Barr Road Quarry (Site N)
Project and Public Involvement History
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Date	Activity
1951 and 1955	Oregon Department Of Transportation (ODOT) acquired use of a 30 acre material source from the BLM. It is located adjacent west of Barr Road in the Cline Buttes area and is just east of Site N. The site was used last in 1993.
1992	ODOT initiated discussion with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the possibility of opening a new material source on federal land in the Cline Buttes area to meet the public need for aggregate on public highway projects.
Middle 1990's	BLM began development of the Central Oregon Urban Interface Management Plan for BLM lands in Central Oregon. Significant public involvement and public comment was undertaken. The potential for new material sources were a part of this plan. The plan made it to draft EIS stage before being dropped.
Late 1990's	ODOT again approached the BLM regarding development of a source in the Cline Butte area. In coordination with BLM, ODOT initiated an environmental process looking at the need for a new material source for public highway projects in this area.
1998	ODOT completed the Central Oregon Aggregate Study identifying the need for aggregate sources in the Central Oregon area. This document was the basis for a purpose and need statement for an EIS.
September 1999	ODOT completed a study and produced a report called the "Bend/Sisters/Redmond Area Aggregate Study Alternatives Analysis". The study included a screening of existing aggregate sites, an economic analysis of aggregate costs, and an evaluation of the area to identify favorable locations for development of new aggregate sites. Fourteen potential aggregate sites were analyzed, one of them being Site N. During this study, numerous public meetings were held with agency officials, business representatives, and community groups.
1999-2001	ODOT worked with the BLM to determine the feasibility of several of the potential sources of aggregate in the Bend/Redmond/Sisters area identified in the 1999 study. Many sites were evaluated and ODOT conducted environmental work and exploration of several sites, including Site N.
2001	At the request of BLM, ODOT ceased exploration of aggregate sites on BLM lands in the Cline Buttes area and terminated the environmental process that had been initiated related to the material sources. This request was made by BLM to allow them to complete an Environmental Impact Statement, The Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan (UDRMP). This environmental effort included extensive public involvement. The information that ODOT had developed related to the need for an aggregate resource site and the various options considered in the ODOT process were recognized and addressed in the UDRMP.

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January 2005	The Proposed UDRMP and the Final Environmental Impact Statement were published. Volume II contains a list of public involvement events (Chapter 5) and comments and responses to specific issues including mining.
September 2005	The UDRMP Record of Decision was published. Site N was the only potential material site in the Bend/Redmond/Sisters area that remained viable as a result of other UDRMP decisions related to recreation and environmental concerns.
October-December 2005	ODOT and BLM resumed discussions on Site N as a potential source of aggregate materials to meet the public needs related to transportation projects in the area.
January 2006	ODOT formally submitted a request to BLM to continue an investigation of the area identified as Site N, and expressed intention to pursue Site N as a long term material source for public projects on the basis of the subsurface investigation proving out quantity and quality of material.
2006-2007	ODOT performed environmental studies, surveying, and analysis of the quantity and quality of aggregate at Site N. ODOT and the BLM had numerous meetings, discussions, and correspondence to work out the details for use of this site for aggregate materials.
October 2007	ODOT submitted an application through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for appropriation of Site N as a source of aggregate materials for public road projects.
October 2007	A website was developed for the Barr Road Quarry (Site N) Project. http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT//HWY/REGION4/Barr_Road_Quarry_Site_N.shtml
November 2007	ODOT attended a Tumalo Community meeting to discuss Site N, with 20-25 people in attendance. The meeting included a presentation and a question and answer period specific to Site N.
October 2007 to present	Answered numerous questions from 6 different individuals. Questions were posed in person, by phone, by email, and through "Ask ODOT". Many of the questions are addresses in a "Frequently Asked Questions" document. In addition to these questions, one individual asked for the copy of the ODOT application to FHWA which was supplied to them, and one individual asked for clarification on the outreach process.
October 2007 to present	ODOT continues discussions with the BLM to work out the details for use of Site N as a material source for public road projects.
December 2007	Contacted the JeldWen Eagle Crest Resort to provide them information on Site N and a road paving project on OR 126.
February 2008	Submitted additional application materials for Site N to FHWA at their request.
April 2008	ODOT received a letter from FHWA indicating that ODOT's application was still incomplete.
May 2008	ODOT met with FHWA and BLM staff to discuss the application process and the additional information that needed to be submitted.
August 2008	ODOT submitted revised application materials to FHWA. The revised application reduced the size of the quarry site from 200 to approximately 105 acres.