

Decision Record
for the
Replacement of Rock Creek Bridge
(Applies to EA No. OR 014-01-05)

DECISION

My decision is to implement the Proposed Action Alternative, described in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Replacement of Rock Creek Bridge, May 2001 (Section 2.3). This alternative proposes replacing the existing bridge at Rock Creek with a prefabricated "conspan" bridge. This project will be implemented as described in the "Project Description" (EA section 2.3.1).

MITIGATION

Mitigation as described in the "Project Design Features of Proposed Action" (EA section 2.3.2) will be implemented in order to protect those resources affected by the Proposed Action.

DECISION RATIONALE

The proposed alternative has the best combination of features to meet project objectives of maintaining fish habitat and year-round vehicular access. Hydrologic function would be maintained or improved by replacing the existing structure with one that has a larger cross-sectional area. Sedimentation to the stream from the road will also be reduced with implementation of project design features. Sediment reduction is a step toward attainment of recovery goals outlined in the Lost River (*Deltistes luxatus*) and shortnose (*Chasmistes brevirostris*) sucker Recovery Plan. Project design features adequately protect environmental resources and minimize the risk of adverse effects that might result from implementing the project. No impacts to threatened and endangered wildlife, plant species or cultural resources are anticipated due to implementation of the Proposed Action.

One comment letter was received during the Environmental Assessment's 30-day comment period. No modification to the Proposed Action is considered warranted due to the comments received.

The No-Action alternative was not selected because the environmental consequences of maintaining the existing degrading structure does not meet transportation management objectives described the Klamath Falls Resource Area Management Plan, or lead towards attainment of fish habitat management objectives.

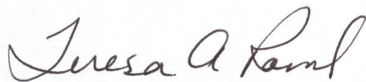
The decision is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision (June 1995).

ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

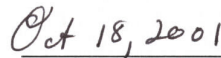
Any party adversely affected by this decision may appeal within 30 days after receipt of the decision in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR Parts 4.4. The notice of appeal must

include a statement of reasons or file a separate statement of reasons within 30 days of filing the notice of appeal. The notice of appeal must state if a stay of the decision is being requested and must be filed with the Field Manager, Klamath Falls Resources Area, Bureau of Land Management, 2795 Anderson Ave., Building 25, Klamath Falls, OR 97603. A copy of the notice of appeal, statement of reasons, and other documents should be sent to the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, Lloyd 500 Building, Suite 607, 500 N.E. Multnomah Street, Portland, OR 97232. If the statement of reasons is filed separately it must be sent to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203. It is suggested that any notice of appeal be sent certified mail, return receipt requested.

Before deciding to file a protest, I encourage you to contact me to determine if your concerns might be met in some way other than via a protest, or to assist you in the protest process if it is appropriate. Thank you for your continued interest in the multiple use management of your public lands. This notice constitutes the decision notification for purpose of protests under 43 CFR subpart 5003 – Administrative Remedies.



Teresa A. Raml
Field Manager



Date