

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
EUGENE DIVISION

CLAYTON HOWARD,
Plaintiff,

Case No. 6:17-cv-01629-MK
OPINION AND ORDER

vs.

DR. REED PAULSON, Oregon State
Penitentiary; et al.,

DEFENDANTS.

AIKEN, District Judge:

Magistrate Judge Mustafa T. Kasubhai filed his Findings and Recommendation (“F&R”) (doc. 54) on April 2, 2020. The matter is now before me. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72. No objections have been timely filed. Although this relieves me of my obligation to perform a *de novo* review, I retain the obligation to “make an informed, final determination.” *Britt v. Simi Valley Unified Sch. Dist.*, 708 F.2d 452, 454 (9th Cir. 1983), *overruled on other grounds*, *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121–22 (9th Cir. 2003) (en banc). The Magistrates Act does not specify a standard of review in cases where no objections

