

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

Proposed Action Title: Clinton Harris Allotment, #2551, Grazing Lease Renewal

DNA Number: OR-054-06-119

Project or Serial Number: N/A

Location of the Proposed Action: Clinton Harris Allotment is located thirteen and one-half air miles southeast of Mitchell, Oregon

Purpose of and Need for Action: The grazing permit for this allotment expired in FY07. The purpose of and need for this action is to authorize grazing use for another 10-year period.

Description of the Proposed Action: Renew a grazing permit for the permittee in the above listed allotments 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:

Two Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMP) & Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and Record of Decision June 1986.

This document is available for review at the Prineville District BLM office.

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, pages 1, 2, and 3.

NEPA Adequacy Criteria

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

Livestock grazing in the Clinton Harris Allotment is addressed on page 47 of the RMP/EIS/ ROD referenced above. Grazing use in the 1,648 acre allotment is to be continued with a grazing preference of 98 AUM's. No portion of the allotment is proposed for livestock exclusion. The grazing season authorized is from March 1 to January 26.

There are several pastures in the allotment but there are only two pastures with the Bureau of Land Management lands in them. The livestock are rotated between the pastures. The Bureau of Land Management pastures are rested or grazed from June 1 to August 30 and each pasture is grazed for four to six weeks.

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 1 to page 5 of the Draft EIS) ranged from emphasizing commodity production and enhancement of economic benefits to emphasizing natural values.

3. *Is the existing analysis valid and are the conclusions adequate in light of new information or circumstances (including, for example, riparian functioning condition (PFC) reports; rangeland health standards assessments, Unified Water 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 the analysis of the proposed action?*

The Bureau of Land Management is required to assess all public land grazing allotments for compliance with the Standards for Rangeland Health & Guidelines for Grazing Management (43 CFR 4180). 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 Two Rivers RMP/EIS addressed impacts of continued grazing and provided objectives and recommendations to facilitate maintenance of existing ecological condition trends (pages 14-16 and 42-54 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 Two Rivers 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 Two Rivers RMP/EIS. The Draft Two Rivers RMP/EIS(pages

58-72) 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. *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 documentation?*

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 will continue (impact analysis is on page 60 of Draft RMP/EIS). AUM's throughout the Two Rivers areas will change from 17,778 to 24,217 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) adequate for the proposed action?*

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.

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>Initials/Date</u>
Don Zalunardo	Wildlife, Special Status Animals	* DRZ 6/14/07
Heidi Mottl	Recreation, Wilderness	NM 3/25/07
John Morris	Fisheries	JM 5/1/07
John Zancanella	Cultural Resources	JZ 3/26/07
Ron Halvorson	Botany, Special Status Plants	RH 3/29/07
Kenneth Primrose	Range, Livestock Grazing	KT 5/2/07
Larry Thomas	Soils, Hazardous Materials	LT 5/4/2007
Dan Tippy	NEPA Coordinator	DT 5/2/07
Bill Pieratt	Noxious Weeds	BP 5-1-07

Mitigation Measures:

The following mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the proposed action: A Manual Supplement, entitled "Rangeland Monitoring in Oregon and Washington", was developed and adopted by the BLM as a guidance document. The Prineville District also developed a district-monitoring plan. Both of these documents receive periodic review and revision. These documents provide a framework and minimum standards for choosing the timing and study methods to collect information needed to issue decisions which affect grazing management as well as watershed, wildlife and threatened and endangered species.

Recommendations:

I recommend that the grazing lease for the Clinton Harris Allotment be renewed.

Prepared By: Michelle T. Sawyer 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

* No Federally listed, Federal Candidate or Bureau Sensitive species found when search of district sightings database was done for the general area of this allotment. Sightings list attached. DRZ

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.

