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DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0025-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Permit Renewal for Grazing allotment 07040 (Dean Peak), 07041 (Pinkham) and 07107 (Sentinel Mountain).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Allotment 07040 (Dean Peak) T. 10 N., R. 79 W., All or part of Sections 15, 17 and 20
Allotment 07041 (Pinkham) T. 11 N., R. 79 W., All or part of Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23
Allotment 07107 (Sentinel Mountain) T. 11 N., R. 79 W., All or part of Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 33 and 34

APPLICANT: BLM

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed action would renew livestock grazing on allotments 07040 (Dean Peak), 07041 (Pinkham) and 07107 (Sentinel Mountain) for a period of 3 years beginning March 1, 2010 and expiring February 28, 2013. Livestock grazing permits and leases are subject to renewal at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior for a period of up to 10 years.

Livestock use in these allotments has been permitted to Gloria Chandler. Due to her death and gift of her ranch to the Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge and the upcoming completion of the Resource Management Plan (RMP), we would renew the allotments for three years with no change to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or authorized grazing preference expressed in AUMs (animal unit months*). These allotments would be available to qualified applicants under a Temporary Non Renewable permit. Once the RMP is completed, we would re-address the allotments to make sure they are in conformance with the RMP.

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

Allotment	Livestock		Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
	Number	Kind			
07040 (Dean Peak)	180	C	6/1-6/30	10	18
07041 (Pinkham)	180	C	7/1-8/9	4	9
07107 (Sentinel Mountain)	150	C	6/1-7/3	100	163

As part of the permit the following rotation would be followed on allotment 07107:

Even years 150 cattle 6/1-7/3

Odd years 150 cattle 6/18-7/20

Yearling would be authorized at a rate not to exceed 1.5 yearlings/cow.

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

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):

REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

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

Name of Document: CO-018-99-37 EA

Date Approved: 4/16/99

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: Yes, the lease and permit renewals would not implement any changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing preference. The livestock grazing allotments are the same as in the existing document.	X	
2. Was a reasonable range of alternatives to the Proposed Action analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s), and does that range and		

<p>analysis appropriately consider current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?</p> <p>Explanation: Yes, a reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed in the original NEPA documents. Current environmental concerns, interests and resource values are the same as when the exiting NEPA document were implemented.</p>	X	
<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: Yes, no changes have been made to the livestock grazing in these allotments. They were all monitored in 2009 and no issues or concerns were identified.</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, there have been no changes to the methodology and analytical approach since the original NEPA document was approved.</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: Yes, the direct and indirect impacts remain the same as those analyzed in the original NEPA document.</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: Yes, since no changes have been made to the grazing in these allotments, the cumulative impacts would be the same as those analyzed in the original NEPA document.</p>	X	
<p>7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the Proposed Action?</p> <p>Explanation: Yes, the public involvement and interagency review in the existing NEPA document is adequate for the Proposed Action.</p>	X	

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Peter Torma	Rangeland Management Specialist	Vegetation and Grazing	1/11/2010
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian	01/21/2010
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	01/27/2010
Bill Wyatt	Fire Archaeologist	Cultural Resources and Tribal consultation	2/25/2010

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: Past actions have resulted in a cultural resource inventory to determine if those actions would cause potential adverse affects to known and unknown cultural resource sites from livestock grazing, motorized travel, and recreational use. When project undertakings are identified, a cultural resource inventory would be conducted to determine if sites are present and their eligibility, project effects, and mitigation requirements as necessary.

Native American Religious Concerns: Tribal consultation was initiated on January 20, 2010, and to date no Native American tribe has identified any area of traditional spiritual concern. Tribal consultation would continue with each Section 106 undertaking within the allotment.

Threatened and Endangered Species: The proposed renewal would not impact Endangered, Threatened, or Sensitive Species.

MITIGATION: None

COMPLIANCE PLAN: Compliance with the renewed livestock grazing lease and its 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 area personnel, as appropriate, to ensure compliance. The Kremmling Field Office Range Monitoring Plan 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 lease, based on monitoring, when changes are determined necessary to protect land health.

NAME OF PREPARER: Peter Torma

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

DATE: 3/3/2010

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Map
2. Grazing Permit

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.

