

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

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Note: This worksheet is to be completed consistent with the policies stated in the Instruction Memorandum entitled **Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy** transmitting this worksheet and the **Guidelines for Using the DNA Worksheet** located at the end of the worksheet. *(Note: The signed CONCLUSION at the end of this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal analysis process and does not constitute an appealable decision.)*

BLM Office: Klamath Falls Resource Area, Lakeview District

Lease/Serial/Case File No. OR-014 DNA-02-05

Proposed Action Title/Type: Chicken Hills Guzzler

Location of Proposed Action: T40S R7E Sec 29, NW, NW

A. Description of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is to construct a water source for wildlife and livestock, as well as a water source for initial attack in the event of a wildfire. This area has virtually no year-round water sources. The establishment of a water source would be beneficial to wildlife, livestock, and during fire suppression activities in the event of a wildfire.

Three fiberglass tanks (1500, 700, 820 gallons) will be plumbed together to provide water storage. Water will be collected using a water catchment. The catchment consists of a large mat approximately (100+ x 20 ft) that will lay up slope and drain into the tanks. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) will provide the initial filling of the tanks. After the initial filling, the tanks should supply year-round water with the use of the catchment system to collect rainwater and snow melt water. ODF would refill the tanks in the event that the water was needed for a wildfire. The tanks will have a trough that will provide water for wildlife, livestock, and an access in which a fire engine could remove the water in the event of an emergency.

The tanks will be moved to the location with a flatbed truck and moved from the road with a backhoe tractor. The tractor will level the soil for the placement of tanks. The tanks will be positioned primarily above ground. The catchment area will also need to be cleared. Currently this area is covered with a variety of brush species.

B. Conformance with one or more of the following Land Use Plans (LUPs) and/or Related Subordinate Implementation Plans:

Name/Date of Plans:

Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement
(KFRA/RMP/EIS) Date Approved: September, 1994

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

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

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

Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement
(KFRA/RMP/EIS) Date Approved: September, 1994

C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

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

Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement
(KFRA/RMP/EIS) Date Approved: September, 1994

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

YES, The proposed installation of a water source for wildlife, livestock, and wildfire suppression is consistent with the actions analyzed in the Klamath Falls Resource Management Plan. The location of the proposed water source is within the Chase Mountain Grazing Allotment. Within the RMP/ROD/RPS Appendix H we have identified the need to create 3 additional water sources within this allotment. This is covered in Appendix H, page H-64 and H-68.

The need to provide additional water sources is also described on page 32 of the RMP/ROD/RPS under the Wildlife Habitat Section - Habitat Enhancement Opportunities. In the Best Management Practices, Water Development and Use Section, D-42 of the RMP/ROD/RPS, the objectives are to supply water for various resource programs while protecting water quality and riparian vegetation. Under practices # 3 describes the need to design and construct long-term water sources and # 8 use the standards and guidelines for water developments as outlined in BLM Handbook 1741-2, Water Developments. The proposed water development is consistent with those described in the BLM Handbook, Water Developments.

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, resource values, and circumstances?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

YES, The range of alternatives is appropriate with respect to the development of a year-round water source in the Chicken Hills area. The project was proposed and funded by three agencies and two private organizations. The Mule Deer Foundation, Safari Club, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Forestry, and the wildlife, range, and fire departments of the KFRA-BLM developed the proposed action. The KFRA RMP/ROD/RPS and the RMP/EIS were signed in 1994 and 1995 respectively and are still felt appropriate with the current concerns, interests, resource values and circumstances.

3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (including, for example, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; Unified Watershed Assessment categorizations; inventory and monitoring data; most recent Fish and Wildlife Service lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes, There is no new information that would change the analysis and the need to provide a water source in the Chicken Hills area. Providing Additional water sources as indicated in the Wildlife Habitat section under AHabitat Enhancement Opportunities@, pp32 and the Grazing Management section under ATypes of Improvements@, pp H-64 is still valid with respect to recent information. I can reasonably conclude that all new information and circumstances are insignificant with regard to the development of a water source in the Chicken Hills area.

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

Documentation of answer and explanation:

YES, the objective of the proposed action is to provide a water source in an area that is lacking water availability year-round. The RMP/ROD/RPS under the Grazing Management Section H-64 recommends the need for three new water developments within the Chase Mountain Allotment.

This methodology has been conducted in past water development practices and is consistent with the BLM Handbook 1741-2, Water Developments.

