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DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

NUMBER: CO-120-2008-37-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Renewal of Kelly and Shawn Farrell's livestock grazing permit #0501780 and livestock grazing lease # 0501932.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The BLM administered land includes all or part of the following:

- BLM livestock grazing permit # 0501780 that authorizes livestock grazing on allotment # 07542 (McQueary Gulch): T1N, R79W, 6th PM, Sections 32 and 33
- BLM livestock grazing lease # 0501932 that authorizes livestock grazing on allotment # 07767 (McQueary Gulch): T1N, R79W, 6th PM, Sections 4 and 5

APPLICANT: Kelly and Shawn Farrell

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: BLM livestock grazing permit # 0501780 (attachment #1) and BLM livestock grazing lease # 0501932 (attachment #2) would be renewed for a period of 3 years beginning on June 1, 2008 and expiring May 31, 2011. The renewed permit and lease would authorize the following grazing plan:

This grazing plan incorporates both allotments (# 07542 and # 07767) into one rest rotation grazing system. The numbers of livestock may change from year to year but may not exceed the authorized preference of 227 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) for livestock grazing permit # 0501780 and livestock grazing lease # 0501932 combined.

Year	Number of Livestock	Kind of Livestock	Grazing Start	Season End	% Public Land	AUMs
2008	150	Cattle	8/1	9/15	100	227
2009	150	Cattle	5/25	7/10	100	227
2010			REST			

* AUM = animal unit month = the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and calf for one month.

LAND USE PLAN (LUP) CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to the following plan:

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

Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

X 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):

Decision Language: The Proposed Action would occur in an area identified in the Resource Management Plan with a livestock land use priority. The Proposed Action is compatible with this priority.

REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

List by name and date all existing NEPA documents that cover the Proposed Action.

Name of Document: Environmental Assessment: CO-KRFO-00-08-EA

Date Approved: April 26, 2000

Environmental Assessment # CO-KRFO-00-08-EA was developed during the 2000 livestock grazing permit/lease renewal process. Livestock grazing permit # 0501780 and livestock grazing lease # 0501932 were analyzed for a 10 year period from March 1, 2000 through February 28, 2010. However, a grazing permit/lease can only be renewed for the length of the base property lease. In this case, the base property lease expired on May 31, 2008. A new base property lease has been signed continuing the livestock grazing, with no changes, through May 31, 2011. However, the NEPA expires on February 28, 2010, so the new permit and lease would expire on February 28, 2010.

NEPA Adequacy Criteria	Yes	No
1. Is the Proposed Action substantially the same action and at the site specifically analyzed in an existing document? Explanation: The Proposed Action is a lease renewal with no changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of grazing preference (AUMs)	X	
2. Was a reasonable range of alternatives to the Proposed Action analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s), and does that range and analysis appropriately consider current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values? Explanation: The range of alternatives is still appropriate. The same terms and conditions, grazing season, number and kind of livestock,	X	

and grazing preference (AUMs) would continue to be in effect with approval of the Proposed Action. No concerns or conditions exist that were not analyzed in EA # CO-KRFO-00-08-EA		
<p>3. Does the information or circumstances upon which the existing NEPA document(s) are based remain valid and germane to the Proposed Action? Is the analysis still valid in light of new studies or resource assessment information?</p> <p>Explanation: No new impacts or circumstances have been identified that would be impacted by renewal of livestock grazing permit # 0501780 and livestock grazing lease # 0501932.</p>	X	
<p>4. Does the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the Proposed Action?</p> <p>Explanation: Yes. The methodology and analytical approach continue to be appropriate.</p>	X	
<p>5. Are the direct and indirect impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?</p> <p>Explanation: The existing NEPA document # CO-KRFO-00-08 was specific to allotments # 07542 and # 07767 (McQueary Gulch) and was reviewed by Kremmling Field Office staff, including the wildlife biologist, hydrologist, recreation planner, and rangeland management specialist. This team of specialists analyzed livestock grazing permit # 0501780 and livestock grazing lease #0501932 for expiration in 2010. Therefore, the analysis of direct and indirect impacts is still appropriate.</p>	X	
<p>6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?</p> <p>Explanation: The cumulative impacts would be unchanged upon implementation of the Proposed Action. Livestock grazing impacts are monitored and analyzed on a yearly basis within the Kremmling Field Office. The cumulative impacts would continue to exhibit range condition improvement with continued grazing under the approved rest rotation grazing system and proper stocking rates.</p>	X	
7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with		

the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the Proposed Action? Explanation: Public involvement and inter-agency review was completed prior to implementation of the permit/lease renewal in 2000. Since this is a continuation of the grazing system implemented at that time, existing NEPA documents are adequate for the Proposed Action.	X	
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INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife, T&E species, Migratory birds	3/25/08
Bill B. Wyatt	Fire Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Tribal Consultation	5/5/08
Joe Stout	P&EC	NEPA Compliance	7/3/08
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian Resources	5/5/08

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: The Proposed Action is not an undertaking under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and it's implementing regulations. Thus, no historic properties would be affected.

Native American Religious Concerns: Because this action is not an undertaking and the action is a renewal, Native American consultation is not necessary.

Threatened and Endangered Species: The Proposed Action would not impact Threatened or Endangered Species.

COMPLIANCE PLAN: Compliance with the renewed livestock grazing permit # 0501780 and lease # 0507932 and their associated terms and conditions would be accomplished through the Kremmling Field Office Range Management Program. Livestock grazing would be monitored by the range staff and other personnel, as appropriate, to assure compliance. The Kremmling Field Office Range Monitoring Program would be used to schedule periodic utilization checks, collect trend data, and evaluate allotment condition. When activity plans have been developed covering an allotment, monitoring methods, and schedules included in them would be applied to the allotment. Changes would be made to the permit and/or lease, based on monitoring, when changes are deemed necessary to protect land health.

NAME OF PREPARER: Richard Johnson

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Joe Stout

DATE:

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1). Livestock Grazing Permit # 0501780
- 2). Livestock Grazing Lease # 0501932
- 3). Standard Terms and Conditions

CONCLUSION

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Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the land use plan and that the NEPA documentation previously prepared fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: /s/ Peter McFadden

DATE SIGNED: 7/3/08

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.