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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: CO-120-2008-46-CX

PROJECT NAME: Kremmling Running Series and Kremmling Golf Classic

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Wolford Travel Management Area; T1N R80W sec. 1-10; T1.5N R80W sec. 31-35; T2 N R80W sec. 15-22, 28-35; T1N R81W sec. 1; T2N R81W sec. 25

APPLICANT: Kremmling Chamber of Commerce

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Kremmling Chamber of Commerce is proposing to host a series of running events and the annual Kremmling Golf Classic that would take place within the Wolford Mountain Travel Management Area (WMTMA). This would be the second year a series of running events are proposed within the WMTMA, with the Kremmling Golf Classic occurring annually. The Gore Grind would only start on BLM-administered public lands along County Road 14. The BLM Kremmling Field Office and Kremmling Chamber of Commerce have signed a Letter of Agreement (Attachment #1) for the proposed events. As a result, the events would be co-sponsored by the two entities and the terms and conditions of the Letter of Agreement are included as part of the Proposed Action.

The Kremmling Chamber and event organizers would provide sufficient volunteers to temporarily mark the running series routes and to staff roads and trail intersections on race days to provide direction for the designated route and safety for racers and other visitors to the WMTMA. The running series would consist of six events as described below and would be held on existing routes that are designated within the Wolford Mountain Travel Management Plan (see map below).

Running Series Event	Date	Length
Coyote Creek Run	May 17, 2008	8 Miles
Kremmling Classic	June 21, 2008	10, 5 and 3 Miles
Kremmling Golf Classic	June 20 and 21, 2008	Held on cliff area off CR 227
Road Kill ½ Marathon	September 13, 2008	13 and 5 Miles
Gore Grind	October 12, 2008	6 & 3 Miles

Another event hosted by the Kremmling Chamber is the annual Kremmling Golf Classic that takes place on the cliffs overlooking Kremmling during Kremmling Days, June 20 and 21. Participants drive golf balls off of the cliffs aiming at targets below on private property every year. The organizers of this event would provide a portable restroom on the cliffs and would use only temporary signage and marking for the event. Any markings and signage would be removed after the event has occurred.

For each proposed event, there would be approximately 20-250 participants.

