

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

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

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A. BLM Office: Klamath Falls R.A. OR-014 **Lease/Serial/Case File No.**

Proposed Action Title/Type: Buck Lake Pump Chance Fence.

Location of Proposed Action: Within the Buck Lake grazing allotment, #00104. The new fence will be in T38S, R5E, Section 15, SW¹/₄ (see attached map).

Description of the Proposed Action: The existing Buck Lake Pump Chance is supplied by water from a spring/wetland area that covers approximately 25 acres. This spring/wetland area and the pump chance would be fenced with approximately 2000 feet (.38 miles) of fence to exclude livestock. The fence design would be a high tensile lay-down that would be dropped in the fall to minimize snow damage and stood up in the spring prior to the livestock grazing season. A small water gap would be constructed at the pump chance to allow for access by livestock and for pumping by water trucks. The soil surface at the water gap would be protected by the addition of stones and gravel.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: **Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (KFRA RMP/EIS) dated September 1994)**

Date Approved: **June 1995 via the Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS)**

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

- ☐ 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**.
- ☐ The ROD/RMP/RPS states on page 62, **Grazing Management, Objectives**, “Provide for rangeland improvement projects and management practices, consistent with other objectives and land use allocations”.
- ☐ The ROD/RMP/RPS states on page 63, **Grazing Management, Management Actions/Direction**, “Construct rangeland improvements as needed to support achievement of management objectives. Rangeland 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 rangeland improvements, for each grazing allotment, predicted to be necessary at this time”.
- ☐ The ROD/RMP/RPS states on page 16, **Riparian Reserves, Management Actions/Direction, Fire/Fuels Management**, “Locate and manage water drafting sites (for example, sites where water is pumped to control or suppress fires) to minimize adverse effects on riparian-wetland habitat and water quality as consistent with Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives.”
- ☐ The ROD/RMP/RPS states on page 17, **Riparian Reserves, Management Actions/Direction, Grazing Management**, “For existing livestock handling facilities inside Riparian Reserves, ensure that Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives are met.” and “Limit livestock trailing, bedding, watering, loading, and other handling efforts to those areas and times that will ensure Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives are met.”

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 reports).

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current proposed action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?

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**. This provides for 3 miles of new fence within the Buck Lake allotment

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, and resource values?

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 valid in light of any new information or circumstances?

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.

Since approval of the KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS, approximately 2.5 miles of fence have been constructed within the Buck Lake allotment. The additional proposed 2000 feet of fence will bring the total for the allotment to approximately 2.9 miles.

All cultural resource surveys and botanical resource surveys of the area have been completed. No historical or archaeological sites were encountered. No special status plants species or weeds were found in the area.

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

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 analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?

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

6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

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 has not already been analyzed.

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

The public involvement associated with the NEPA documents referenced above is outlined on pages R-7 and R-8 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.

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Tim Canaday	Archaeologist
Mike Turaski	Hydrologist
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Conclusion

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

Note: If you found that one or more of these criteria is not met, you will not be able to check this box.



