

DECISION RECORD

Gerber Watershed Road Sediment Reduction EA OR 014-03-02

DECISION

Based on site-specific analysis, the supporting project record, and management direction contained in the Klamath Falls Resource Area RMP/EIS, I have decided to implement the Gerber Watershed Road Sediment Reduction project as described in the proposed action, Alternative 1.

Description of the selected alternative:

The objective of the project is to reduce sediment loading to streams, thereby improving water quality and shortnose sucker spawning habitat in perennial and intermittent streams around Gerber Reservoir. A total of slightly more than one mile of road (at five stream crossing sites) would be affected by the project. At each site, drainage and surfacing on approach roads that deliver water and sediment to stream channels would be modified to address water quality concerns. In addition, approximately 200 feet of road would be obliterated at one site.

DECISION RATIONALE

The selected alternative addresses the identified purpose and need for action in that it would reduce sediment delivery from roads to streams. The selected alternative is consistent with applicable land use plans, policies, and programs (see page 1 of the EA). Through the interdisciplinary team process, it was determined that the selected alternative will best meet the objectives of the project.

The “no action” alternative was not selected because it does not address the purpose and need for action to reduce the impacts of roads on water quality and aquatic habitat. The no action alternative would have resulted in continued degradation of water quality in important fish-bearing streams.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

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.


Field Manager

Date June 4, 2003