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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

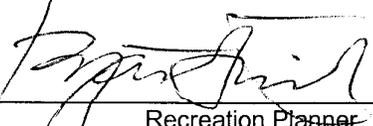
Oregon Adventures

Background: Oregon Adventures proposes to again offer commercial road bike tours during calendar year 2003. They offer a variety of tours within the local area to small groups and families. They request to include the Row River Trail as their main tour location. They would conduct 1-3 regularly scheduled tours each month on the Row River Trail, primarily during the summer months. Tours would normally consist of 5-20 persons. A Covered Bridge Tour event is also offered, which may involve as many as 200 riders on the Row River Trail. All these tours would be conducted during the daylight hours and would be subject to the rules and regulations of the Row River Trail. Additionally, Oregon Adventures proposes to have occasional road bike tour rides (as clients request) on the Sharps Creek and Big River Roads, and from Crow to Reedsport on the Wolf Creek, Siuslaw River, Esmonds Creek, and Smith River Roads.

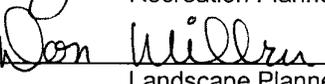
Proposed Action: The Proposed Action is to issue a Special Recreation Permit (SRP-OR-096-03-01) to allow the applicant to market and conduct non-competitive commercial bike tours during 2003. The Proposed Action is consistent with the *Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (April 1994), the Eugene District ROD/RMP (June 1995), the Coos Bay District ROD/RMP (May 1995), and the Recreation Area Management Plan for the Row River Special Recreation Management Area (June 1995).

Decision: The proposed action described above is approved to be carried out during calendar year 2003.

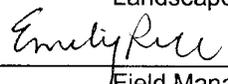
Rationale: The proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in the Departmental Manual (516 DM 6, Appendix 5 H.(5)) and does not meet any of the exception criteria. Essentially, the proposed commercial use is similar in nature to typical non-commercial recreational use of the Row River Trail, and on the Sharps Creek, Big River, Wolf Creek, Siuslaw River, Esmond Creek, and Smith River Roads. The Row River Trail tours were evaluated while processing permits in past years for this applicant. The Big River/ Sharps and Crow to Reedsport routes were previously evaluated as commercial tours routes for other commercial permittees. In all these cases, there were no significant issues raised.

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