

**RECORD OF PLAN CONFORMANCE AND
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**

Project Name: Quicksilver-Willow Valley Chip Haul Road ROW
Project Location: T. 41S, R. 141/2E, and 15E.
BLM Office: Lakeview District, Klamath Falls Resource Area

CX Log #: CX-08-26
Lease or Serial #: N/A
County: Klamath County, Oregon

A. Background

Description of Proposed Action:

Quicksilver has applied for a road use right-of-way to haul approximately 40 loads of Green Chips from a timber sale in California to Collins Products in Klamath Falls.

Purpose and Need for the Project:

Quicksilver must travel over the Willow Valley road to get to Collins Products in Klamath Falls.

Additional Related Actions, if any: None

Mitigations:

- BLM has easement across private lands involved.
- Roads will be watered twice a week during dry periods for dust abatement.
- Reduce speed near residences along Willow Valley road to keep dust down.
- No hauling between November 1st and May 15th unless otherwise authorized by the BLM

Proposed Implementation:

August of 2008 possibly thru Nov.2008

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name, Date Approved:

- Klamath Falls Resource Area Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan and Rangeland Program Summary (KFRA ROD/RMP/RPS), approved June 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): page 66

The proposed project has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM plans, programmatic environmental analyses or policies:

- Northwest Forest Plan (1994)

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, E-16.

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further analysis or documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) provided none of the Extraordinary Circumstances listed in 516 Departmental Manual 2, Appendix 2 (5/27/04) are met. The proposed action will:

CX Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation		
The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	YES	NO
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
Rationale: No significant impacts on public health or safety are expected from this action.		
2.2 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 (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
Rationale: None of these resources would be affected.		
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		X
Rationale: Issuing road use rights-of-way for hauling forest products on existing roads is a routine action and is not controversial.		
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Rationale: Issuing road use rights-of-way for hauling forest products on existing roads is a routine action and does not produce unique or unknown effects.		
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: Issuing road use rights-of-way for hauling forest products on existing roads is a routine action and would not establish a precedent.		
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: No cumulatively significant effects are expected.		
2.7 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.		X
Rationale: No significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places are anticipated.		
2.8 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.		X
Rationale: No significant impacts on species listed, or proposed for listing, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or critical are anticipated.		
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
Rationale: No laws or protection requirements would be violated		
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
Rationale: No disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations would occur.		
2.11 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 (Executive Order 13007).		X
Rationale: The action will not affect the physical integrity of Indian sacred sites or limit access to and ceremonial use of these sites on Federal lands.		
2.12 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 Executive Order 13112).		X
Rationale: Attached Weed Mitigation Measures should prevent the action from contributing to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds.		

The proposed action would not meet any of the above extraordinary circumstances, or fail to comply with Executive Order 13212 (Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects) – to avoid direct or indirect adverse impact on energy development, production, supply, and/or distribution.

D. Surveys and Consultation

Surveys and/or consultation may be needed for special status plants and animals, for cultural resources, and other resources as necessary (appropriate fields are Initialed and Dated by responsible resource specialist):

Surveys	Are Completed	Will Be Completed	Are Not Needed
SS Animals			SGH 07/28/08
SS Plants			MJB 7/24/08
Cultural Resources			BMB 7/24/08
Consultation	Is Completed	Will Be Completed	Is Not Needed
SS Animal Consultation*			SGH 07/28/08
Botanical Consultation			MJB 7/24/08
Cultural Consultation			BMB 7/24/08
*(SS = Special Status)			

Remarks:

E. Decision

I considered my staff’s assessment of the proposal and the recommended mitigation measures for implementation.

The proposed action would not create adverse environmental impacts or require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS). The proposed action has been reviewed against the criteria for extraordinary circumstances (listed above) as identified in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2. The application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate, as there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action is, therefore, categorically excluded from additional NEPA documentation.

It is my decision to proceed with the Proposed Action.

