Prineville District

Land Use **Plan Conformance and Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**

Review and Approval

Name of Proposed Action: Miners Flat Allotment (#04),Coyote Springs Allotment (#58) and Brennan Place Allotment (#10058) Grazing Permit Renewal

DNA Number: OR-054-07-103

Location of Proposed Action: Both allotments are approximately 12 miles east of Paulina, Oregon; T17, 18S; R24, 25 E; see map.

Allotment Summary: Miners Flat consists of2,908 public acres, 201 active AUM's and a permitted season of use from 04/16 to 11/15. Coyote Springs consists of4,418 public acres and 404 active AUMS with a permitted season of use from 04/01 to 11.27. Brennan Place is 44 acres and 4 active AUMs and a season of use from 4/16 to 11/15.

The Brennan Place Allotment is a new allotment created inside the existing Angell allotment, #23. GI Grazing Association sold a portion of their deeded land to Bedortha Ranches Inc. and a small parcel of the Angel allotment was transferred along with it. No changes were made on the ground. The grazing will remain the same, as well as the allotted AUMs. Boundary lines were redrawn and a new allotment was created, called the Brennan Place. It has not been analyzed on its own, but as a whole with the Angell allotment in the RMP.

Purpose of and Need for Action: The current permit will expire February 2008 and the lessee has requested a renewal.

Description of the Proposed Action: Renew a grazing permit for the permittee in the Miners Flat, Coyote Springs and Brennan Place allotments for a term often years. All terms and conditions on the permit will remain the same.

Plan Conformance:
The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following-

Brothers/La Pine Resource Management Plan (RMP), Rangeland Program Summary (RPS) and Record ofDecision (ROD) dated July 1989:

Allocate a total of 1,609 AUM's of forage for both allotments to livestock (p. 76). Livestock grazing specific to these allotments is addressed on pages 74 through 86 of this RMP.

Applicable NEPA document and related documents:
The following NEPA documents and related documents address the proposed action:

-Miners Flat Allotment Evaluation, dated June 1988
-Coyote Springs Allotment Evaluation, dated July 1989
-Angel Allotment Evaluation, dated May 1990

NEPA Adequacy Criteria:

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Yes. The current proposed action, grazing in all three allotments- Miners Flat, Coyote Springs and Brennan Place were previously analyzed in the Brothers Grazing Management EIS (pages 1 through 40). Alternatives are shown on pages 10 through 14 of this EIS.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances? Yes. Alternatives are displayed on pages 10 through 14 of the EIS, and ranged from optimizing livestock to the elimination of livestock grazing. This range appears to be appropriate, given the current issues.

3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (including, for example, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; Unified Watershed Assessment categorizations; inventory and monitoring data; most recent Fish and Wildlife Service lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action? New information, which would enter into the analysis, includes the Standards for Rangeland Health & Guidelines for grazing management (43 CFR 4180, available for review at the Prineville District BLM). The BLM is required to assess all public land grazing allotments for compliance with the Standards and Guidelines. A Rangeland Health Assessment is scheduled to be completed on these allotments for sometime in the next few years.

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action? Yes. This EIS's approach is appropriate for the current proposed action, as no new information has become available, and conditions in these allotments and planning area have not changed.

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document sufficiently analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action? The direct, indirect and site specific effects of renewing these grazing permits were adequately addressed in this EIS. It considered continuing vs. discontinuing grazing in many allotments and described the effects of allotment closures on forage availability, the local economy, BLM management costs, permittee costs, and other factors (pages 52 through 75). The effects of livestock grazing on soil, vegetation, and ecological processes are likewise included. These effects and impacts have not substantially changed.

6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Yes. The degree and range of impacts associated with the proposed action would remain within the range of those described in the EIS.

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequately for the current proposed action? Yes. A copy of this DNA will be mailed to the permittee.