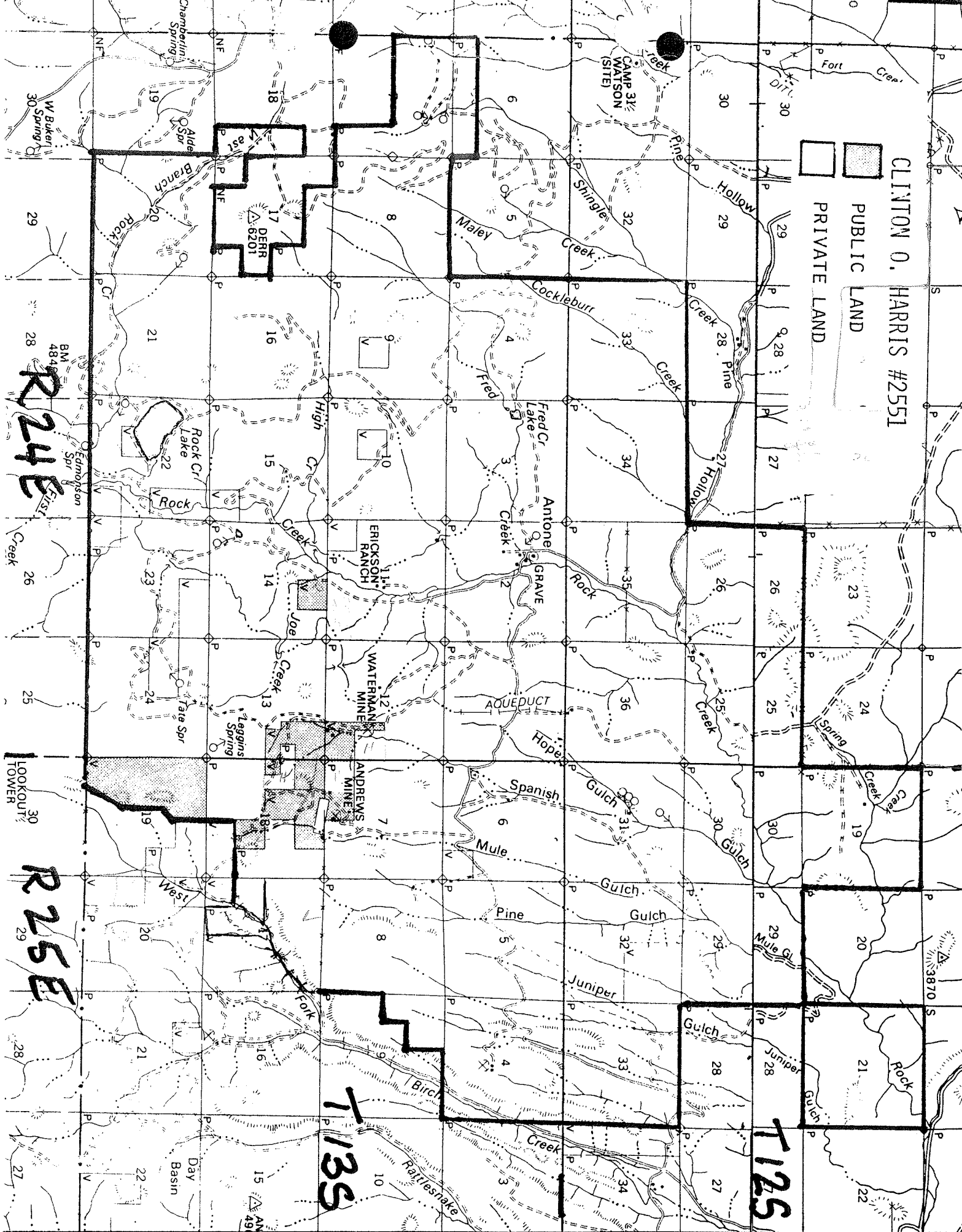
Approved By: Danny L. Irving Date 2/8/08
Christina M. Welch Acting
Central Oregon Resource Area Field Manager

