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1.6 Relationship to Statutes, Regulations, or other Plans: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act mandates multiple use of Public Lands, including recreation use. An objective of BLM's recreation permit policy is to satisfy recreation demand within allowable use levels in an equitable, safe, and enjoyable manner minimizing adverse resource impacts and user conflicts.

The Grand County General Plan Update, 2004 encourages building a community with a strong, diversified, year round economy. It states "At the current time, Grand County's economy is driven by seasonal tourism. It's important that we continue to invest in and develop that part of our economy." The plan also supports the multiple use of the public lands.

1.7 Identification of Issues:

Resource A: Soils

- Issue 1: Development and associated uses may impact soils through compaction, less nutrient cycling, loss of biotic soil crusts, surface aggregate stability, etc. Will potential changes lead to increased erosion and subsequent sediment contribution to the Green River?

Resource B: Recreation Resources

- Issue 1: Will the development of the campground provide for sustainable camping opportunities along Highway 313?

Resource C: Visual Resources

- Issue 1: Will the development of the campground exceed the allowable contrast for the Visual Resource Management Class for this location?

1.8 Summary: This chapter has presented the Purpose of and Need for the proposed project, as well as the relevant issues, i.e., those elements that could be affected by the implementation of the proposed project. In order to meet the purpose and need of the proposed project in a way that resolves the issues, the BLM has developed a range of action alternatives. These alternatives, as well as a no action alternative, are presented in Chapter 2. The potential environmental impacts or consequences resulting from the implementation of each alternative are then analyzed in Chapter 4 for each of the identified issues.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING PROPOSED ACTION:

2.1 Introduction: The alternatives are the proposed action, to construct the campground in whole or in part, based on mitigation measures. No Action is the other alternative, which is to not construct the campground.

2.2 Alternative A – Proposed Action: A 50 to 60 unit campground would be developed along the Mineral Point Road about 1/4 mile from Highway 313 (see Map # 1). The campground would consist of three loops adjacent to the road which could be open or closed depending on the demand for camping at that time of year (see Map # 2). The main road system in the campground would be graveled and be about 3,150 feet in length with a 16 to 22 foot wide surface. The entrance to the campground would have an information station with bulletin board and fee tube. There would be 6 to 10 vault type toilets located throughout the campground. The campground would be fenced.

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