Interdisciplinary Analysis:
Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

Name	Resource Represented	Initials/Date
Don Zalunardo	Wildlife	DRZ 1/9/08
Jeff Moss	Fisheries	JDM 1/9/08
Berry Phelps	Recreation	B.P. 1/9/08
Scott Goodman	Cultural Resources	RJM 1/10/08
Ron Halvorson	Botany, Special Status Plants	[illegible] 1/9/08
Michelle McSwain	Hydrology	MM 1/9/08

Mitigation Measures:
The following mitigation measures will be implemented as part of the proposed action:

Prepared By: Cari Johnson Date: 1/8/08
Title: Rangeland Management Specialist

Plan Conformance/DNA Determination:

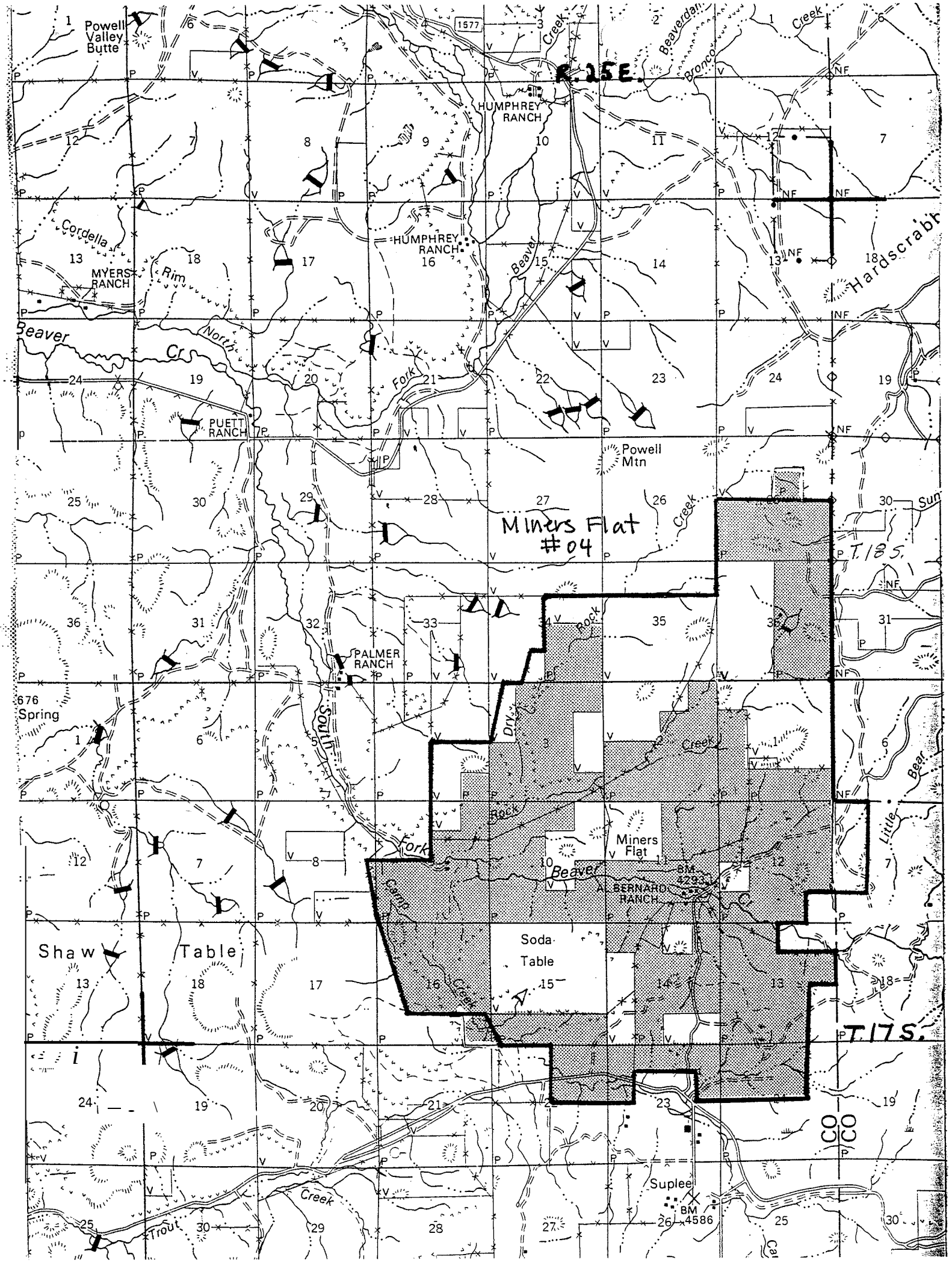
The proposed action and any specified mitigation measure(s) has been determined to meet the criteria for a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA). No additional environmental analysis required. All cultural, T&E plant, and T&E wildlife peciali haye'provided clearances for t e proposed project.