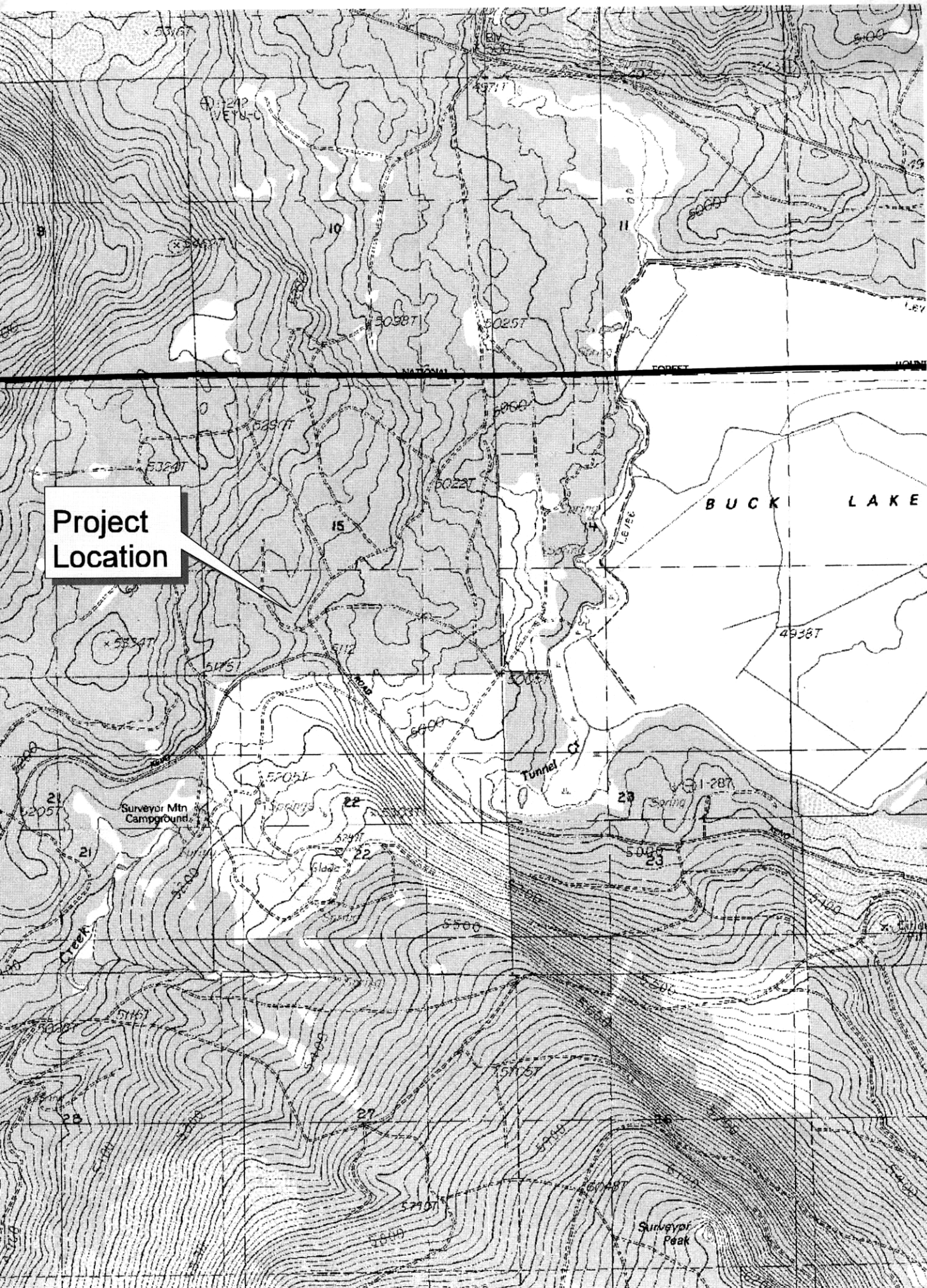
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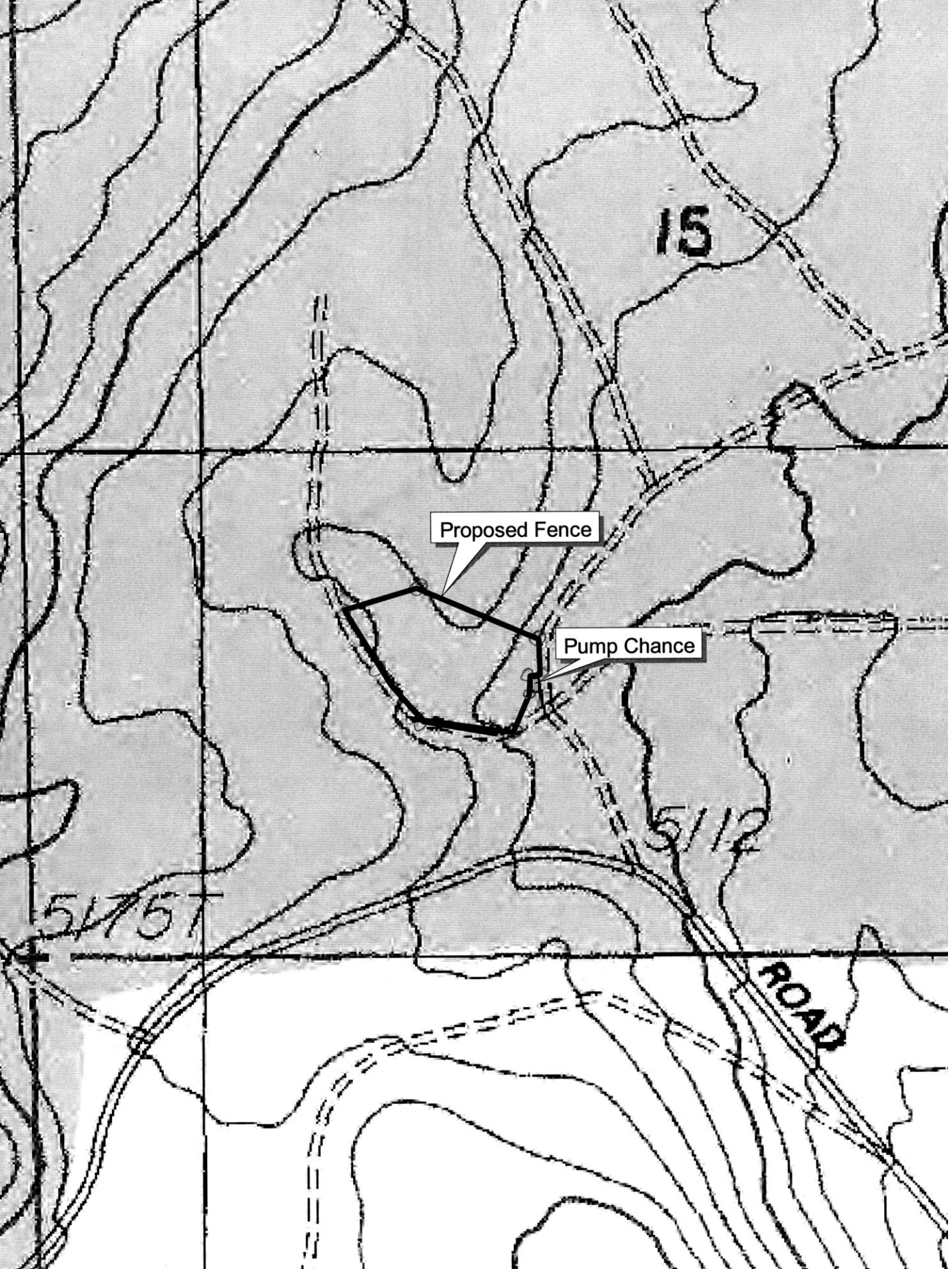


