

OR 55969

Circle 5 Ranch, Inc.
45850 Gerber Rd.
Bonanza, OR 97623

Categorical Exclusion No. KCER-00-13

The proposed action to issue a right-of-way grant to Circle 5 Ranch for the hauling of commercial timber harvested from private lands over the Norcross Spring road and the 3-C road to the Gerber county road is designated as a categorical exclusion in 516 DM 6 appendix 5.4 E(13). 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/ Teresa A. Raml
Teresa A. Raml
Field Manager

9/12/00
Date

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

Klamath Falls Resource Area Project File Number - OR 55969

Proposed Action Title/Type: Right-of-way for a timber haul road

Location of Proposed Action: T. 38 S. R. 14 E. Section 29 S½SW¼, SW¼SE¼, Section 30 NE¼SE¼, Section 32 N½NE¼, SE¼NE¼, E½SE¼; T. 39 S. R. 14 E. Section 4 W½NW¼, SE¼NW¼, E½SW¼, Section 9 NW¼NE¼, E½NE¼, E½SE¼, Section 10 SW¼SW¼, Section 11 S½SW¼, SW¼SE¼, Section 13, S½NW¼, Section 14 N½NE¼, Section 15, S½NW¼, SW¼NE¼, N½NE¼

Description of Proposed Action: Circle 5 Ranch proposes to haul timber harvested from private lands over the Norcross Spring road to the 3-C road. From the 3-C road, the timber would be hauled north to the Gerber county road. Maintenance of the Norcross Spring and 3-C road will be accomplished by Circle 5 Ranch.

*Applicant (if any): Circle 5 Ranch, Inc.
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PART 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.

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

Signature of Reviewers: /s/ Tom Cottingham Tom Cottingham
Realty Specialist

Remarks: _____

PART 2: NEPA REVIEW

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

Signature of Reviewers: /s/ Tom Cottingham Tom Cottingham
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)**
Date Approved: **June 1995**

This EA/EIS has been reviewed against the following criteria to determine if it covers the proposed action:

- C The proposed action is a feature of, or essentially the same as, the alternative selected and analyzed in the existing document.
- C A reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed in the existing document.
- C There has been no significant change in circumstances or significant new information germane to the proposed action.
- C The methodology/analytical approach previously used is appropriate for the proposed action.
- C The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action

	Initials	Date
SSS Animal Surveys	<u>GS</u>	<u>9/12/00</u>
Botanical Surveys	<u>LW</u>	<u>9/12/00</u>
Cultural Review	<u>MD</u>	<u>9/12/00</u>
Other Reviews		

- are not significantly different from those identified in the existing document.
- C The proposed action would not change the previous analysis of cumulative impacts.
 - C Public involvement in the previous analysis is appropriate coverage for the proposed action.

Signature of Reviewer: _____ Tom Cottingham
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 6.98 miles long and 30 feet wide, for right-of-way for a timber haul road be granted to Circle 5 Ranch, Inc. for a period of 2 months, with an option to renew, across T. 38 S. R. 14 E. Section 29 S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 32 N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; T. 39 S. R. 14 E. Section 4 W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 9 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 11 S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 13, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 14 N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 15, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$. 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 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 , 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 KCER-00-13.

/s/ Tom Cottingham Tom Cottingham
Realty Specialist Date 9/12/00

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:

Authorized Official: /s/ Teresa A. Raml Date: 9/12/00
Teresa A. Raml
Field Manager