

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
for the
Stiles Spring Prescribed Burn Environmental Assessment

FONSI Determination

I have reviewed this environmental assessment, including the four alternatives and their environmental impacts. It is my determination that burning for fuels reduction is in conformance with the Klamath Falls Resource Area RMP. Further it is my determination that implementation of the Proposed Action (Alternative A) as amended by Supplement No. 1, would not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required.

This determination of no significant impact is based on this environmental assessment and the project design features, including the use of Best Management Practices for soils and water and other resources, and notification of adjacent landowners. Another consideration for my determination is that the absence of prescribed fire in these areas could result in wildfires that alter the ecosystem in ways that result in undesirable effects.

Based on the information in the environmental assessment and the information presented above, it is my determination that none of the alternatives analyzed constitutes a significant impact affecting the quality of the human environment greater than those addressed in the following documents:

- Final Klamath Falls Resource Area Management Plan and EIS (FEIS) (Sept. 1994), and its Record of Decision (June 2, 1995);
- Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (April 1994); also known as Northwest Forest Plan;
- Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth forest related species within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (Feb. 1994);
- Klamath Falls Resource Area Fire Management Programmatic EA No. OR-014-94-09 (June 10, 1994);
- Klamath Falls Resource Area Integrated Weed Control Plan EA (July 21, 1993);
- Range Reform FEIS- Klamath Falls Resource Management Plan/EIS (June 2, 1995).

In consideration of the above, I find that an Environmental Impact Statement is unnecessary and will not be prepared.



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Dec 9, 1999
Date