DNA# 05-18

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

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A. Describe the Proposed Action

The proposed action is the transfer of a Section 15 grazing lease for the 960 acre Stukel-Hill allotment, #00828 in accordance with 43 CFR 4100.0-8, 4110.1, 4130.2, and 4130.3. The allotment is located on the south side of Stukel Mountain, in southern Klamath County (see attached map). The dependent base property has recently been purchased by Drew Hill. The BLM grazing lease will be transferred to Hill in accordance with 43 CFR 4110.2-3.

The new grazing lease will have the parameters that were approved through the Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS), 60 AUMs of use from 5/01- 7/01. The term of the BLM lease is 5/01/2005 to 4/30/2015, ten years as required by 43 CFR 4130.2(d) of the current grazing regulations.

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 ROD/RMP/RPS lists the grazing parameters for the allotment on page H-28 of Appendix H. The listed parameters show an AUM figure and season-of-use for the allotment that is the same as the proposed action.

The ROD/RMP/RPS states on page 62, Grazing Management, Objectives, “Provide for livestock grazing in an environmentally sensitive manner, consistent with other objectives and land use allocations. Resolve resource conflicts and concerns and insure that livestock grazing use is consistent with the objectives and direction found in Appendix H (Grazing Management)”.

The ROD/RMP/RPS states on page 62, Grazing Management, Land Use Allocations,

"Provide for initial levels of livestock grazing within the parameters outlined, by allotment, in Appendix H".

C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (KFRA RMP/EIS dated September 1994) approved via the **June 1995 Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS)**

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 the RMP/EIS Preferred Alternative. Environmental impacts of grazing, for all allotments, is found in Chapter 4 – "Environmental Consequences" (4-1 through 4-143) of the RMP/EIS.

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 DEIS documents noted above. The following was found:

- No rangeland monitoring studies have been performed on this allotment as it is a low priority C category allotment and there have been no indications that the allotment has any resource related problems that need monitoring.

- In accordance with 43 CFR 4180, the Klamath Falls Resource Area is in the

process of implementing the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management. A Rangeland Health Standards Assessment was completed for the Stukel-Hill allotment in 2002. This assessment determined that the allotment is meeting the 5 Standards for Rangeland Health.

The existing analysis performed in the LUP sited in B. above is still considered valid at this time, including the described/analyzed livestock grazing impacts.

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. In addition, the rangeland inventory and monitoring methods used at the time of the RMP development are still currently approved as being appropriate for the analysis of the proposed action.

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 sited throughout this document. The direct and indirect impacts of livestock grazing on this allotment were analyzed in most of the major sections of Chapter 4 – Environmental Consequences in the RMP/EIS. 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 sited throughout this document. No new impacts would result from the proposed action that have 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.

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

Klamath Falls Resource Area, Oregon

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Liz Berger	Hydrologist
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Conclusion

