Decision:

It is my decision to sell 120.12 acres of public land identified as T. 38 S., R. 10 E. W. M. Section 6 Lot 7; Section 7 NE¼NE¼, NE¼NW¼ under direct sale procedures. The sale will include the mineral estate except for the oil, gas and geothermal resources which will be retained by the United States. Should Meadow Lake Inc. not purchase the property, the property shall remain available for sale over the counter and will be sold to the first person who offers to pay the appraised fair market value.

Rationale

There are no significant impacts identified in the environmental assessment that would result from the sale of the public lands. The proposed sale is in conformance with the Klamath Falls Resource Management Plan approved June 2, 1995. The mineral interests being offered for conveyance have no known mineral values. Sale of these public lands is needed to meet BLM's commitment to sell public lands to offset impacts to Klamath County incurred from BLM's acquisition of the Wood River Ranch. The Meadow Lake Corporation is the grazing lessee, the adjoining land owner, and the sale proponent.

Finding of No Significant Impact: I have reviewed environmental assessment OR-014-01-04, including the explanation and resolution of any significant impacts, and have determined that the proposed action will not have any significant impact on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. In my review, I also determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan.

Mitigation Measures/Remarks: None

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3/23/01
Date