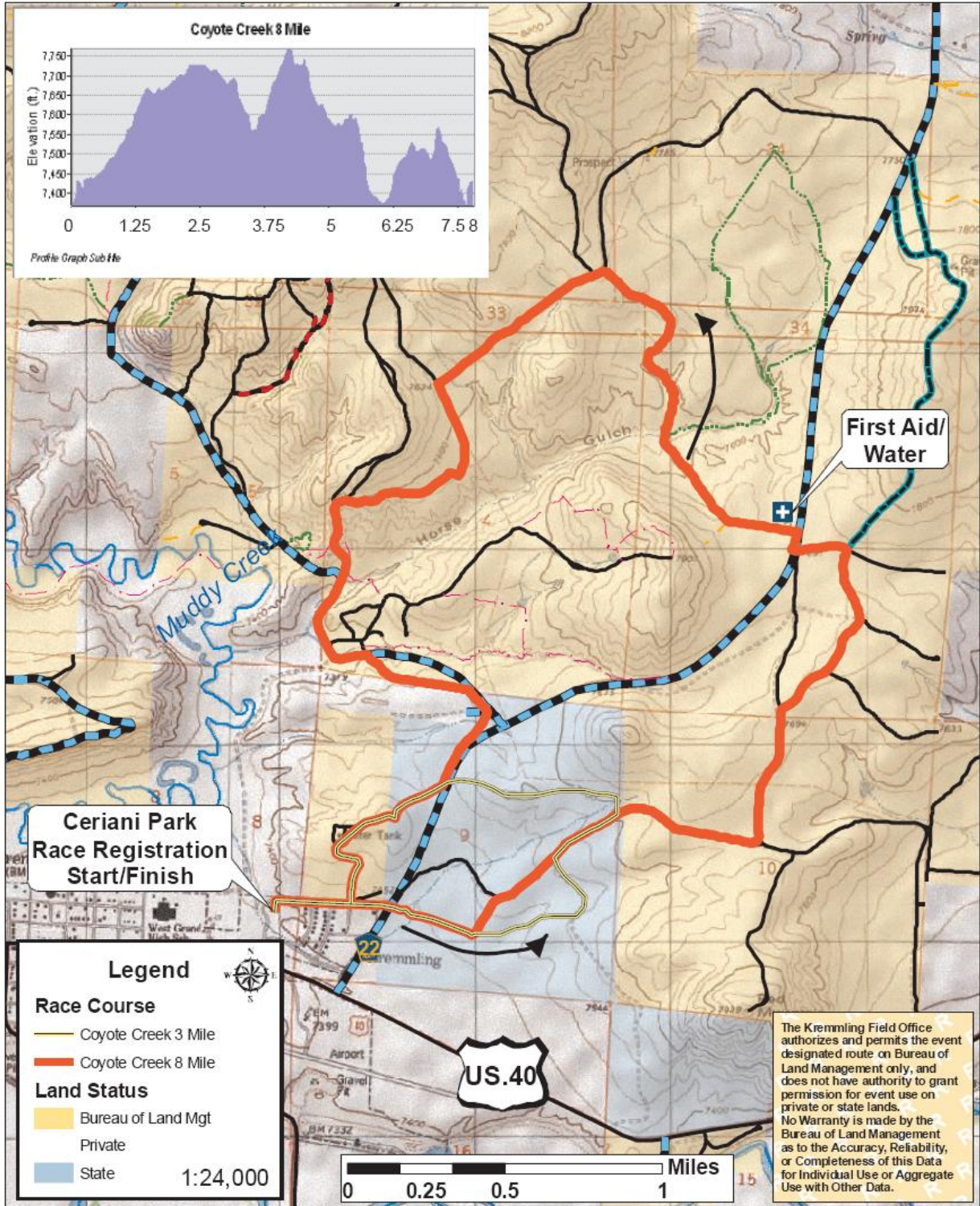
Parking lots, if any, should be designated prior to the event to help minimize increasing bare ground expanses. Parking lots would only be used during dry soil conditions.

Informational signage should be placed at the race registration booths that springs, streams and trough water is not potable.



