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Bureau of Land Management
Kremmling Field Office
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

A. Background

BLM Office: Kremmling Lease/Serial/Case File No.: N/A

Number: LLCON02000-2011-0029-CX

Proposed Action Title/Type: Transfer of base property and livestock Grazing Permit on allotment 07066 (Indiv. A) from Heidi Walker (Fuller) to Evans Cattle Co. LLC.

Applicant: Evans Cattle Co. LLC.

Location of Proposed Action:

Allotment 07066

T. 6 N., R. 80 W., Sec. 6, 7, 6th P.M.

T. 6 N., R. 81 W., Sec. 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 6th P.M.

T. 7 N., R. 81 W., Sec. 36, 6th P.M.

Description of Proposed Action: The Proposed Action would transfer the base property and livestock grazing preference on Allotment 07066 (Indiv. A) from Heidi Walker (Fuller) to Evans Cattle Co. LLC. There would be no change to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock preference as expressed AUMs*.

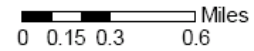
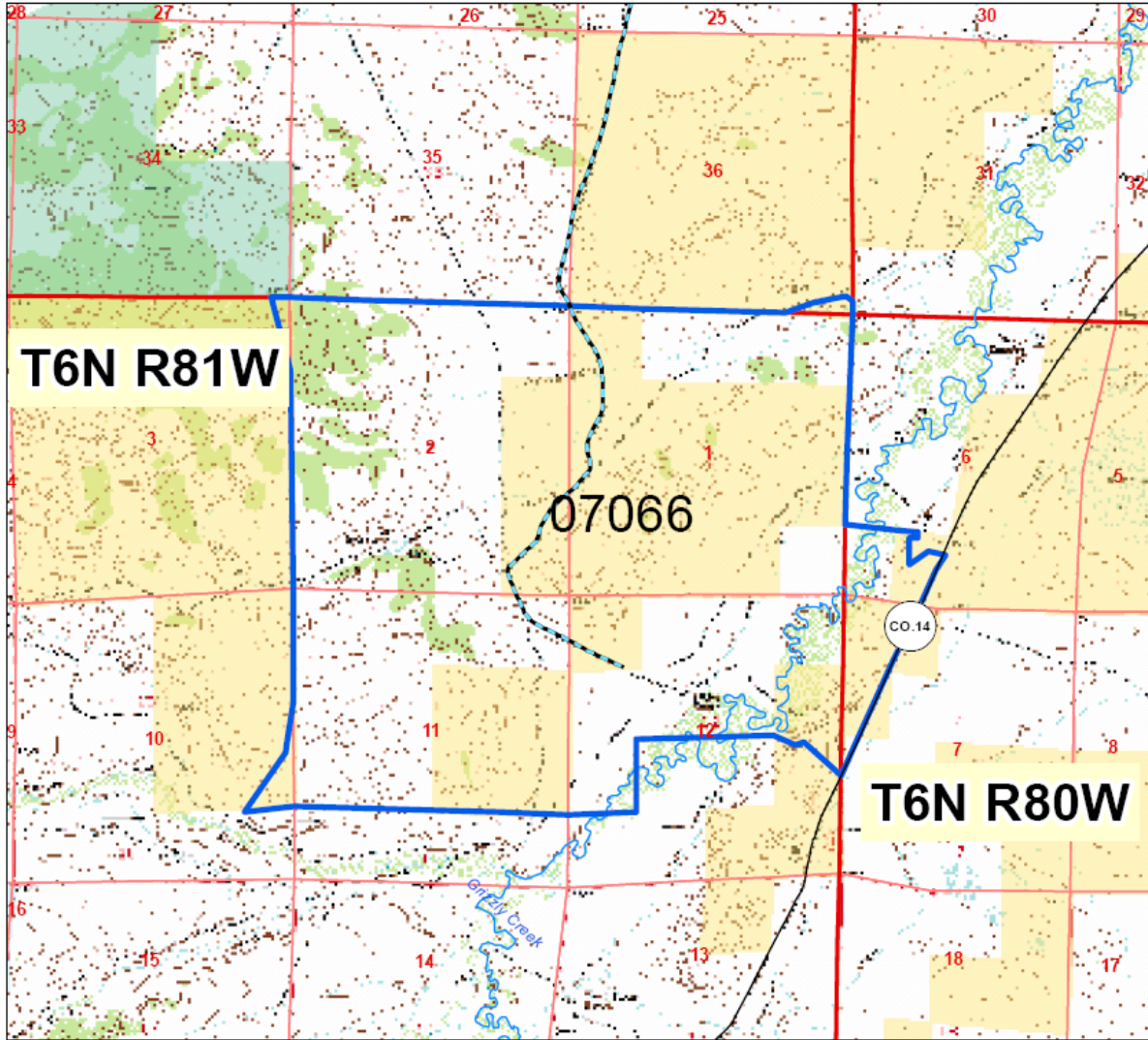
*AUM = animal unit months = the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and calf for one month.

The transferred permit and lease would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent

Permit/Lease	Allotment	Livestock Number Kind		Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
0503870	07066 (Indiv A)	100	C	6/15-8/30	44	111
		100	C	9/1-3/31	11	77



Fuller Permit



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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: Pearl
Independence Mtn
BLM, Kremmling FO 12/2008

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: _Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

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

Decision Number/Page: Livestock Grazing: pages 6 and 8, as revised

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. The RMP designated the project areas with livestock grazing, wildlife, cultural, forest products or no priorities. The proposed action is compatible with these designations.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.0, D (1): “Approval of transfers of grazing preference”.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation 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 DM2 apply.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Bill B. Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources/Tribal Consultation	5-12-2011
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife, T/E, and Sensitive Species	5/16/11
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian	5/26/2011

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: Susan Cassel_____ Date: __5/26/11_____
(Signature)

Name: __Susan Cassel_____
Title: __Associate Field Manager_____

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DECISION RECORD
CX #: LLCON02000-2011-0029

DECISION: It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action as described in the attached CX.

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act. This decision is also in conformance with the LUP and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

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

RATIONALE: The existing permit for grazing is in good standing. There would be no change to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock preference as expressed AUMs with the new permittee.

The livestock producer benefits from a transferred grazing permit/lease to graze forage on BLM administered land. Livestock grazing on BLM administered land is an integral part of the livestock producer's operation, and an important part of local rural economies.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Susan L. Cassel

DATE SIGNED: 5/26/11