

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE

DECISION RECORD
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Proposed Action: Vehicle Barrier Replacement

This proposed action is to replace the existing vehicle barriers in both the Clay and Whittaker Creek Recreation Sites with new ones meeting safety standards. The project would occur while the campground is closed to the public sometime during October 1, 2005 through February 28, 2006. Many of the current barriers are showing age and are deteriorating. Others are not meeting the current height requirements or correct placement. They were identified by the District Safety Officer as needing to be replaced.

Decision:

It is my decision to approve the Proposed Action to replace the current vehicle barriers with new ones meeting current standards in Clay and Whittaker Creek Recreation Sites.

Rationale:

The proposed action meets the criteria for the categorical exclusion in 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, Categorical Exclusions (1.7), which states, "Routine and continuing government business, including such things as ...maintenance and replacement activities having limited context and intensity, e.g., limited size and magnitude or short term effects". None of the "extraordinary circumstances" in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

The action is in conformance with the "Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl" (April 1994), and the "Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan" (June 1995) as amended.

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 RECREATION PLANNER

Date: 10/4/05

Reviewed By: /s/ Gary Hoppe
 ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR

Date: 10/04/05

Approved By: /s/ Steven Calish
 FIELD MANAGER

Date: 10/11/05

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 Extraordinary Circumstances Checklist

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Review the proposed action against each of the 12 "extraordinary circumstances" listed below. Any action that is normally categorically excluded must be subjected to sufficient environmental review to determine whether it meets any of the extraordinary circumstances, in which case, further analysis and environmental documents must be prepared for the action. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

	<u>Extraordinary Circumstances</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	
2.	Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA, Sec. 102(2)(E)]	
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	
6.	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	
7.	Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	Cultural – Mike Southard 10/11/05
8.	Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	Fish – Leo Poole 10/3/05 Botany – Douglas Goldenberg 10/3/05 Wildlife – Carla Alford 10/4/05
9.	Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	
10.	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898).	
11.	Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007).	Cultural – Mike Southard 10/11/05
12.	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112).	Botany – Douglas Goldenberg 10/3/05
Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE: none		