***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
Clinton Harris Allotment, #2551, Map

CLINTON O. HARRIS #2551

PUBLIC LAND
PRIVATE LAND



R24E

R25E

T135

T125

LOOKOUT TOWER

0007 # 2557

Date	ID	Species	T	R	S	1/4	1/8	1/16	Acc	Observer	M	F	U	A	Y	Un	T	Notes	Nearest Landmark
5/28/1980	1989	AMERICAN ROBIN	12S	25E	1	SW	n/a		TR160	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/1/1980	2002	AMERICAN ROBIN	13S	25E	2	NE	NW		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/2/1980	2010	AMERICAN ROBIN	12S	24E	5	NE	NW		TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
6/9/1980	961	AMERICAN ROBIN	13S	24E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/16/1980	977	AMERICAN ROBIN	12S	25E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/9/1980	962	BANK SWALLOW	13S	24E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/16/1980	978	BANK SWALLOW	12S	25E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5/28/1980	1990	BARN SWALLOW	12S	25E	1	SW	n/a		TR160	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/2/1980	2011	BEAVER	12S	24E	5	NE	NW		TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
6/2/1980	2012	BEAVER	12S	24E	5	SE	NE		TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	PHYSICAL STREAM SURVEY	
6/9/1980	963	BELTED KINGFISHER	13S	24E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/9/1980	964	BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE	13S	24E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/2/1980	2013	BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK	12S	24E	5	NE	NW		TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
6/2/1980	2014	BREWERS BLACKBIRD	12S	24E	5	NE	NW		TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
6/16/1980	979	BREWERS BLACKBIRD	12S	25E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/2/1980	2015	CANYON WREN	12S	24E	5	NE	NW		TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
5/28/1980	1991	CHIPPING SPARROW	12S	25E	1	SW	n/a		TR160	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5/28/1980	1992	CHIPPING SPARROW	13S	25E	2	NE	NW		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/1/1980	2003	CHIPPING SPARROW	13S	25E	2	NE	NW		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/16/1980	980	COMMON MERGANSER	12S	25E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5/28/1980	1993	COYOTE	12S	25E	1	SW	n/a		TR160	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/1/1980	2004	DARK-EYED JUNCO	13S	25E	2	NE	NW		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/19/1980	1002	DARK-EYED JUNCO	13S	25E	2	NE	SE		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/16/1980	981	EASTERN KINGBIRD	12S	25E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/1/1980	2005	ELK	13S	25E	2	NE	NW		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/19/1980	1003	ELK	13S	25E	2	NE	SE		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
1/19/1979	1904	GOLDEN EAGLE	12S	24E	4	n/a	n/a		TR640	Wayne Elmore	2	0	0	0	0	0	2		
6/19/1980	1004	GOLDEN EAGLE	13S	25E	2	NE	SE		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5/28/1980	1994	GREAT HORNED OWL	13S	25E	2	NE	NW		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/2/1980	2020	GREEN-WINGED TEAL	12S	24E	5	NE	NW		TR40	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	RIPARIAN HABITAT INVENTORY	
6/16/1980	982	KILLDEER	12S	25E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/19/1980	1005	LAPLAND LONGSPUR	13S	25E	2	NE	SE		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5/28/1980	1995	LAZULI BUNTING	12S	25E	1	SW	n/a		TR160	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5/28/1980	1996	MONTANE VOLE	13S	25E	2	NE	NW		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5/28/1980	1997	MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE	13S	25E	2	NE	NW		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/1/1980	2006	MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE	13S	25E	2	NE	NW		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/19/1980	1006	MOUNTAIN CHICKADEE	13S	25E	2	NE	SE		TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/16/1980	983	MOURNING DOVE	12S	25E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5/28/1980	1998	MULE DEER	12S	25E	1	SW	n/a		TR160	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/2/1980	2021	MULE DEER	12S	24E	5	NE	NW		TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
6/9/1980	965	MULE DEER	13S	24E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/16/1980	984	MULE DEER	12S	25E	2	n/a	n/a		TR640	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Date	ID	Species	T	R	S	1/4	1/16	Acc	Observer	M	F	UA	Y	Un	T	Notes	Nearest Landmark
6/19/1980	1007	MULE DEER	13S	25E	2	NE	SE	TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/2/1980	2022	NORTHERN FLICKER	12S	24E	5	NE	NW	TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
6/9/1980	966	NORTHWESTERN CROW	13S	24E	2	n/a	n/a	TR640	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5/28/1980	1999	PILEATED WOODPECKER	13S	25E	2	NE	NW	TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/1/1980	2007	PILEATED WOODPECKER	13S	25E	2	NE	NW	TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/19/1980	1008	PILEATED WOODPECKER	13S	25E	2	NE	SE	TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/1/1980	2008	PORCUPINE	13S	25E	2	NE	NW	TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/9/1980	967	RED-TAILED HAWK	13S	24E	2	n/a	n/a	TR640	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/16/1980	985	RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	12S	25E	2	n/a	n/a	TR640	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0		
5/28/1980	2000	RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE	12S	25E	1	SW	n/a	TR160	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/2/1980	2026	RUFIOUS-SIDED TOWHEE	12S	24E	5	NE	NW	TR40	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	RIPARIAN HABITAT INVENTORY	
6/16/1980	986	SPOTTED SANDPIPER	12S	25E	2	n/a	n/a	TR640	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/9/1980	968	STELLER'S JAY	13S	24E	2	n/a	n/a	TR640	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/19/1980	1010	VAUX'S SWIFT	13S	25E	2	NE	SE	TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/2/1980	2027	WESTERN MEADOWLARK	12S	24E	5	NE	NW	TR40	Doelker	0	0	0	0	0	0	STREAM INVENTORY FORM	
5/28/1980	2001	WILSON'S WARBLER	12S	25E	1	SW	n/a	TR160	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6/2/1980	936	YELLOW-BELLIED MARMOT	12S	24E	5	NE	NW	TR40	Bristol	0	0	0	0	0	0	RIPARIAN HABITAT INVENTORY	
6/1/1980	2009	YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER	13S	25E	2	NE	NW	TR40	Conroy	0	0	0	0	0	0		