

**UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
And
DECISION RECORD**

**CHECKPOINT 5 TRAIL IMPROVEMENT
EA-OR090-04-19**

Background:

An Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed Checkpoint 5 Trail Improvement project, were prepared by the Upper Willamette Resource Area, Eugene District. The project would occur in T. 15 S., R 2 W., Section 22. This trail is part of the designated Shotgun Off-Highway-Vehicle (OHV) trail system.

Purpose and Objective

Currently, there is a drainage problem on the trail stemming from a stream and several springs alongside the trail. Water is running down the trail, creating ruts and carrying sediment into a nearby stream. The purpose of this action is to improve the drainage of the trail, and to continue to provide a recreational opportunity for OHV enthusiasts. The need for this action is established in the Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (RMP/ROD). This directs the BLM to, "minimize sediment delivery to streams from roads," and to, "adjust dispersed and developed recreation practices that retard or prevent attainment of Aquatic Conservation Strategy (ACS) objectives" (pg. 25).

The objectives of this project are to:

- Minimize sediment delivery to streams from the trail
- Deepen and armor existing waterbars
- Install additional culverts and waterbars

Public Comment:

The EA was advertised on September 15, 2004, in the Eugene Register Guard, as available for a 14-day public review period. One comment was received during the review period.

Finding of No Significant Impact:

On the basis of the information contained in the attached Environmental Assessment, and all other information available to me, it is my determination that implementation of the Proposed Action will not have significant environmental impacts not already addressed in the *Record of Decision (ROD) 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)*, and the Record of Decision for *Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines (2001)* with which this EA is in conformance, and does not, in and of itself, constitute a major federal action having significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, a new environmental impact statement or supplement to the existing environmental impact statement is not necessary and will not be prepared.

Decision:

Based on the analysis documented in the Environmental Assessment No. 0R090-EA-04-19 and the Finding of No Significant Impact, it is my decision to implement Alternative 3. This alternative proposes to rock the existing trail instead of constructing a reroute.

Decision Rationale:

Alternative 2 was selected because it meets the purpose and need and would require new construction. This alternative may also offer more of a challenge to the OHV enthusiasts.

Administrative Review Opportunities:

The effective date of this decision shall be the date of publication of the Notice of Decision and FONSI in the Register Guard. Any person adversely affected by this decision may appeal it to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an appeal is taken, a notice of appeal must be filed in this office (P.O. Box 10226, Eugene Oregon 97440, 2890 Chad Drive, Eugene) within 30 days from the date of this decision. In an appeal the appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error.

Approved by:

Emily Rice
Emily Rice, Field Manager
Upper Willamette Resource Area

10/6/04
Date