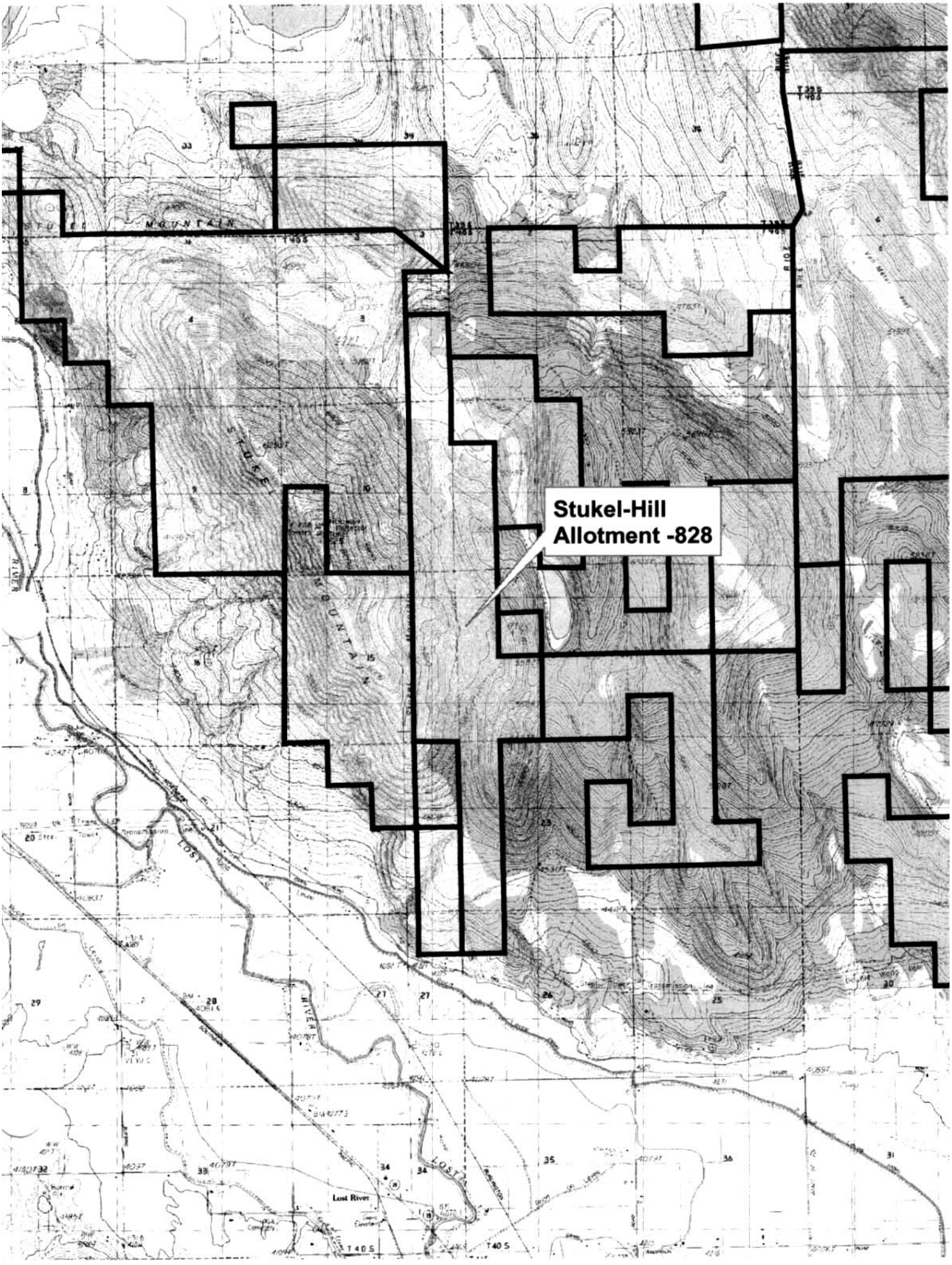
☒ Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA

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

Manager

5/5/05
Date

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision.


Stukel-Hill
Allotment -828
STUKEL MOUNTAIN
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MOUNTAIN
LOST
RIVER
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Klamath Falls Resource Area Project Proposal Routing Slip for Internal Review

Project Name: Stukel-Hill allotment transfer **Date Initiated:** 4/21/05

Resource or Staff Responsible	Review Priority	Preliminary Review Date/Initials	Comments Attached/Incorporated	Final Review Date/Initials
Manager: Jon Raby	Last			5/5/05
Branch Chief: Acting	Second to Last			4/29/05
Branch Chief: Larry Brooks				
Planner/EC: Don Hoffheins Kathy Lindsey	Third from Last	KL 4/27/05	none	KL 4/27/05
Range: Bill Lindsey **Range:** Dana Eckard	author			
Wild Horses: Tonya Pinckney				
Fire/Air Quality: Joe Foran				
Silviculture: Bill Johnson				
Timber: Mike Bechdolt				
Botany/ACEC/Sensitive Plants/Noxious Weeds: Lou Whiteaker		JW 4/27/05	none.	JW 4/27/05
Soils: Molly Juillerat				
ıltural: Tim Canaday		TC 4/21/2005		TC 4/21/2005
ands/Realty/Minerals/HazM at: Linda Younger				
Recreation/Visuals/Wilderness : Scott Senter				
Hydrology/Riparian: Liz Berger		GD 4/26/05		GD 4/26/05
Wildlife/T&E: Steve Hayner		SAH 4/26/05		SAH 4/26/05
Fisheries/T&E:				
W&S Rivers: Grant Weidenbach				
Engineering: Brian McCarty				

Clearances/Surveys	Needed	Done/Attached
Cultural		
Botanical		JW 4/27/05
T&E, BA & or Consultation	WJ SA 4/26/05	
404 Permit		
O-W Permits		

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→ Any improvements associated with this grazing lease that result in ground disturbance (water hole, stock tank, fences, etc.) will need cultural resource clearance prior to implementation.