

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Twin Falls District  
Shoshone Field Office  
400 West F Street  
Shoshone, Idaho 83352

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

**NEPA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T030-2011-0044-CX**

**A. Background**

BLM Office: Shoshone Field Office. Lease/Serial/Case File No.: IDI-17990

Proposed Action Title/Type: Struthers Road Right-of-Way Renewal

Location of Proposed Action: Boise Meridian, Camas County, Idaho; Township 2 South, Range 17 East, Section 10: A portion of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 11: W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Description of Proposed Action: The Bureau of Land Management, Shoshone Field Office (BLM) has received an application from Robert Struthers to renew a right-of-way (IDI-17990) for an access road crossing both private and public lands in Camas County, Idaho near West Magic. The original right-of-way was issued on September 30, 1981 for a period of 30 years. The right-of-way includes an area 60 feet wide and approximately 2,772 feet in length. On September 16, 1983, 20 acres of public land, including the right-of-way, was sold to Don Farnes. However, the patent reserved the right for the BLM to administer the right-of-way, including the right to renew it. See Attachment A, Struthers Road Right-of-Way Renewal Location Map.

**B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name: Bennett Hills / Timmerman Hills Management Framework Plan (MFP),  
Date Approved/Amended: 1980

The proposed action is not specifically provided for; however, the use falls within the multiple uses concept and management goals outlined by the plan. "Within the lands activity the overall objective is to serve the needs of the general public . . ." (Bennett Hills / Timmerman Hills MFP, p.1)

**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 11.9 E(9). 516 DM 11.9 E(9) states: "Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations." The proposed renewal

of the right-of-way for the access road does not include any new improvements nor does it include any additional rights beyond those granted by the original authorizations. 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 DM 2 apply. See Attachment B, Struthers Road Right-of-Way Renewal Categorical Exclusion Review Sheet.

Based on my review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the applicable land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. I have decided to approve the action as proposed. Mr. Struthers's application to renew a right-of-way for an access road is approved. A renewed right-of-way will be offered to Mr. Struthers to operate and maintain a road across both public and private lands in Camas County, Idaho near Magic Reservoir.

#### **D. Signature**

Authorizing Official: /s/ James D. Barnum Acting for Ruth A. Miller Date: 12/5/2011  
Name: Ruth A. Miller  
Title: Field Manager

#### **E. Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this Categorical Exclusion, contact Tara Hagen, Realty Specialist, at 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho; (208) 732-7205; or via email at [thagen@blm.gov](mailto:thagen@blm.gov).

#### **F. Attachments**

Attachment A, Struthers Road Right-of-Way Renewal Location Map  
Attachment B, Struthers Road Right-of-Way Renewal Categorical Exclusion  
Review Sheet.  
Attachment C, Draft Struthers IDI-17990 Renewed Right-of-Way