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FS 20 Road

I have decided to approve the FS 20 Road to address routine maintenance and repairs of Forest Service 20 Road, FS 20A, FS40S30, and FS40S30A. Project is located on the Oak Knoll portion of the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District, near Mount Ashland, T.40S. R.1E. Sections 19, 20, and 21; Willamette Meridian.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(4)—*Repair and maintenance of roads, trails, and landline boundaries* - and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 215.12(f), this decision is not subject to administrative appeal.

My interdisciplinary team conducted a review of the activities included in this decision (see project review sheet). The three archeological sites within the APE will be flagged for avoidance and monitors will be present during implementation. Two weeks' notice should be given to the District Archeologist in order to flag both known sites within the APE. It is also recommended that the District Archeologist be present and monitor the work near the known prehistoric site near Grouse Gap, and work be strictly confined to the existing road prism in that area. If any previously unknown cultural resources are discovered during the project, work in the vicinity shall stop immediately and Heritage staff be notified.

I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated this decision. This decision is not subject to further administrative appeal or review. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

Sincerely,



Signed by: Department of Agriculture ROBERTO C. BELTRAN District Ranger