F. Signature

Authorizing Official: /s/ Donald J. Holmstrom
(Signature)

Date: 7/28/08

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Title: Field Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area

G. Contact Person

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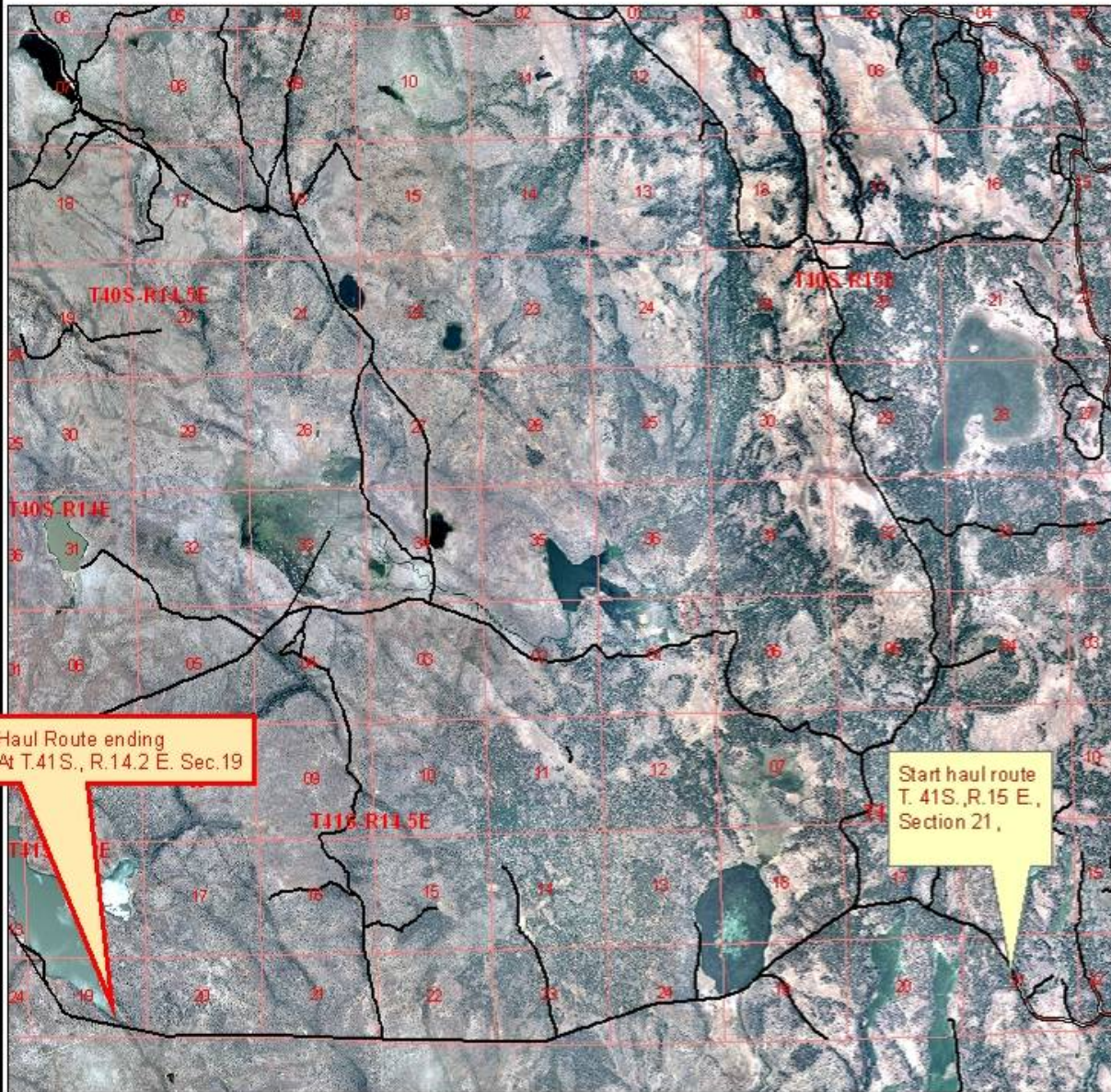
Appendix A – Weed Mitigation Measures

All vehicles and equipment will be cleaned off prior to operating on BLM lands. Removal of all dirt, grease, and plant parts that may carry noxious weed seeds or vegetative parts is required and may be accomplished with a pressure hose.

High concentrations of noxious weeds in the immediate area of mechanical operations shall be mowed to ground level prior to the start of project activities.

All equipment and vehicles operating off of main roads shall be cleaned off prior to leaving the job site when the job site includes noxious weed populations. Removal of all dirt, grease, and plant parts that may carry noxious weed seeds or vegetative parts is required and may be accomplished with a pressure hose.

QuickSilver-Willow Valley Rd. Chip Haul



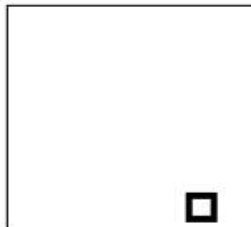
Haul Route ending
At T.41 S., R.14.2 E. Sec.19

Start haul route
T. 41 S., R. 15 E.,
Section 21,

QuickSilver-Gerber Chip Haul

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