

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION RECORD

NUMBER: CO-110-04-012-CER

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER:

PROJECT NAME: RBC gravel test holes Johnson Draw

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:T1N, R102W, NE Sec. 9

APPLICANT: Rio Blanco County

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Rio Blanco County proposes to dig up to 6 exploratory holes with a track hole to determine gravel quantity and quality west of Johnson Draw. The area of interest is located approximately 1 1/2 miles west of Rangely Colorado south of Rio Blanco County road 2. Access off RBC 2 is along an existing two track.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The proposed action is subject to the following plan:

Name of Plan: White River Resource Management Plan

Date Approved: July 1, 1997

Page or Decision Number: 2-8

The proposed action has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3).

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM6, Appendix 5.4, Number:F (9). None of the following exceptions in 516 DM2, Appendix 2, apply:

	Yes	No
1. Significant adverse effects on public health or safety?		X
2. Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks?		X
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects?		X
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X
6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?		X

Yes No

7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?

X

8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?

X

9. Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?

X

10. Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?

X

SIGNATURE OF PREPARER:

DATE:

11-13-03

SIGNATURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR:

DATE:

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this Categorical Exclusion Record and have decided to implement the proposed action.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action which may be categorically excluded (516 DM 6, Appendix 5, F (9)). I have evaluated the action relative to the 10 criteria listed above and have determined that it does not represent an exception and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:

DATE SIGNED:

11/13/03