

Prineville District
**Land Use Plan Conformance and
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**
Review and Approval

Proposed Action Title: Dayville Allotment, #4038, Grazing Lease

DNA Number: OR-054-06-112

Location of the Proposed Action: Dayville Allotment is located 2 air miles south of Dayville, Oregon.

Purpose of the Proposed Action: Reissue the grazing lease for the Dayville Allotment which expired in FY07 and which has been applied for by the current lessee.

Need for the Proposed Action: BLM regulations require that livestock owners operating on public lands possess a valid grazing permit or lease. 43CFR 4130.2 (a) states: "Grazing permits or leases shall be issued to qualified applicants to authorize use on the public lands and other lands under the administration of the Bureau of Land Management that are designated as available for livestock grazing through land use plans." Further, 43CFR 4130.2 (e) requires that "Permittees or lessees holding expiring grazing permits or leases shall have priority for new permits or leases if: (1) The lands for which the permit or lease is issued remain available for domestic livestock grazing; (2) The permittee or lessee is in compliance with the rules and regulations and the terms and conditions in the permit or lease; (3) The permittee or lessee accepts the terms and conditions to be included by the authorized officer in the new permit or lease.

Description of the Proposed Action: Renew the grazing lease for the grazing lessee in the above listed allotment for a term of ten years. Except for the term shown on the permit, all terms and conditions on the permit will remain the same; including allocated AUM's and season of use.

Plan Conformance:

The above project has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM plans:

John Day Resource Management Plan (RMP) & Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and Record of Decision, August 1985.

The proposed decision is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions: See explanations under the NEPA Adequacy Criteria, items 1-7.

These documents are available for review at the Prineville District BLM office.

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?*

Livestock grazing in the Dayville Allotment is specifically addressed in the RMP/EIS/ ROD referenced above. The Dayville Allotment is addressed on page 29 of the RMP/EIS/ROD referenced above. The grazing preference authorized in the 1,640 acre allotment is 141 AUM's. No portion of the allotment was proposed for livestock exclusion. The grazing season authorized is from June 1 to July 13.

2. *Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?*

Alternatives in the planning document (page 7 to page 10 of the Record of Decision) ranged from emphasize commodity production to no action. Dayville Allotment is classified as a "C" (Custodial) allotment. The grazing preference will be 141 AUM's for the Dayville Allotment and appears appropriate given the current issues.

3. *Is the existing analysis valid in the light of any new information or circumstances?*

New information which would enter into the analysis includes the Standards for Rangeland Health & Guidelines for Grazing Management (43 CFR 4180) available for review at the Prineville District BLM. The BLM is required to assess all public land grazing allotments for compliance with the Standards & Guidelines. The allotment assessment for this allotment is scheduled to be completed by 2008. Until the completion of the evaluation for this allotment, the new term lease will contain stipulations that will provide for modifications of the grazing of the public lands, if needed, on completion of the evaluation.

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

The John Day RMP/EIS addressed impacts of continued grazing and provided objectives and recommendations to facilitate maintenance of existing ecological condition trends (pages 14-18 and 29-35 of ROD). The approach is still considered vital.

5. *Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the Draft John Day RMP/EIS)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?*

Impacts resulting from grazing are essentially unchanged from those analyzed in the Draft John Day RMP/EIS. The Draft John Day RMP/EIS(pages 62-65, 72-73) stated grazing management will beneficially impact soils and water resources, plant diversity, riparian vegetation, wildlife upland habitat, and fish habitat. Under the preferred alternative grazing will have no significant effect on vegetation types and improve ecological condition. Under the preferred alternative there will be a low impact to cultural resources by grazing.

6. *Are the cumulative impacts that would result from the implementation of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?*

The RMP does not specifically address cumulative impacts of grazing but does address long term impacts of the action with the assumption that the grazing activity would continue (impact analysis is on page 63 of Draft RMP/EIS). AUM's throughout the John Day areas will change from 25,323 to 25,734 over time. Recommendations and objectives in the document reflect the impacts and expected improvements that will continue with the ongoing grazing. The proposed action is substantially unchanged from those analyzed impacts.

7. *Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s)?*

Many of the individuals/organizations on our current "interested publics" list are the same as those on the mailing list for the RMP/EIS referenced above. A copy of this DNA worksheet will be mailed to a representative of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and to other individuals and organizations that have expressed an interest in this or similar actions.

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Interdisciplinary Analysis:

The following Prineville District BLM employees reviewed this analysis for accuracy in their area of expertise.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Resource Represented</u>	<u>Intials/Date</u>
Don Zalunardo	Wildlife, Special Status Animals	(*) DRZ 6/14/07
Heidi Mottl	Recreation, Wilderness	Hm 3/25/07
John Morris	Fisheries	DT 12/18/07
John Zancanella	Cultural Resources	JP 3/26/07
Ron Halvorson	Botany, Special Status Plants	Plus 3/29/07
Kenneth Primrose	Range, Livestock Grazing	PT 5/2/07
Larry Thomas	Soils, Hazardous Materials	LT 5/4/2007
Dan Tippy	NEPA Coordinator	DT 5/2/07
Bill Pieratt	Noxious Weeds	DT 12/18/07

(*) One species of Federally listed, Federal Candidate or Bureau Sensitive wildlife was found when a search of the district sightings list was done. List is attached. DRZ.