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Project
Location





Klamath Falls Resource Area Project Proposal Routing Slip for Internal Review

Project Name: Buck Lake Pump Chance Fence **Date Initiated:** 9/4/03

Resource or Staff Responsible	Review Priority	Preliminary Review Date/Initials	Comments Attached/Incorporated	Final Review Date/Initials
Manager: Jon Raby	Last		Great job!	JR 9/14/03
Branch Chief: Barbara Ditman	Second to Last		NICE JOB!!	BD 9/11/03
Branch Chief: Larry Frazier				
Branch Chief:				
Planner/EC: Don Hoffheins Kathy Lindsey	Third from Last		none author	KL 9/11/03 KL
Range: Bill Lindsey Range: Dana Eckard		DE	author	DE
Wild Horses: Tonya Pinckney				
Fire/Air Quality: Joe Foran				
Silviculture: Bill Johnson				
Timber: Mike Bechdolt				
Botany/ACEC/Sensitive Plants/Noxious Weeds: Lou Whiteaker		FW 9/10/03	Surveys done 2003. No weeds or special status plant pops in project area	9/10/03 FW
Soils:				
Cultural: Tim Canaday		TC 9/8/03	All surveys complete. No Arch sites	9/8/03 TC
Lands/Realty/Minerals/HazMat: Tom Cottingham				
Recreation/Visuals/Wilderness: Scott Senter				
Hydrology/Riparian: Mike Turaski		MRT 9/8/03	GREAT!	9/8/03
Wildlife/T&E: Steve Hayner		SH 9/8/03	none	9/8/03
Fisheries/T&E: Scott Snedaker				
W&S Rivers: Grant Weidenbach				
Engineering: Brian McCarty				
Clearances/Surveys	Needed	Done/Attached	<p>*This document will not sit on your desk for more than 8 hours</p> <p>**Some resource areas may not apply for all projects. If so, just mark "N/A" and date reviewed.</p>	
Cultural		TC 9/8/03		
Botanical		FW 9/10/03		
T&E, BA & or Consultation	No SH 09/8/03			
404 Permit				
R-O-W Permits				