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

Documentation of answer and explanation:

YES. The direct and indirect impacts are virtually unchanged from the KFRA/ROD/RMP/RPS and KFRA/RMP/EIS. Both direct and indirect impacts to all resources from the proposed water source development are still considered to be negligible. No, the KFRA/ROD/RMP/RPS does not specifically address the location of the proposed Chicken Hills water source development. But the impacts from the proposed project are not thought to be detrimental to any resources at this location and beneficial to wildlife species, livestock, and beneficial to have this water source available in the event of a wildfire. Appropriate clearances for cultural resources and special status plant and animal species have been completed.

6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes, no further analysis is necessary to conclude that the development of a water source in the Chicken Hills area is similar to those analyzed in the KFRA/ROD/RMP/RPS, Grazing Management, Appendix H pp64, Wildlife Habitat pp32, Best Management Practices, Water Development D-42 and Livestock Grazing D-35. The cumulative impacts from the proposed water development would be substantially unchanged from the above NEPA document.

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

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes, the current NEPA documents were signed in 1994 and 1995 and the current information, environmental concerns, and resource values since that time have not changed substantially. The proposed project was developed by several public agencies along with private organizations and is consistent with the current NEPA documents.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource Represented</u>
Steve Hayner	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife
Bill Lindsey	Range Specialist	Range
Mike Turaski	Hydrologist	Hydrology
Lou Whitaker	Botanist	Noxious weeds and Sensitive plants
Molly Jullierat	Biological Technician	Survey and Manage
Tim Canaday	Archeologist	Archeology
Joe Foran	Fuels Specialist	Fuels

F. Mitigation Measures: List any applicable mitigation measures that were identified, analyzed, and approved in relevant LUPs and existing NEPA document(s). List the specific mitigation measures or identify an attachment that includes those specific mitigation measures. Document that these applicable mitigation measures must be incorporated and implemented.

Mitigating Measures located in the KFRA/ROD/RMP/RPS Appendix D, Best Management Practices:

- Use Standard and Guidelines for Water Developments as outlined in the BLM Manual Handbook 1741-2, Water Developments (Water Source Development and Use, D-42)
- Construct Water Sources during the dry season (May 15th – October 15th), (Water Source Development and Use, D-42)
- Locate livestock water developments away from riparian and wetland areas (Livestock Grazing, #3, D-35)
- To minimize the potential for a noxious weed infestation, wash machinery prior to bringing equipment to the Chicken Hills water development location

CONCLUSION

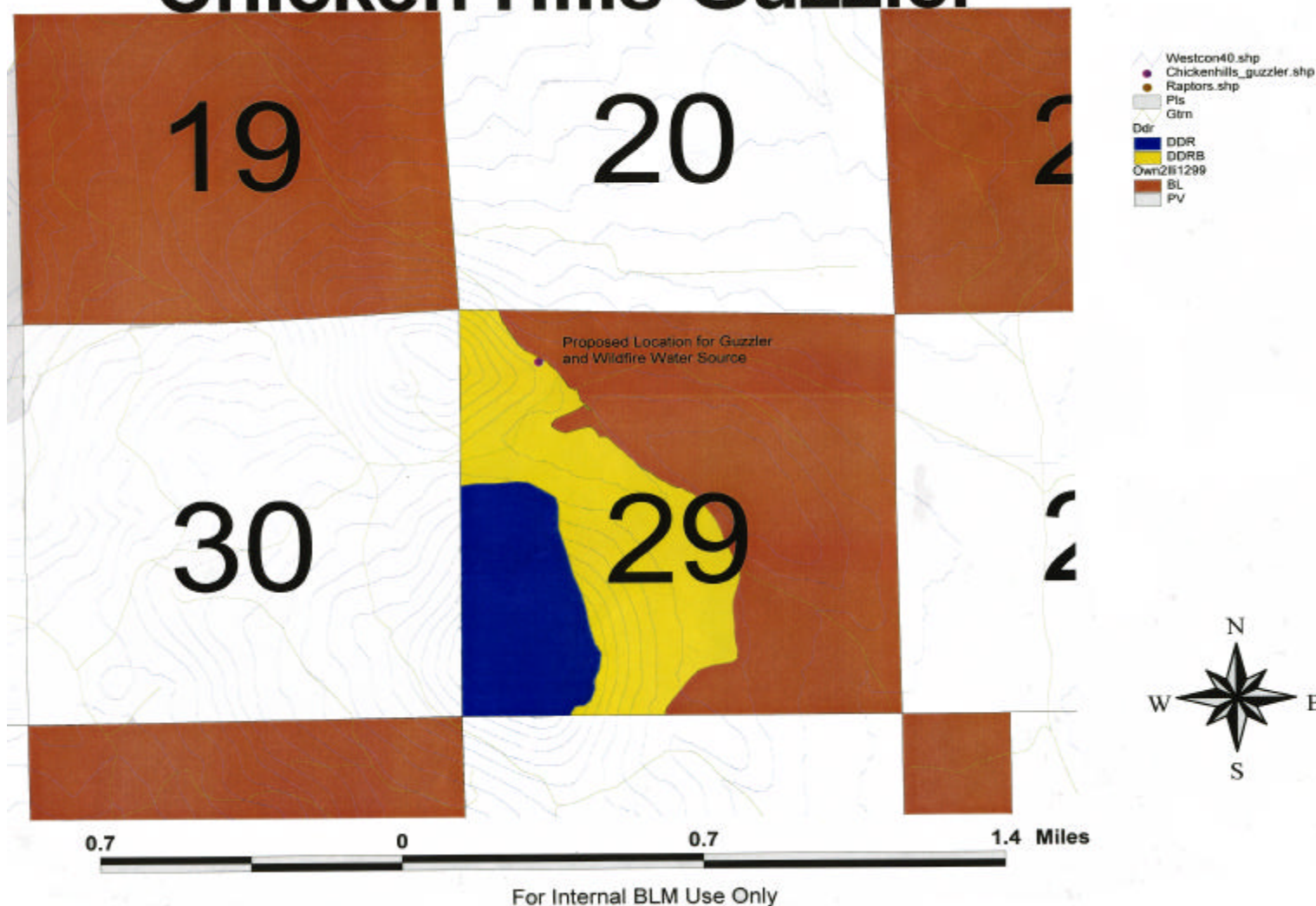
☒Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked.