Reviewed By: [signature] Date 1/14/08
Environmental Coordinator Teal Purrington

Approval:
Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA

Approved By: Christina M. Welch Date 1/14/08
Field Manager

Note: The signature on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM=s internal decision process and cannot be appealed.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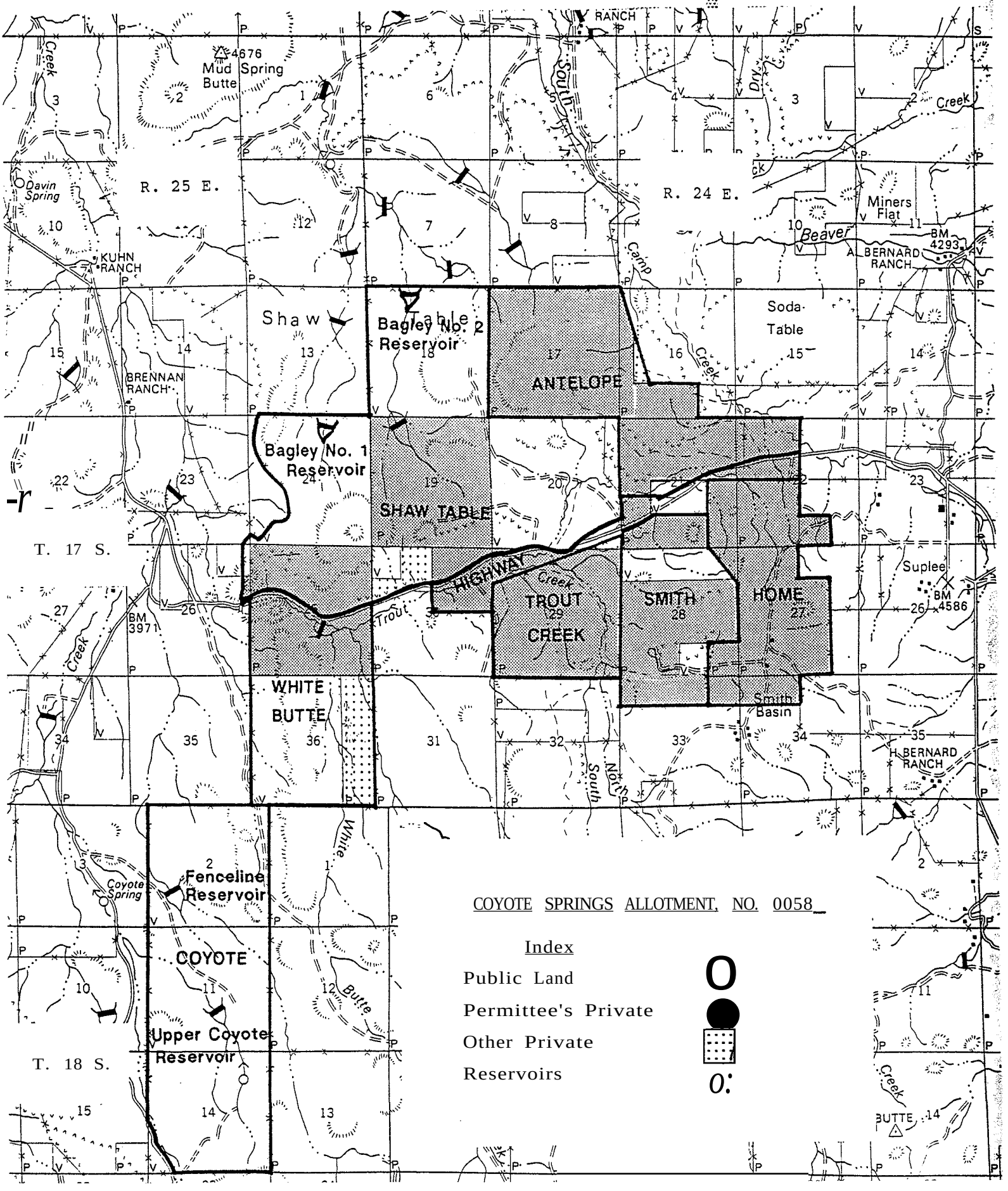

