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DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0031-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Transfer Base Property and Livestock Grazing Authorization on Allotment 07557 (Perkins) from William Thomas Jr. to Matheson Ranch

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered public land includes all or part of the following:

Allotment 07557 (Perkins) 321 acres
T. 3 N., R. 80 W., Sections: 17, 20, 21, 6th P.M.

APPLICANT: Bill Matheson of Matheson Ranch

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Matheson Ranch sold some of its base property and the livestock grazing authorization on Allotment 07557 (Perkins) to William Thomas Jr. However, Mr. Thomas was foreclosed upon and the base property and the grazing authorization on Allotment 07557 (Perkins) were returned to Matheson Ranch. This DNA would transfer the grazing authorization and base property from Mr. Thomas to Matheson Ranch. There would be no changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing preference as expressed in AUMs*. The base property and authorized grazing preference of 59 AUMs in Allotment 07557 (Perkins) would be returned to the Matheson Ranch existing permit # 0501764. Prior to the transfer of the livestock grazing on Allotment 07557 (Perkins) to William Thomas Jr., livestock grazing permit # 0501764 authorized grazing on both Allotment 07557 (Perkins) and Allotment 07552 (Meadow). This transfer would return the livestock grazing permit to its original form.

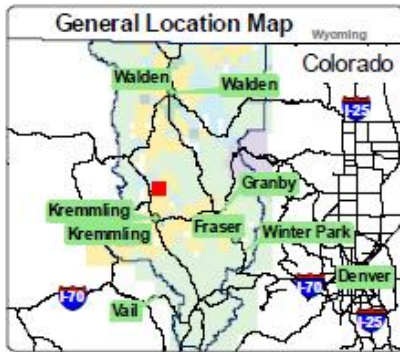
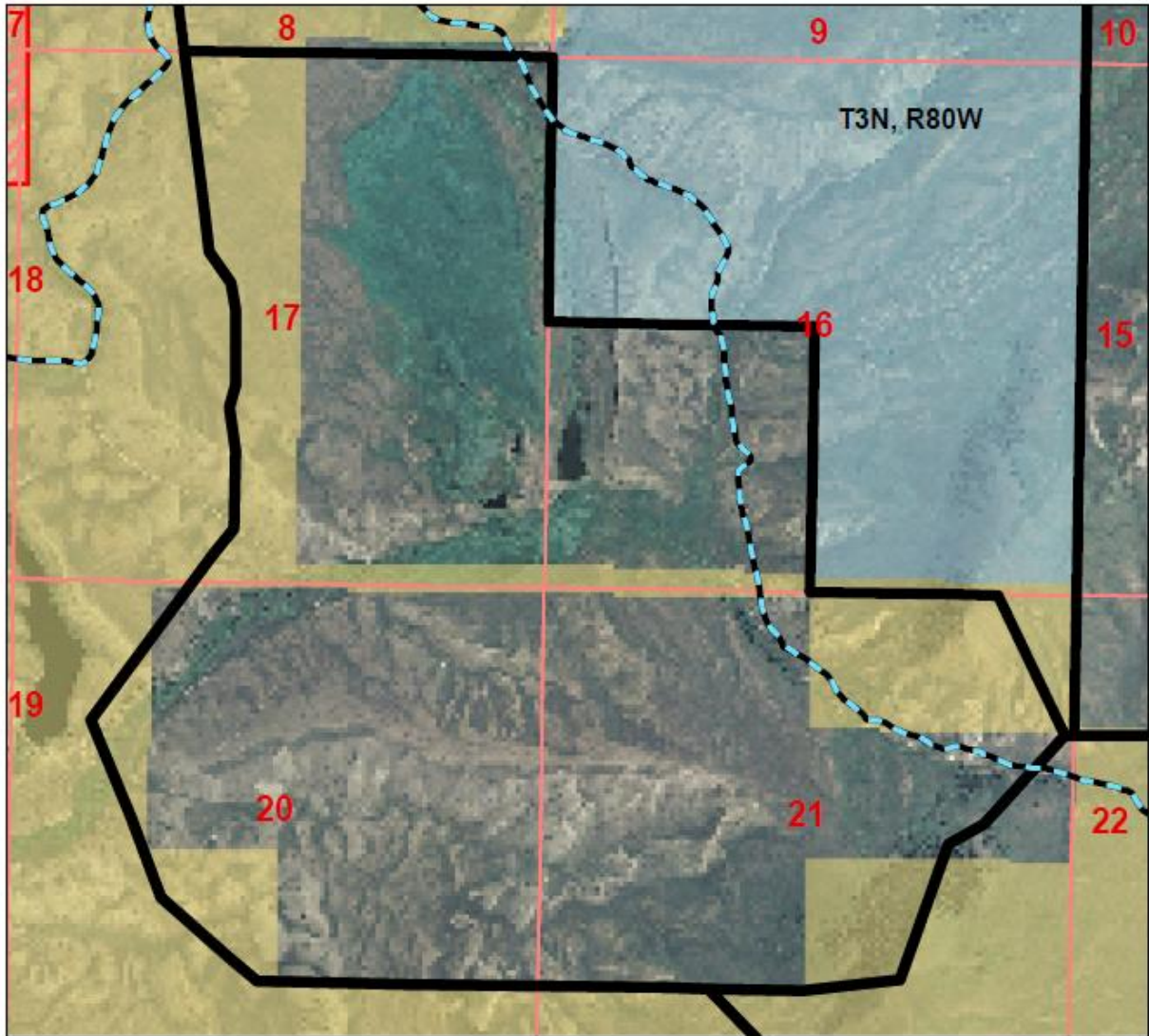
*AUM = animal unit month = the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and calf for one month.