DK Stephens Acting Field Manager
Signature of the Responsible Official

August 12, 2002
Date

Chicken Hills Guzzler



Klamath Falls Resource Area NEPA Document Routing Slip for Internal Review

Project Name: **Chicken Hills Guzzler**

Date Initiated: 07/05/02

Resource or Staff Responsible	Review Priority	Preliminary Review Date/Initials	Comments Attached/Incorporated	Final Review Date/Initials
Manager: Teri Raml	Last	DKH 8/12/02		DKH 8/12/02
Branch Chief: Barbara Ditman	Second to Last		GOOD PROSECT!	BWL 7/29
Branch Chief: Larry Frazier	Second to Last			SS 7/29
Branch Chief: Mel Crockett	Second to Last			
Planner/EC: Don Hoffheins, Kathy Lindsey	Third from Last	KL 7/26/02	minor editorial Nicely done, Steve!	KL 7/26/02
Range: Bill Lindsey Dana Eckard			NONE	PL 7/10/02
Wild Horses: Tonya Pinckney				
Fire/Air Quality: Joe Foran				JW 7/25/02
Silviculture: Bill Johnson, Gabi Sommerauer				
Timber: Mike Bechdolt		MJB 7/8/02		MJB 7/8/02
Botany/ACEC/Noxious Weeds: Lou Whiteaker		FW 7/12/02	surveys done in 1998. No special status or noxious weed pops found	FW 7/12/02
Soils: Jannice & Mike Cutler		JMC 7/9/02		JMC 7/9/02
Cultural: Tim Canaday		TC 7/10	cultural surveys completed in 1998	TC 7/10
Minerals/HazMat: Tom Cottingham				
Lands/Realty: Linda Younger				
Recreation/Visuals/Wilderness: Scott Senter		VSS 7/16/02		VSS 7/16/02
Hydrology/Riparian: Mike Turaski, Andy Hamilton		AT 7/5	looking good & here	AT 7/5
Wildlife/T&E: Gayle Sitter		SLS 7/5		SLS 7/5
Fisheries/T&E: Scott Snedaker				SS 7/16
W/S Rivers: Grant Weidenbach				
Engineering: Brian McCarty				
Survey/Manage: Molly Juillerat		MJS 7/5	Gave Steve a map of S&M sites in section	MJS 7/5
Clearances/Surveys	Needed	Done/Attached	<p>*This document will not sit on your desk for more than 8 hours. Please check on calendar to make sure that the next person will be available to review the document.</p> <p>**Some resource areas may not apply for all projects. If so, just mark "N/A" in "Review Priority" column.</p>	
Cultural	Surveyed in 1998	TC 7/10/02		
Botanical		FW 7/12/02		
T&E, BA & or Consultation	NONE - no effect			
R-O-W Permits				

none done in 2000