PRINEVILLE DISTRICT

Categorical Exclusion

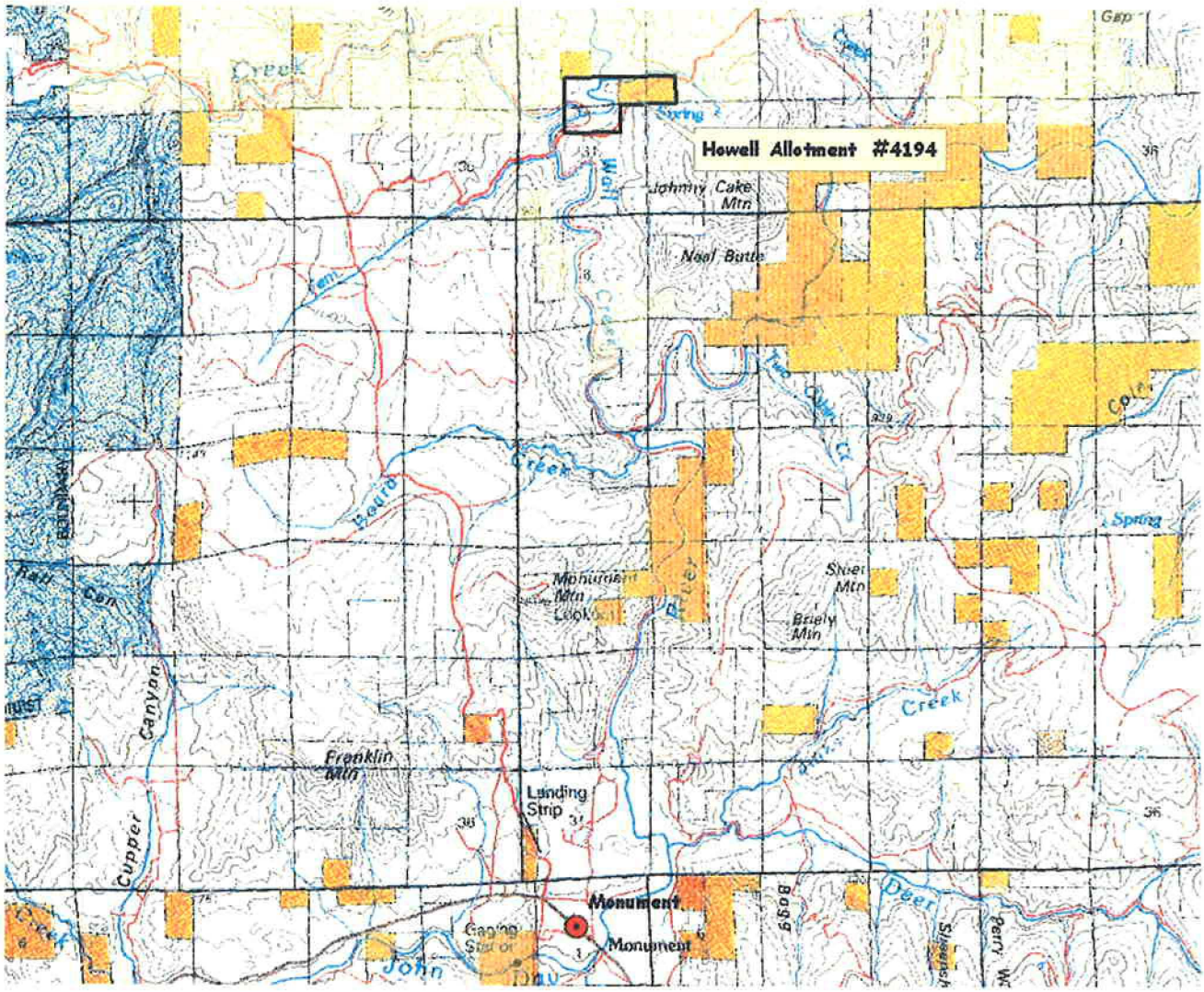
Review and Approval

Name of proposed Action: Howell Allotment #4194 Grazing Lease Transfer

CE Number: DOI-BLM-OR-P040-2009-0017-CX

Grazing Case File Number: 3602185

Location of Proposed Action: Howell Allotment #4194; Township 7 South, Range 28 East



Description of the Proposed Action: Transfer of currently authorized grazing lease due to base property sale. The currently permitted use is as follows:

1	cow	04/01-11/30	100%PL	8 AUMS

Current lease and terms and conditions will remain unchanged and in effect.
Anticipated Impacts of the Proposed Action: This action will result in the continuation of grazing impacts which were analyzed in the John Day RMP ROD signed August 28, 1985.

Proposed Mitigation Measures: None

Categorical Exclusion Reference:
Approval of the transfer of grazing preference does require the preparation of an EA or EIS as stated in 516 Department Manual 6, Chapter 11.9, Section D (I).

Screening for Exceptions to Categorical Exclusions:	**YES**	**NO**
1. Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?	( )	(X)
2. Have adverse effects on such unique geographic as cultural or Paleontological resources, park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness lands, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecological 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 or potentially significant environmental risks 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)
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 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)

Recommendation:

I recommend approval of the grazing transfer.

Colleen R. Wyllie
Rangeland Management Technician

3/4/09
Date

Review:

Based on the review of the proposal and the Prineville District staff Recommendations, this action is a categorical exclusion and does not meet any of the Exceptions listed above. No additional environmental analysis is required. The Proposed action is in conformance with the John Day RMP/EIS Decision Record, Dated August 28, 1985. The cultural, T&E plants, and T&E animal specialists have Indicated they expect no unacceptable impacts to the resources (see initials be Exceptions list, above).

Environmental Coordinator

3/4/09
Date

Approval:

I approve the grazing lease transfer as proposed and mitigated.

Christina M. Welch
Central Oregon Field Manager

6/11/2009
Date