

**Forest Aquatic Restoration Project
NEPA Compliance and Implementation Checklist
2019 Blue Mountain Ranger District Range Fence Project**

Project Number: 01052019 **Date:** 2/20/2019 **Location:** T9S, R32E, sec. 34; T9S, R33E, sec. 19, 20, 29, and 30; T10S, R32E, sec. 2, 3, and 11; T11S, R34E, sec. 11 and 12; T15S, R28E, sec. 20; and T15S, R29E, sec. 19 and 20

Category: 9 – Livestock fencing, stream crossings, and off-channel livestock watering facilities

Project Description: Construction of fence enclosures on Bear Creek, Big Creek, Caribou Creek, Dans Creek, Deadwood Creek, Middle Fork John Day River, Orange Creek, and South Fork Murderers Creek

Heritage (to be completed by heritage specialist)

Y	N	Initial	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>KW</u>	Specific PDC for heritage addressed (heritage surveys; avoidance areas).

Botany (to be completed by botany specialist)

Y	N	Initial	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>AH</u>	Specific PDC for botany addressed (sensitive plant surveys).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>AH</u>	Specific PDC for noxious weeds addressed.

Land Management Consistency (is the proposed project within the management area? Check yes or no. If yes, comments should indicate whether proposed actions are consistent with the standards for the management area.)

Y	N	Initial		Y	N	Initial	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>SF</u>	4A big game winter range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>SF</u>	9 research natural areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>SF</u>	6A and 6B wilderness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>SF</u>	10 semi-primitive non-motorized recreation areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>SF</u>	7 scenic area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>SF</u>	22/22A wild and scenic river
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>SF</u>	8 special interest areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>SF</u>	inventoried roadless areas

Comments:

I have reviewed this project and have determined it is compliant with the Malheur Forest Plan and Aquatic Restoration environmental assessment project design criteria identified for my resource.

Table 1. Projects design criteria and Malheur Forest Plan compliance checklist

Resource	Signature	Date	Comments (additional PDCs may be noted if necessary) *May continue on next page
Heritage	<u>/s/ Katee R. Withee</u>	2/27/2019	No effect to historic properties. Please see associated Programmatic Agreement report*
Botany	<u>/s/ Amanda Hardman</u>	2/28/2019	No sensitive plants found within surveyed areas of the project sites so no effect. Follow PDCs and make site visits to areas not yet surveyed in early spring.
Invasive Plants	<u>/s/ Amanda Hardman</u>	2/28/2019	Invasive plants that are in the "control" category according to our final ROD 2015 do occur near proposed fence lines. PDCs must be followed to prevent spread of these species.
Wildlife	<u>/s/ Colleen Malaney</u>	4/26/2019	Ensure wildlife friendly fence design specifications are used during construction of fence. Site visit is necessary before construction of fence to identify appropriate locations and design features.
Fish*	<u>Dan Armichardy</u>	2/25/2019	Mid-Columbia steelhead/Columbia River Bull trout and habitat are present within the fence areas. Overall beneficial effect to species from reduction/removal of livestock interactions with spawning fish and rest from browse for riparian hardwoods
Hydrology*	<u>/s/ Bob Hassmiller</u>	2/28/2019	These areas were 303(d) listed for elevated water temperatures until the TMDL was developed by DEQ. This project will improve management of livestock and wildlife and will put the riparian conditions on a trajectory to meet state water quality standards. Project will be beneficial water quality and future beaver management.
Range	<u>/s/ Nick Stiner</u>	4/19/2019	
Soils	<u>/s/ Robert C. McNeil</u>	2/22/2019	No heavy equipment is needed to build fence.
Recreation	<u>/s/ Kevin Green</u>	3/1/2019	Avoid enclosing dispersed campsites where feasible. No other recreation concerns.
Special Uses	<u>/s/ Stacia Kimbell</u>	3/8/2019	Ensure proposed fencing does not block or restrict access to any authorized special use improvements, including access to overhead utility adjacent to Bird and Unit C proposals. No other Lands Special Uses were currently identified within project area boundaries.
Lands	<u>/s/ Stacia Kimbell</u>	3/8/2019	Ensure National Forest Boundary Line Policy is reviewed prior to project implementation and adjacent landowners are adequately notified. Private point of diversions (water right certificates #8518, #31048) located within/adjacent to Bird and point of diversion (water right certificate #81551) located within/adjacent to Unit C.
Mining	<u>/s/ Jared Bowman</u>	4/17/2019	Four mining claims will be impacted by this project. Maps and contact information have been provided by Anne Schneider. Claimants should be contacted prior to implementation via written correspondence. Copies of these letters must be added to the mining files for each claimant.
Engineering	<u>/s/ Bryan Kurtz</u>	4/15/2019	No impact to Engineering resources
Fuels / Fire	<u>/s/ Ed Clark</u>	2/22/2019	
Silviculture	<u>/s/ Amanda Lindsay</u>	2/22/2019	

* Ensure that an experienced fisheries biologist or hydrologist is involved in the design of all projects covered by Aquatic Restoration Biological Opinion II. The experience should be commensurate with technical requirements of a project.

District Environmental Coordinator: /s/ Bethany Parker Date: 4/25/2019

Line Officer Signature: /s/ Robert Foxworth Date: 4/26/2019

Comments (continued):