

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

A. Background

BLM Office: _Kremmling

Lease/Serial/Case File #COC-74706

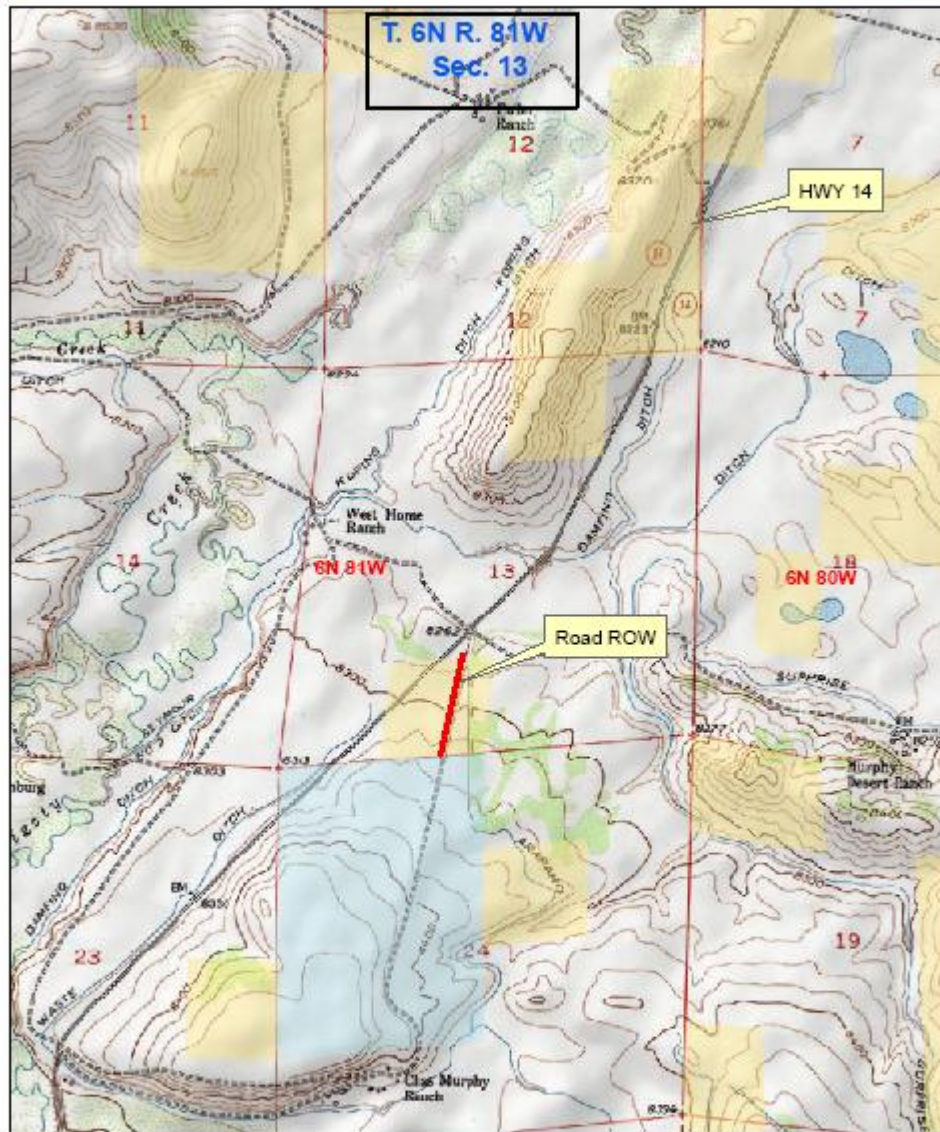
Project Title: Dakota Exploration Road ROW

Location: T. 6N., R. 81W., Section 13, E½SE¼SW1/4, 6th P.M.

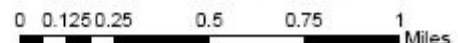
Description and Rationale, including any Stipulations: Dakota Exploration has applied for a right-of-way for an access road for oil and gas-well drilling operations. The length of the road is approximately 1,442 feet long and 30 feet wide. Road surface and total width of disturbance would remain at current widths to prevent disturbance of wetland vegetation. Dakota Exploration would temporarily remove a cattle guard, and replace it with a fence and gate with two steel panels for construction. Otherwise no improvements would be made. Dakota would be responsible for maintaining the road through BLM administered land. If road traffic and/or conditions warrant dust control, watering the road would occur to allow for safe travel on Jackson County Road 11A.



DAKOTA EXPLORATION ROAD ROW COC-74706



Legend	
	Road ROW
	US Forest Service
	National Wildlife Refuge
	Bureau of Land Mgt
	Division of Wildlife
	National Park
	Private
	State
	State Forest
	Township & Range



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B. Land Use Plan Conformance

This action conforms to the Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved/Amended: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

The approval of a right-of-way is clearly consistent with the RMP objectives and decisions as follows: Provide the opportunity to utilize public lands for development of facilities which benefit the public, while considering environmental and agency concerns.

C. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act

The action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, E., (16): Acquisition of easements for existing road or issuance of leases, permits, or rights-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purposes.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate for this action because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply (see attached).

I considered the quality of the existing road for the operation that would occur and made a decision that no maintenance other than the temporary items noted above would be required.

D. Signature

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Date

E. Contact

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Review of Extraordinary Circumstances

The Department of the Interior Manual 516 2.3A (3) requires review of the following “extraordinary circumstances” (516 DM 2 Appendix 2) to determine if an otherwise categorically excluded action would require additional environmental analysis/documentation.

1) *Have significant impacts on public health or safety.*

Yes No

Comments:

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.*

Yes No

Comments:

3) *Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].*

Yes No

Comments:

4) *Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.*

Yes No

Comments:

5) *Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.*

Yes No

Comments:

6) *Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.*

Yes No

Comments:

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.*

Yes No

Comments:

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.*

Yes No

Comments:

9) *Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.*

Yes No

Comments:

10) *Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).*

Yes No

Comments:

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).*

Yes No

Comments:

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).*

Yes No

Comments:

Reviewers:

Soil, Air, Water

__6/21/11____

Cultural Resources

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Wildlife

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