

United States
Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record

Environmental Assessment No. OR-EA-99-19

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The Proposed Action is to proceed with projects to enhance the federally proposed (threatened) plant, Kincaid's lupine, and other native plant species during the next three years. Management objectives are to increase densities of rare plants, to increase the critical habitat for these species, and to gain valuable information for the continued management of these species.

On the basis of the information contained in Environmental Assessment EA-99-19, and all other information available to me, I have determined that the proposal does not constitute a major Federal action affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement or a supplement to the existing Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary and will not be prepared.

Decision

My decision is to proceed with land management activities described in the Proposed Action (Alternative A) of the Upland Prairie Restoration at Willow Creek and Royal Environmental Assessment No. OR-EA-99-19. The Proposed Action includes provisions that no more than 10% of the tract (less than 300 square meters) would be prescribed burned at any single year. In addition, mowing of aggressive weeds will include no more than 10% of the tract (less than 300 square meters).

Rationale

It is my decision to implement this project because it would enhance habitat conditions for the Kincaid's lupine, Fender's blue butterfly and other native prairie species. Alternative A will help maintain biodiversity within these sites.

Alternative B was not selected because of the lack of fire enhancing effects to the rare prairie plants. Alternative C, the "No Action" alternative, was not selected because of the potential for loss of Kincaid's lupine as well as other native plant species.

The proposed action and alternatives are in conformance with the West Eugene Wetlands Plan (City of Eugene 1992).

Signed by Diane Chung, Coast Range Field Manager on August 23, 1999