

**Forest Aquatic Restoration Project
NEPA Compliance and Implementation Checklist
Murderers Creek Thinning and Prescribe Fire Project- Murderers Creek Unit 11 and Add on to unit**

Project Number: 01062019 **Date:** 3/28/2019 **Location:** T14S, R28E, Section 35; T14S, R29E, Section 31; T15S, R28E, Section 1-3 and 10-13; T15S, R29E, Sections 6-7

Category: 12-Juniper Thinning, 13-Riparian Vegetation Treatment

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to improve riparian and aquatic habitat by prescribed burning to facilitate regeneration of hardwoods and removing juniper in the riparian habitat conservation areas.

Heritage (to be completed by heritage specialist)

Y / N Initial

N KW Specific PDC for heritage addressed (heritage surveys; avoidance areas).

Botany (to be completed by botany specialist)

Y / N Initial

Y JB Specific PDC for botany addressed (sensitive plant surveys).

Y JB 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

N BSP 4A big game winter range

N BSP 6A and 6B wilderness

N BSP 7 scenic area

N BSP 8 special interest areas

Y / N Initial

N BSP 9 research natural areas

N BSP 10 semi-primitive non-motorized recreation areas

N BSP 22/22A wild and scenic river

N BSP inventoried roadless areas

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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>	4/12/2019	No effects to historic properties.
Botany	<u>/s/ Jessi Brunson</u>	4/12/2019	<i>Luina serpentina</i> is present in the proposed project area. PDCs should ...
Invasive Plants	<u>/s/ Jessi Brunson</u>	4/12/2019	Follow PDCs to control existing weed infestations and prevent new ...
Wildlife	<u>/s/ Colleen Malaney</u>	4/10/2019	Change to be made to projects design criteria dates for active goshawk nests: activities should not occur within 0.5 miles of an active goshawk nest from April 1 to August 15. Review and field visits of known goshawk nests will occur each year in the late winter/spring, weather dependent. Follow project design criteria for burning in old growth stands and to protect snags and large down wood.
Fish*	<u>/s/Rosalinda Gonzalez</u>	4/16/2019	Proposal follows ARBO II PDCs. ARBO II pre and post reporting needs to be done.
Hydrology*	<u>/s/ Mary L. Welby</u>	4/12/2019	BMPs covered by ARBO II Terms and Conditions applicable to the
Range	<u>/s/ Nick Stiner</u>	4/19/2019	Coordinate with Range.
Soils	<u>/s/ Robert C. McNeil</u>	4/1/2019	No heavy machinery involved.
Recreation	<u>/s/ Kevin Green</u>	4/1/2019	No effect to recreation resources
Special Uses	<u>/s/ Stacia Kimbell</u>	4/1/2019	No Lands Special Uses currently identified within the project boundary.
Lands	<u>/s/ Stacia Kimbell</u>	4/1/2009	Ensure National Forest Boundary Line Policy is reviewed prior to project implementation and adjacent landowners are adequately notified. Three Points of Diversions (Water Right certificate #77073 & 77468:) located within the project area.
Mining	<u>/s/ Jared Bowman</u>	4/9/2019	There are no mining claims in this project area.
Engineering	<u>/s/Bryan Kurtz</u>	<u>Date.</u>	No impacts to Engineering resources
Fuels / Fire	<u>/s/ Ed Clark</u>	4/17/2019	No effect to fuels. Project can be implemented as planned.
Silviculture	<u>/s/ Amanda Lindsay</u>	4/9/2019	The original prescription limited the cutting of juniper to 9 inches diameter at breast height. For this checklist the maximum cut diameter for juniper will be increased to 21 inches diameter at breast height as long as the juniper does not display old tree characteristics as defined by the Western Juniper Field Guide.

* 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):

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Botany cont.

... be followed to avoid impacts to this species, including: pre-implementation surveys and marking of avoidance areas. Work with botany prior to implementation to ensure PDCs are followed.

Invasive plants cont.

...infestations from occurring. Work with botany prior to implementation to ensure PDCs are followed.