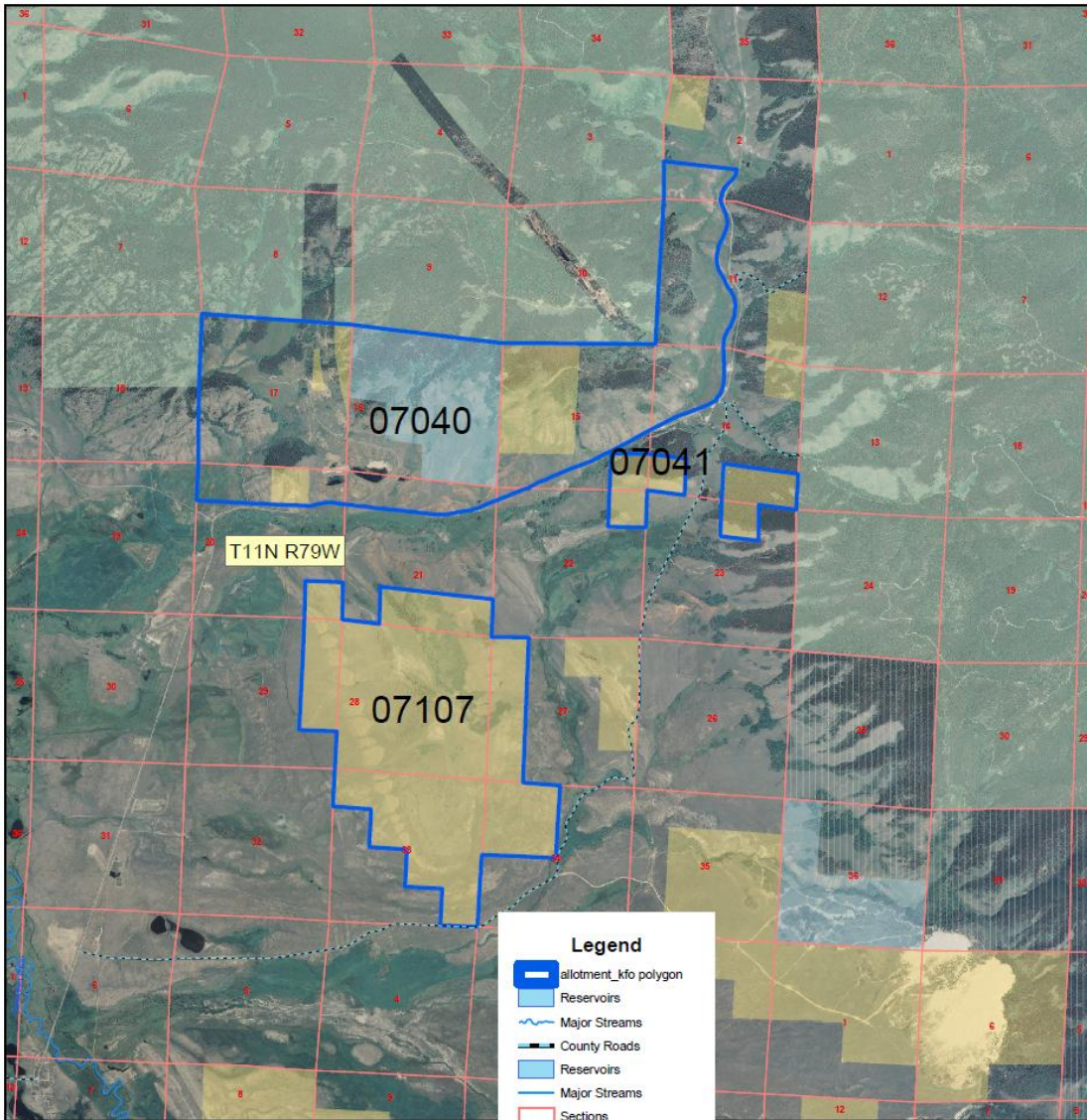
SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: /s/ Susan Cassel (Acting)

DATE SIGNED: 3/3/10

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.



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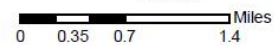
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- Reservoirs
- Major Streams
- County Roads
- Reservoirs
- Major Streams
- Sections

Land Status

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- Bureau of Land Mgt
 - Division of Wildlife
 - National Park
 - US Forest Service
 - National Wildlife Refuge
 - Private
 - State
 - State Forest

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