing Management, Management Actions/Direction, “Construct range land improvements as needed to support achievement of management objectives. Range land improvements may include, but are not limited to fence and reservoir construction, spring developments, vegetation manipulation, and prescribed burns. See Appendix H for a listing of proposed range land improvements, for each grazing allotment, predicted to be necessary at this time.”
4. The ROD/RMP/RPS states on page 42, Special Areas, Management Actions/Direction, “The following Special Botanical/Habitat Areas will be protected/maintained and/or restored:
Tunnel Creek Wetlands: 280 acres; Lodgepole pine swamp located between Keno Road and Buck Lake. Protect, maintain, and/or restore natural systems or processes. Restrict timber harvest; limit off-highway vehicle use to designated roads; control grazing by fencing; mineral leasing subject to no surface occupancy.”

N/A 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:

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:

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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):

Spencer Creek Pilot Watershed Analysis, August 1995.

Chapter 5, Management Recommendations, page 5-4, Table 32. Restoration Project Opportunities - Moderate Priority/Yellow Flag Items,

1. Fence the Tunnel Creek Meadow. Allow periodic grazing consistent with plant community objectives.

13. Fence the following areas to protect Special Status Species: Porcupine Spring/Clover Creek, Tunnel Creek, and specific segments of Spencer Creek.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

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

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The proposed action is consistent with and the same as the grazing management identified in Appendix H of the KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS under **Potential Range Improvements by Allotment**.

The proposed action is consistent with and the same as the Special Areas identified under **Special Areas, Management Actions/Direction**, page 42 of the KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS.

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?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The proposed action lies within the range of alternatives analyzed in the RMP/EIS. These are summarized in table S-1 "Comparisons of Allocations and Management by Alternative", pages 18-50 and in table S-2 "Summary of Environmental Consequences by Alternative", pages 52-53. Since this plan is relatively recent, it more than adequately reflects current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values.

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?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

A review was conducted to determine if any new information, studies, and analyses were available that would provide data that would materially differ from the data in the earlier analyses performed in the RMP, ROD, FEIS, and documents noted above. The following was found:

The existing analysis performed in the LUP sited in B. above is still considered valid at this time.

The existing analysis performed in the **Spencer Creek Pilot Watershed Analysis** sited in C. above is still considered valid at this time.

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

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The RMP was approved in 1995 and prepared under the guidance provided by BLM planning regulations issued under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and in conformance with regulations established by the Council on Environmental Quality regarding the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970 (NEPA). This guidance is currently considered appropriate.

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?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The proposed action is essentially the same action as was analyzed by the existing NEPA documents sited throughout this document. No new information has been discovered that would indicate that the previous analysis of impacts would change substantially.

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)?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The cumulative impacts of the proposed action are essentially the same as those analyzed in the NEPA documents cited throughout this document. No new impacts would result from the proposed action that have not already been analyzed.

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

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The public involvement associated with the NEPA documents referenced above is outlined on pages R-7 and R-8 of the of the KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS under Public Involvement. This effort was in conformance with NEPA and FLPMA and is still considered adequate for the proposed action.

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

 Name

 Title

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(See attached NEPA cover sheet for reviewers/participants.)

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. Document that these applicable mitigation measures must be incorporated and implemented.

None

CONCLUSION

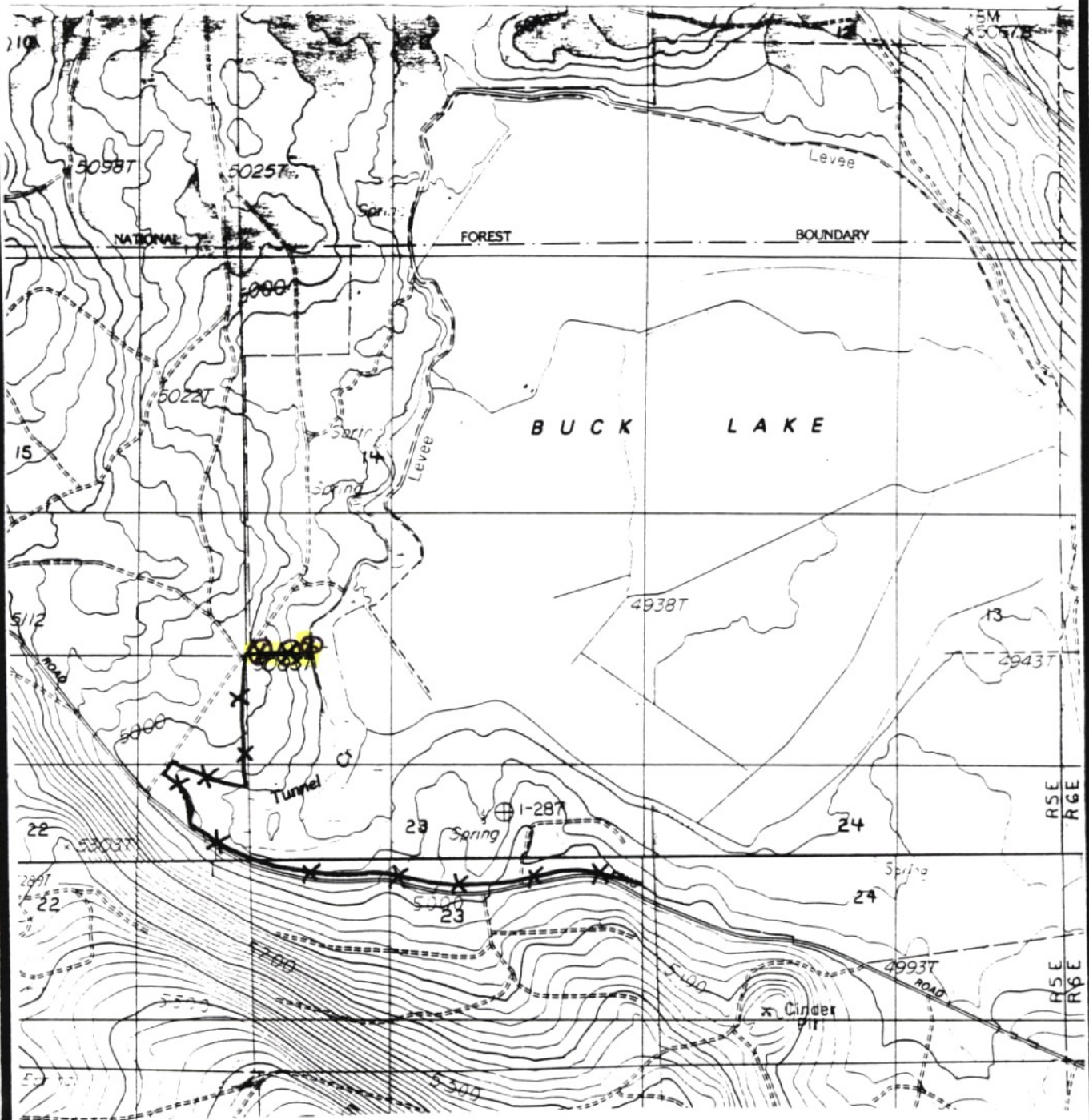
 X Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

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

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May 16, 2001
Date



Fence Location - ~~xx~~ (rebuild)

New Fence - ~~XX~~

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Tunnel Creek Fence
Project Location Map

DESIGNED others
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