Livestock grazing permit # 0501764 would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent:

Allotment	Livestock Number	Kind	Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
07557 Perkins	25	Cattle	5/16 – 10/31	26	36
07757 Perkins	23	Cattle	11/1 – 11/30	100	23
07552 Meadow	168	Cattle	5/15 – 6/10	100	149



07557 Perkins



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No Warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the Accuracy, Reliability, or Completeness of this Data for Individual Use or Aggregate Use with Other Data.

Maps: Gunsight Pass
BLM, Kremming FO 3/25/2010

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):

Decision Language: Objectives of the RMP/ROD include allocation of a base level of livestock forage and maintaining or improving forage production and condition in areas where livestock grazing is a priority or is compatible with the land use priority. Allotment 07552 (Perkins) was designated with a wildlife priority. Livestock grazing is compatible with this designation.

REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

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

Name of Document: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0028-CX
Renewal of Livestock Grazing Permit # 0501764 for Matheson Ranch

Date Approved: March 3, 2009

Name of Document: CO-120-2007-34-CX
Transfer of Base Property and BLM Livestock Grazing Preference on Allotment 07557 (Perkins) from Matheson Ranch to William Thomas Jr.

Date Approved: August 28, 2007

Name of Document: CO-018-99-22-EA
Permit Renewal of Livestock Grazing Permit # 0501764 for Matheson Ranch

Date Approved: September 22, 1999

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: There have been no changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing preference.	X	

<p>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?</p> <p>Explanation: A reasonable range of alternatives were analyzed during the 1999 and 2009 permit renewal process. No changes to the grazing system have been implemented since that time.</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: No changes to the livestock grazing have been implemented since the original NEPA documents were approved. Monitoring since approval of the grazing system has confirmed that no deterioration of the vegetation resource has occurred.</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: There have been no changes to the methodology and analytical approach since the original NEPA documents were 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: The direct and indirect impacts would be the same under implementation of the Proposed Action because no changes to the livestock grazing have occurred since the original NEPA documents were approved.</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 the same since the livestock grazing is the same as when the original NEPA documents were approved.</p>	X	
<p>7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the Proposed Action?</p>	X	

Explanation: The public involvement and interagency review in the existing NEPA documents is adequate for the Proposed Action.		
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INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	3/10/2010
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, & Riparian	3/30/2010
Bill B. Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation	4/21/2010
Frank G. Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontology	4/22/2010

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 resources sites from livestock grazing, motorized travel, and recreational use. When project undertakings are identified for any ground disturbing activities that may affect cultural resources a cultural inventory will be conducted under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities.

Native American Religious Concerns: Because this action is just a transfer of the grazing allotment and base property and does not involve any ground disturbance no tribal consultation was necessary. Any future actions that would potentially affect known or unknown cultural resources would require tribal consultation.

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

MITIGATION: None

COMPLIANCE PLAN: Compliance with the renewed livestock grazing permit 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 permit, based on monitoring, when changes are determined necessary to protect land health.

NAME OF PREPARER: Richard Johnson

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

DATE: April 22, 2010

ATTACHMENTS:

Livestock Grazing Permit # 0501764 with Standard Terms and Conditions

Livestock Grazing Plan for Allotment 07552 (Meadow)

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

DATE SIGNED: 4/22/2010

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.