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## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT for the Woodhawk Allotment Grazing Permit Renewal Environmental Assessment No. MT 066-08-035**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) initiated the Woodhawk Allotment Grazing Permit Renewal Environmental Assessment (MT 066-08-035) to renew the expiring grazing permit.

### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the Woodhawk Allotment Grazing Permit Renewal EA (MT 066-08-035) and considering the significance criteria in 40 DVR 1508.27, I have determined that the action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

This finding is based on the following reasons:

- The proposed action will facilitate management changes to improve riparian and water quality conditions that are currently not in conformance with Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Management while maintaining or improving conditions on the allotment that are already in conformance.
- There are no effects to air quality or cultural resources.
- The proposed range improvements would not impact the local or regional populations of any species, and there would be no effect to migratory birds, BLM Designated Sensitive Species, and threatened or endangered species.

The proposed action does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation and is in conformance with the Judith Resource Area Resource Management Plan approved in September 1994 and the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Resource Management Plan approved in December 2008.

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Date