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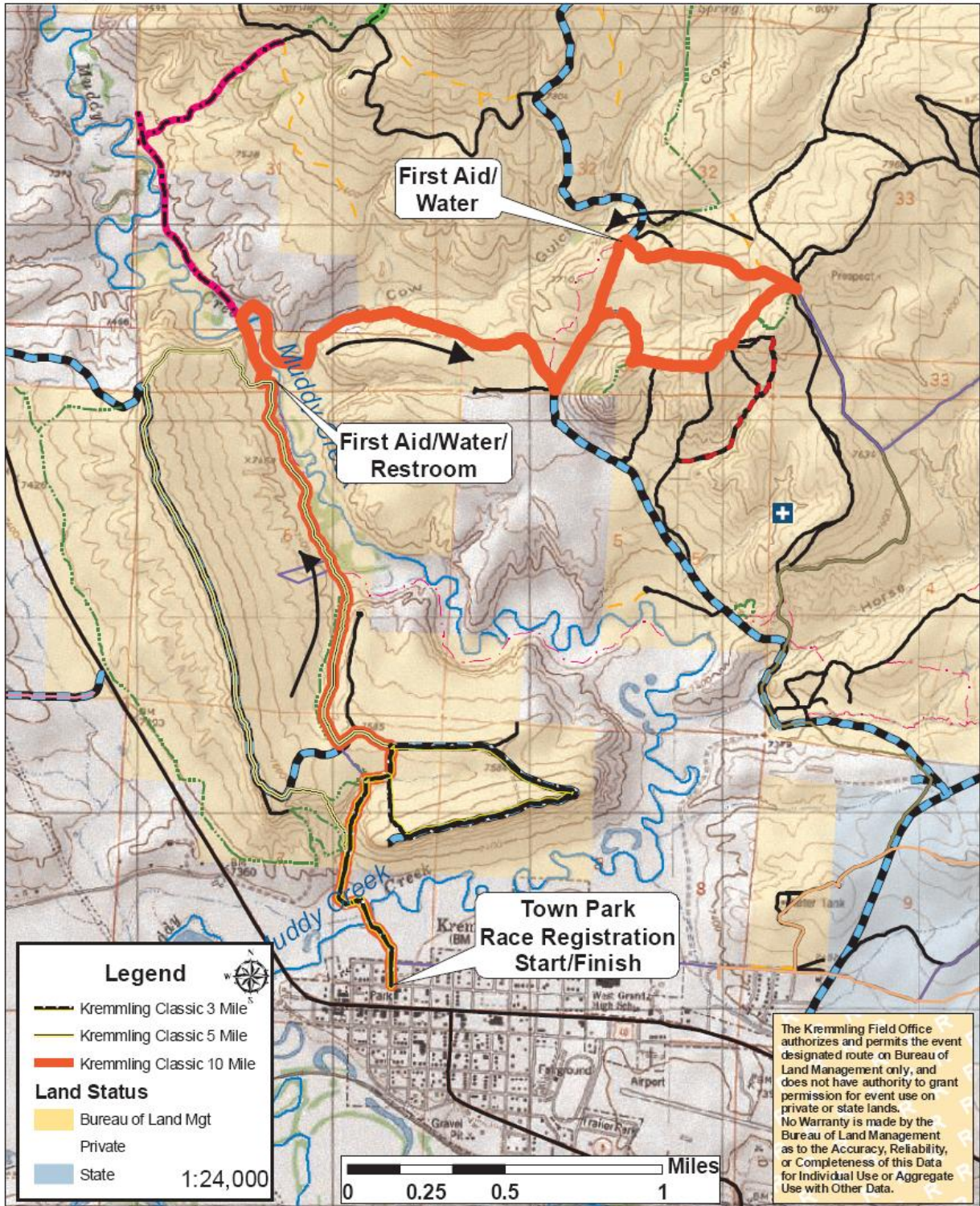
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