

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

*Klamath Falls Resource Area Project File Number* - Klamath Falls R.A. (OR-O14 KCER-01-28)

*Proposed Action Title/Type:* This project is a test area for the use of a brush mower. The area was in a old burn and now is mainly covered with brush.

*Location of Proposed Action:* Stukel Mountain

*Description of Proposed Action:* Stukel Mowing The mowing of small trees, brush and natural fuels on 80 acres on the Klamath Resource Area, using a mower mounted on a small tractor (Bobcat) on rubber treads.

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 Reviewer: /s/ D.K. Hoffheins Title: Environmental Coordinator

Remarks: References to the proposed action are found on the following pages of the KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS (76 appendix H66).

Other 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.4. It has been reviewed and None of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Signature of Reviewer: /s/ D.K. Hoffheins Title: Environmental Coordinator

**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), 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 Reviewer: Not Applicable

**Surveys needed for special status plants and animals, for cultural resources, and other resources as necessary: (Circle/Underline one)**

**1) are completed( X)      2) will be completed      3) are not needed**

**Remarks:**

	Initials	Date
SSS Animal Surveys	L.F.*	9/17/01
Botanical Surveys	L.W.	9/17/01
Cultural Review	M.D.	9/17/01
Other Surveys	_____	_____

Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks: Interdisciplinary Team review of this project has been completed. The following concerns will be addressed according to Specialist direction. Work will begin only on projects areas that have been surveyed and cleared. Save all pine trees in the unit when possible.

\*verifies that Gayle Sitter's comments & review has taken place. Gayle Sitter is on a fire assignment.

**Categorical Exclusion No. KCER-01-28**

**Name Stukel Mowing**

**Description of Proposed Action:** The mowing of small trees, brush and natural fuels on 80 acres on the Klamath Resource Area.

**Location of Proposed Action:** Stukel Mountain

**Categorical Exclusion Review:** The Stukel Mountain mowing project, has been reviewed and qualifies as a categorical exclusion based on 516 DM 6 Appendix 5.4 C(4), which provides for the precommercial thinning and brush control using small mechanical devices.

The proposal has also been screened to determine if any special circumstances exist that would warrant NEPA analysis and documentation. This project does not meet the criteria for exception under 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 as summarized below:

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. Flood plains, Wetlands or Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act, 10. Violate Law.

**Specialist Review and Mitigation Measures:** A review of the proposed action was completed by resource specialists and their concerns have been incorporated into project design. Potential impacts can be further mitigated by the following measures: Stay out of the drainage on the east side of the unit.

**Determination and Decision:** I have reviewed the Proposed action in accordance with 516 DM, the above exceptions, and specialist's reviews, and determine that the proposed project is a categorical exclusion does not have any unusual circumstances or overriding resource concerns;; therefore no additional environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, with mitigation measures identified above.

/s/ Teresa A. Raml

Field Manager

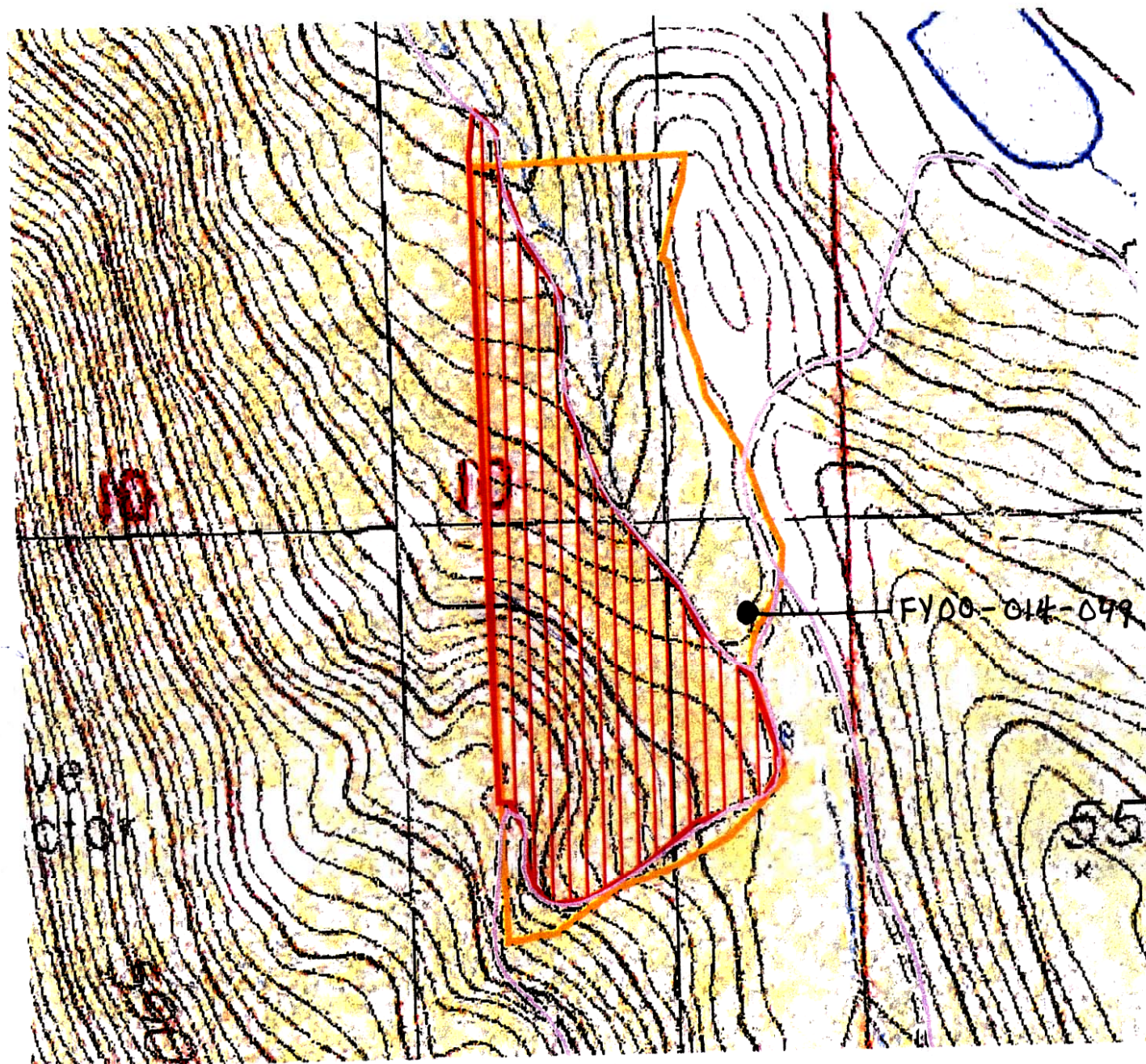
Sept. 18, 2001

Date

Possible Mowing Unit  
Stukel Mountain  
Acres 34.5



For Internal Use Only



0.3 0 0.3 0.6 Miles

Scale 1: 7,000

● Cultural site



Roads

Possible Brushing Unit

Hand Piling Unit



LOCATION