

**Worksheet**

**Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

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**Note:** This Worksheet is to be completed consistent with the policies stated in the Instruction Memorandum entitled, "Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy" transmitting this Worksheet and the "Guidelines for using the DNA Worksheet," located at the end of the Worksheet.

**A. Describe the Proposed Action**

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**B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance**

LUP Name* _____	Date Approved _____
Other document _____	Date Approved _____
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\* List applicable LUPs (e.g., Resource Management Plans and activity, project, management, or program plans, or applicable amendments thereto)

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

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The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

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**C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.**

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

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List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

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**D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

**1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current proposed action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

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**2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

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**3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

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**4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

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**5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

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**6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

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**7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

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**E. Interdisciplinary Analysis:** Identify those team members conducting or participating in the NEPA analysis and preparation of this worksheet.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
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**Conclusion**

- Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA

Note: If you found that one or more of these criteria is not met, you will not be able to check this box.

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Signature of the Responsible Official

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Date

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision.

## Guidelines for Using the DNA Worksheet and Evaluating the NEPA Adequacy Criteria

These guidelines supplement the policies contained in the Instruction Memorandum entitled “Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy”. During preparation of this worksheet, if you determine that one or more of the criteria are not met, you do not need to complete the Worksheet. If one or more of these criteria is not met, you may reject the proposal, or complete appropriate NEPA compliance (EA, EIS, Supplemental EIS, or CX if applicable) and plan amendments before proceeding with the proposed action. Documenting why the criterion (criteria) has (have) not been met may be beneficial in preparing new or supplemental NEPA documents, however.

**Criterion 1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current proposed action at a site specifically analyzed in an existing NEPA document?** In the limited situations in which an existing NEPA document(s) can properly be relied upon without supplementation, explain whether and how the existing documents analyzed the proposed action (include page numbers). If there are differences between the actions included in existing documents and the proposed action, explain why they are not considered to be substantial.

**Criterion 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests and resource values?** Explain whether the alternatives to the current proposed action that were analyzed in the existing NEPA documents and associated record constitute a reasonable range of alternatives with respect to the current proposed action, and if so, how. Identify how current issues and concerns were addressed within the range of alternatives in existing NEPA documents. If new alternatives are being proposed by the public to address current issues and concerns, and you conclude they do not need to be analyzed, explain why.

**Criterion 3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?** New information or circumstances could include the following. If any of the listed items below are applicable, you need to determine whether it (they) constitute(s) new information or circumstances.

a. New standards or goals for managing resources. Standards and goals include, but are not limited to: BLM’s land health standards and guidelines, recovery plans for listed species prepared by the Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service, requirements contained in a biological opinion or conference report related to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and the requirement to address disproportionate impacts on minority populations and low income communities (E.O. 12898).

b. Changes in resource conditions within the affected area the existing NEPA analyses were conducted, e.g., changes in habitat condition and trend; listed, proposed, candidate, and Bureau designated sensitive species; water quality, including any identified impaired water bodies under Section 303 of the Clean Water Act; air quality; vegetation condition and trend; soil stability; visual quality; cultural resource condition; and wildlife population trend(s); etc.

c. Changes of resource-related plans, policies, or programs of State and local governments, Indian tribes, or other federal agencies.

d. Designations established in the affected area since the existing NEPA analysis and documentation was prepared. Designations include, but are not limited to wilderness, wilderness study areas, National Natural Landmarks, National Conservation Areas, National Monuments, National Register properties, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and Research Natural Areas.

**Criterion 4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document continue to be appropriate for the proposed action?** Explain how the methodologies and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document are current and sufficient for supporting approval of the proposed action. If valid new technologies and methodologies (e.g. air quality modeling) exist, explain why it continues to be reasonable to rely on the method previously used.

**Criterion 5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?** Review the impact analysis in the existing NEPA document(s). Explain how the direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action are analyzed in the existing NEPA documents, and would, or would not, differ from those identified in the existing NEPA document. Consider the effect new information or circumstances may have on the environmental impacts predicted in the existing NEPA document.

**Criterion 6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)?** Would the current proposed action, if implemented, change the cumulative impact analysis? Consider the impacts analysis in existing NEPA documents, the effects of relevant activities that have been implemented since existing NEPA documents were completed and the effects of the current proposed action.

**Criterion 7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?** Explain how the nature of public involvement in previous NEPA documents continues to be adequate and valid in light of current issues, concerns, views, and controversies.