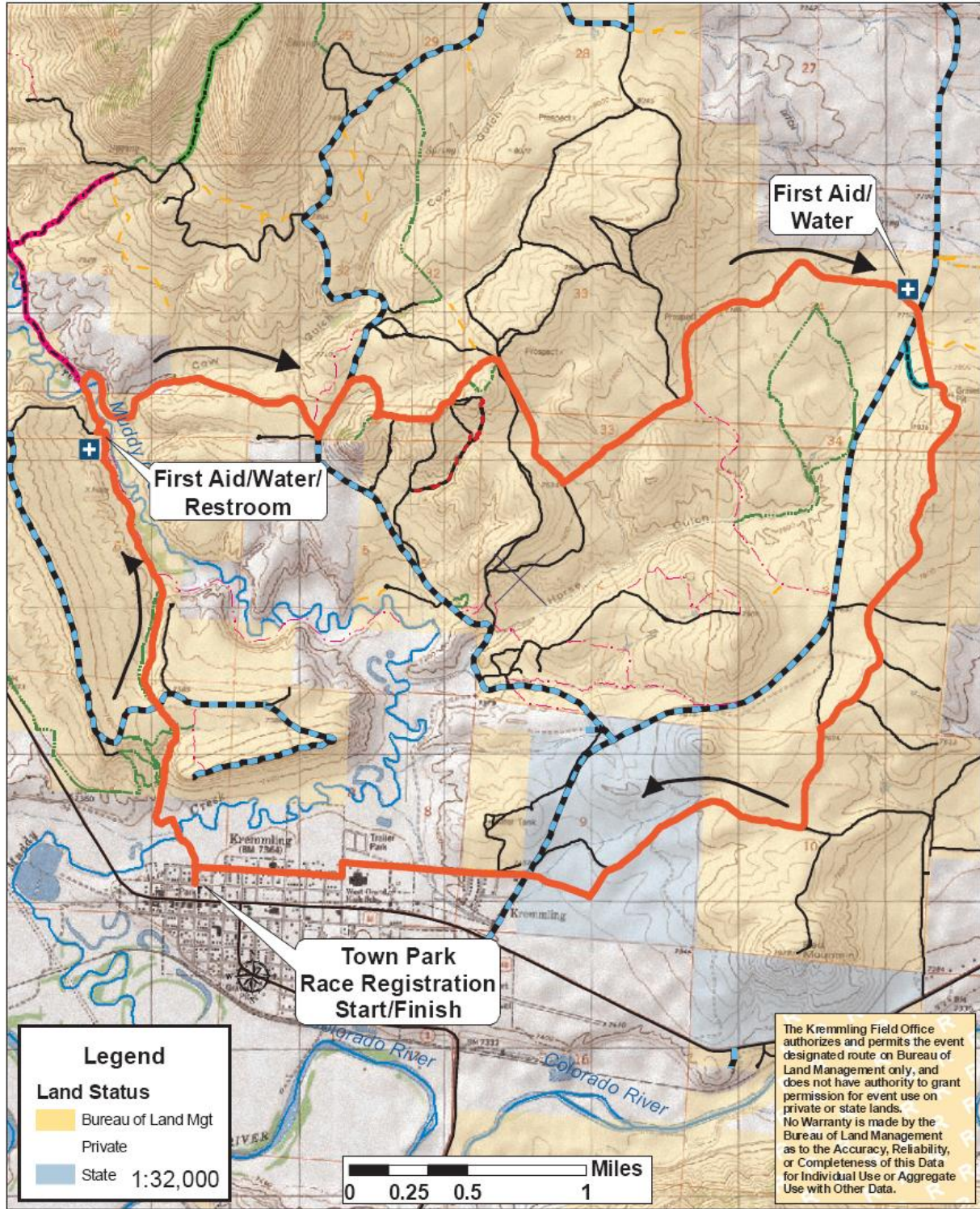
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Kremmling Classic 10, 5 & 3 Mile