Mitigation Measures:

Continue rangeland monitoring and conduct rangeland health assessments to determine the current condition and health of rangeland resources and the need, if necessary, to change grazing management on the allotment.

Recommendations:

I recommend that the grazing lease for the Dayville Allotment be renewed.

Prepared By: Nick Titmeyer Date 12-18-2007
Title: Rangeland Management Specialist

Plan Conformance/DNA Determination

The proposed action and any specified mitigation measures (s) were determined to meet the criteria for a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA). No additional environmental analysis is required. All cultural, T & E plant, and T & E wildlife specialists have provided clearance for the proposed project.

Reviewed By: Danny L. Dwyer Date 1/22/08
Environmental Coordinator

Approval:

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

Approved By: Christina M. Welch Date 2/8/08
Christina M. Welch Acting
Central Oregon Resource Area Field Manager

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.

Attachment
Dayville Allotment, #4038, Map

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Date	ID	Species	T	R	S	1/4	1/16	Acc	Observer	M	F	U	A	Y	Un	T	Notes	Nearest Landmark
6/11/1980	969	AMERICAN KESTREL	13S	26E	7	SW	SE	TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
6/11/1980	970	AMERICAN ROBIN	13S	26E	7	SW	SE	TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
8/13/1989	3025	AMERICAN ROBIN	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
3/5/1992	3212	BALD EAGLE	13S	26E	1	n/a	n/a	TR640	Zancanella	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	SOUTH FORK JOHN DAY RIVER	
11/24/199	3426	BALD EAGLE	13S	26E	2	NE	n/a	TR160	Nutting	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	SMOKY CREEK RANCH	
1/11/2022	2324	BALD EAGLE	13S	26E	4	NW	n/a	TR160	Ron Halvorson	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	NEAR CONFLUENCE OF TUNNEL CREEK	
8/11/1992	3282	BIGHORN SHEEP	13S	26E	3	NE	NE	TR40	O'Leary	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
8/13/1989	3026	BLACK-THROATED GREEN WAR	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
8/13/1989	3027	CALIFORNIA QUAIL	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
7/7/1991	3143	CALIFORNIA QUAIL	13S	26E	1	SE	NE	TR40	Crateau	0	0	0	0	2	2	2		
8/13/1989	3028	CHIPPING SPARROW	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/11/1980	971	COYOTE	13S	26E	7	SW	SE	TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
8/13/1989	3029	COYOTE	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/11/1980	972	DARK-EYED JUNCO	13S	26E	7	SW	SE	TR40	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	RIPARIAN HABITAT INVENTORY	
6/11/1980	973	GOLDEN-MANTLED GROUND SQ	13S	26E	7	SW	SE	TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
8/13/1989	3030	MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
7/29/2000	341	MOUNTAIN QUAIL	13S	26E	6	n/a	n/a	MAN1	JoAnn Amson	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	Total unknown	Cottonwood Creek
7/29/2000	342	MOUNTAIN QUAIL	13S	26E	6	n/a	n/a	MAN1	JoAnne Amson	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	Total Unknown	Cottonwood Creek
9/29/2000	1802	MOUNTAIN QUAIL	13S	26E	6	SW	SW	TR40	Amson	0	0	0	0	8	8	8	RIPARIAN	
9/29/2000	1803	MOUNTAIN QUAIL	13S	26E	6	NE	NE	TR40	Amson	0	0	0	0	7	7	7	RIPARIAN	
6/11/1980	974	MULE DEER	13S	26E	7	SW	SE	TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
8/13/1989	3031	NORTHERN POCKET GOPHER	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
8/3/1992	3375	NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SW	13S	26E	1	SE	n/a	TR160	Rick Demmer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	ROBIN	
8/13/1989	3032	NUTTALL'S COTTONTAIL	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
8/13/1989	3033	RACCOON	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/11/1980	975	RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	13S	26E	7	SW	SE	TR40	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	RIPARIAN HABITAT INVENTORY	
8/13/1989	3034	RED-TAILED HAWK	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
8/3/1992	3379	RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	13S	26E	1	SE	n/a	TR160	Rick Demmer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	ROBIN	
8/13/1989	3035	SONG SPARROW	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
7/5/1991	3142	STRIPED SKUNK	13S	26E	1	SE	SE	TR40	Crateau	0	1	0	3	0	4	4		
8/13/1989	3036	TURKEY VULTURE	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
8/13/1989	3037	WESTERN FENCE LIZARD	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
8/13/1989	3038	WESTERN MEADOWLARK	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
8/13/1989	3039	WESTERN RATTLESNAKE	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
7/7/1991	3145	WESTERN RATTLESNAKE	13S	26E	2	NW	SE	TR40	Crateau	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		
8/13/1989	3040	WESTERN SKINK	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/11/1980	976	WESTERN TANAGER	13S	26E	7	SW	SE	TR40	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	RIPARIAN HABITAT INVENTORY	
7/2/1991	3139	WHITE-TAILED DEER	13S	26E	3	NE	SW	TR40	Crateau	0	1	0	0	0	1	1		
8/13/1989	3041	YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	13S	26E	3	n/a	n/a	TR640	unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		