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**DECISION RECORD**  
for the  
**Patterson Trailing Event 2012**

**NEPA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T030-2012-011-EA**

### **I. Decision**

I have decided to select the Proposed Action for implementation as described in the Patterson Land & Livestock Trailing Permit EA. Based on my review of the EA and project record, I conclude that Proposed Action was analyzed in sufficient detail to allow me to make an informed decision. I have selected this alternative because the proposed event will meet the goals and objectives described in the purpose and need, and may be implemented in a way to avoid adverse impacts.

My decision is in conformance with the Monument Resource Management Plan (RMP), which has identified the allotments to be crossed as custodial allotments. Custodial allotments are managed with a minimal expenditure of funds and are managed to continue to protect existing rangeland resource value. My decision also complies with The Taylor Grazing Act and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

### **II. Finding of No Significant Impact**

I have reviewed the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the proposed activities documented in the EA for the Patterson Land & Livestock Trailing Permit EA. I have also reviewed the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the project record for this analysis. I have determined that permitting a half-day trailing event for 200 livestock described in the EA will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, I have determined that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary.

### **III. Other Alternatives Considered**

In making my decision, I considered two alternatives: the proposed alternative, and a no action alternative that would not permit trailing. See p. 5 of the EA that describes the

alternatives considered. I conclude that the proposed alternative, with terms and conditions that will limit the impacts of the action to those described in the EA, will be consistent with the purpose and need. It will also avoid stress to pregnant cows that might occur through trucking livestock from its originating pasture to its destination pasture, and will avoid road congestion and vehicle emissions that would occur if trucks are used to move the livestock. The proposed action will not adversely affect conditions within the allotments crossed, as the trailing will occur on existing two-track roads, or power line roads. Further, the trailing event is limited in duration and scope.

#### **IV. Public Involvement**

The proposed event was part of a larger scoping effort that was completed in December 2011 for livestock trailing in the Shoshone FO. The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes were consulted on January 26, 2012. None of the comments received during the scoping event pertain to the proposed trailing action, and the Tribes expressed no concerns regarding the proposal.

#### **V. Authorities**

The decision and permit is issued in accordance with the Division E, Title I, Section 123, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012, Pub. L. 112-74.

This decision and permit is issued in accordance with the Acts as stated in 43 CFR 4100.0-3.

This decision and permit is issued in accordance with 43 CFR 4130.6-3, 4160.1, 4160.3, and 4130.8-1b.

USDI BLM Monument RMP 1985 allocates livestock use as one of the uses within the allotments.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanna Tjaden, Rangeland Management Specialist, at (208) 732-7292.

/s/ Ruth A. Miller

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February 6, 2012

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