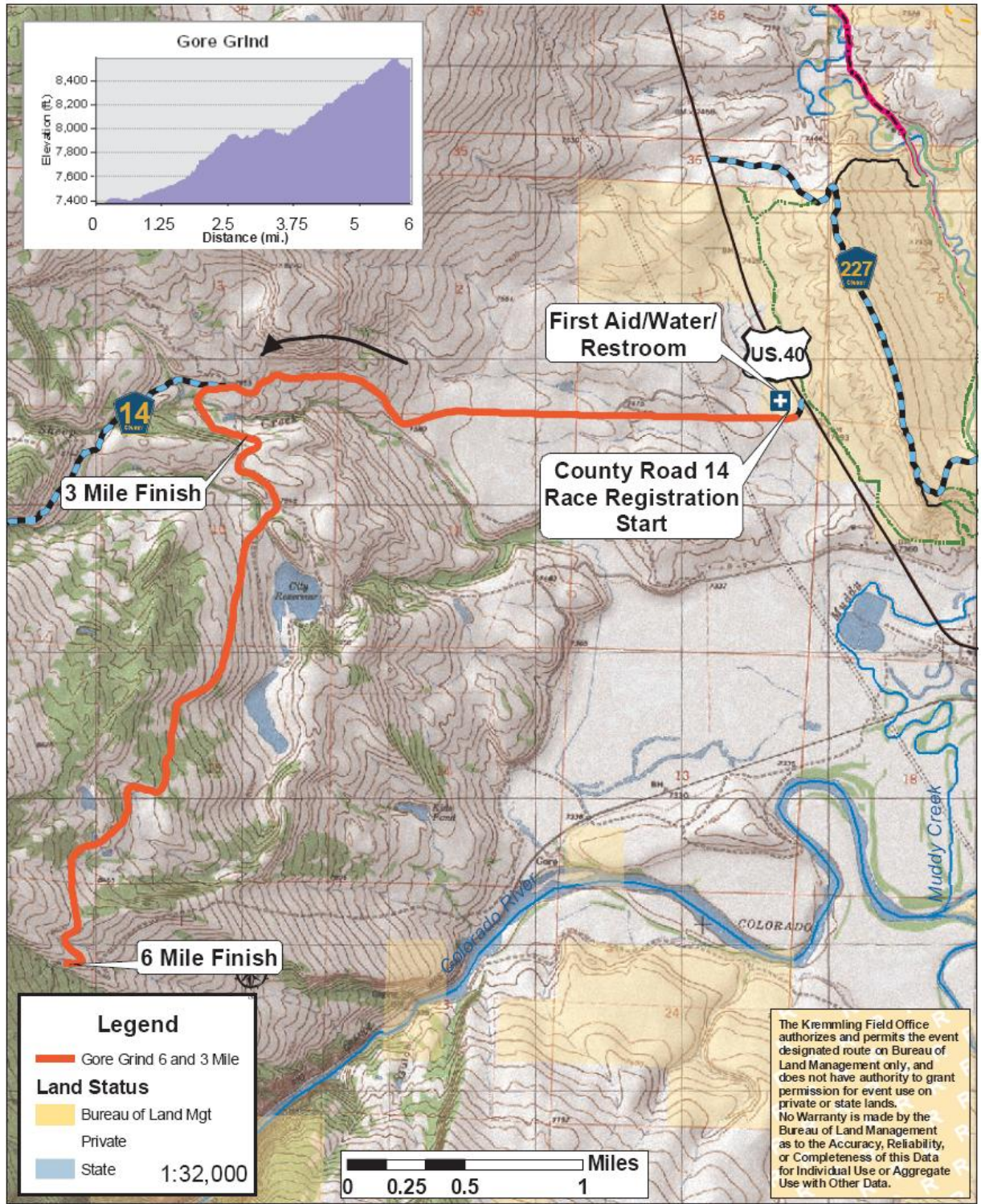


Center of The Universe Trail Running Series 2008 Road Kill 1/2 Marathon





Center of The Universe Trail Running Series 2008 Gore Grind 6 and 3 Mile



PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with the following plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3):

Name of Plan: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

Decision Number/Page: Decision Number II B 7a, Page 11

Decision Language: Objective: To ensure the continued availability of outdoor recreational opportunities which the public seeks and which are not readily available from other sources, to reduce the impacts of recreational use on fragile and unique resource values, and to provide for visitor safety, and resource protection.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11, Number: (H) (1), “*Issuance of special recreation permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impact no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan. This CX cannot be used for commercial boating permits along Wild and Scenic Rivers. This CX cannot be used for the establishment or issuance of Special Recreation Permits for “Special Area” management (43 CFR 2932.5).*” None of the following extraordinary circumstances in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes	No
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety		X
2.2 Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)].		X
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		X

2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
2.9 Violate a Federal Law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		X
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		X

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
John Monkouski	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Recreation, Wilderness	5/9/08
Joe Stout	Planning and Environmental Coordinator	NEPA Review/Compliance	5/15/08
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	Threatened/Endangered Species	5/12/08
Bill Wyatt	Archeologist	Cultural	5/13/08
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian	5/13/08

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: All races are currently proposed on routes designated as part of the Wolford Mountain OHV route designation. If future activities associated with the race includes large water, first aide, or other type stations, those areas would need to be identified and a Class III inventory would be conducted at that locale(s).

Native American Religious Concerns: No tribal consultation was conducted for this event since activities are designated on specific routes and locations. Tribal consultation was conducted as part of the Wolford Mountain Travel Management Planning effort on those specific routes and locations. If event activities require larger areas or areas outside the current venue consultation would be conducted.

Threatened and Endangered Species: There would be no impacts to threatened or endangered species.

Soil/Water Concerns: Concerns were addressed in the Proposed Action.

COMPLIANCE PLAN: Monitoring will be performed by the BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner.

NAME OF PREPARER: John Monkouski, Outdoor Recreation Planner

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Joe Stout

DATE: 5/15/08

ATTACHMENTS:

1). Letter of Agreement

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this CER and have decided to implement the proposed action.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action relative to the 12 criteria listed above and have determined that it does not represent an extraordinary circumstance and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:

DATE SIGNED