COYOTE SPRINGS ALLOTMENT, NO. 0058

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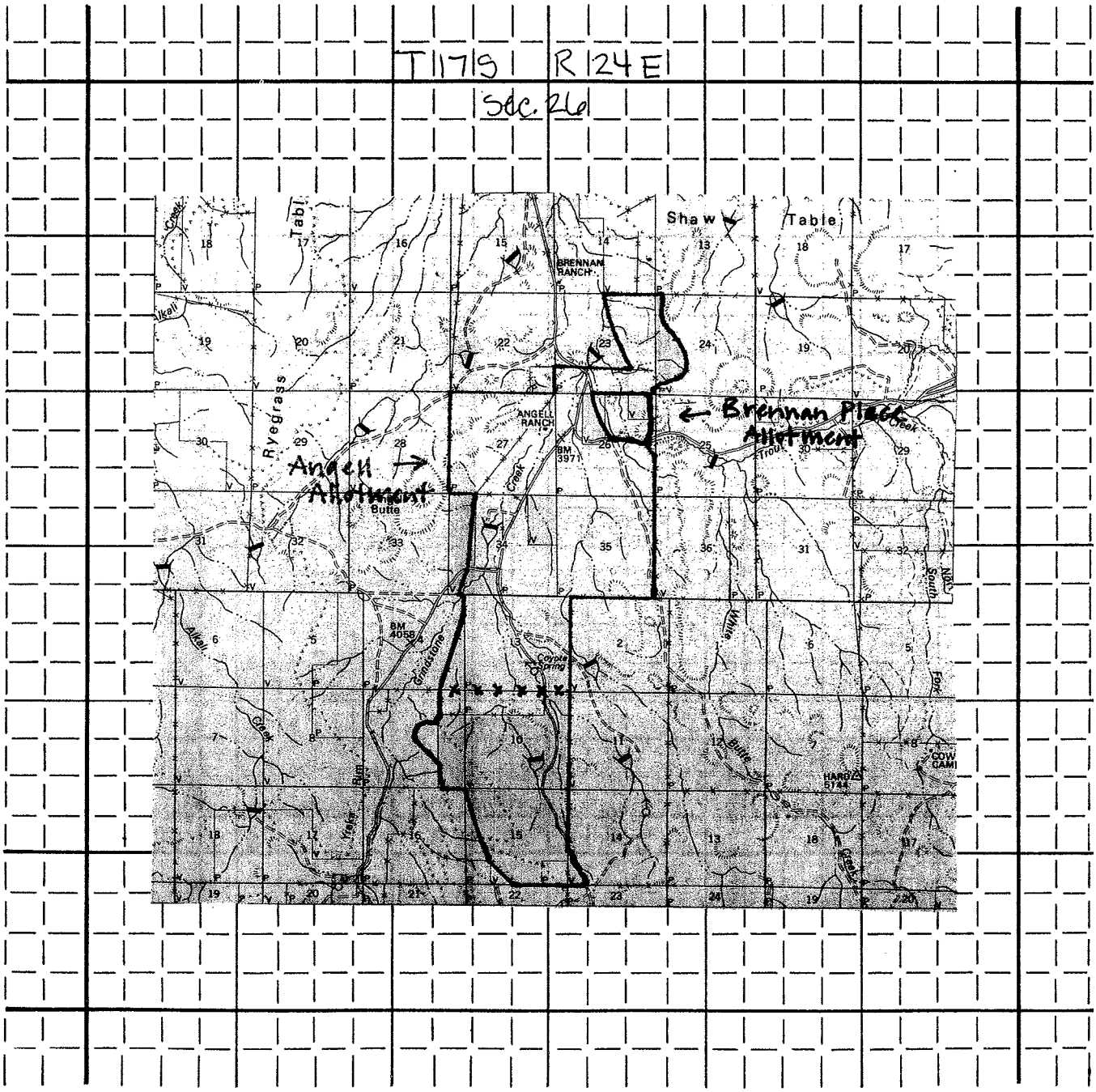

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