

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

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A. Background

BLM Office: Wenatchee Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: 3600784

NEPA Log Number: OR134-DNA-2009-0029

Proposed Action Title: Grazing Lease Renewal/Custodial Allotment

Location of Proposed Action: This allotment is located in Grant County Washington. The allotment is part of the Moses Coulee Management Area (See attached map). Legal Description of the lands is as follows:

T21N R24E Sec 6: Lot 1 & 3, SE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4NE1/4

Description of Proposed Action: The proposed action is to address a grazing lease renewal for grazing allotment # 0784 for a period of 10 years (3/2009-3/2019). This allotment is a "Custodial" allotment with 162 acres of public land intermingled with private land owned by the lessee. This proposed action would continue to authorize cattle grazing on 162 acres of BLM lands between 4/01-10/31, utilizing 40 AUMs.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Spokane Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: Approved 1987/Amended 1992

Option 1 (conforms with LUP): The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): This grazing allotment is addressed in the Spokane RMP/ROD under allotment number 0784 on page 46 for use of 40 AUMs, which is the same as the proposed renewal.

OR

(Option 2: not explicitly provided for in the LUP) The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions):

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document(s) or other related document(s) that cover the proposed action

Name and date of NEPA document(s):

Spokane Resource Management Plan(RMP)/Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), 1985

Name and date of other relevant document(s):

- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Priority Habitats and Species - 1997 Databases
- Washington Natural Heritage - 1998 Database
- Washington Office of Archaeological and Historical Preservation - 2003 Database
- Spokane District 2003 Archaeological Survey Database and files.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Yes, This allotment is identified in Appendix E (page) 46 of the Spokane RMP/Final EIS, authorizing grazing of cattle on 162 acres from 4/01 to 10/31 utilizing 40 AUMs. This is the same as the proposed action.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Yes, the proposed action is the same as that analyzed in the Spokane RMP/Final EIS.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Yes, There is no new information that would change the analysis of the Spokane RMP/Final EIS.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Yes, the effects are the same as those analyzed in the existing NEPA document.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

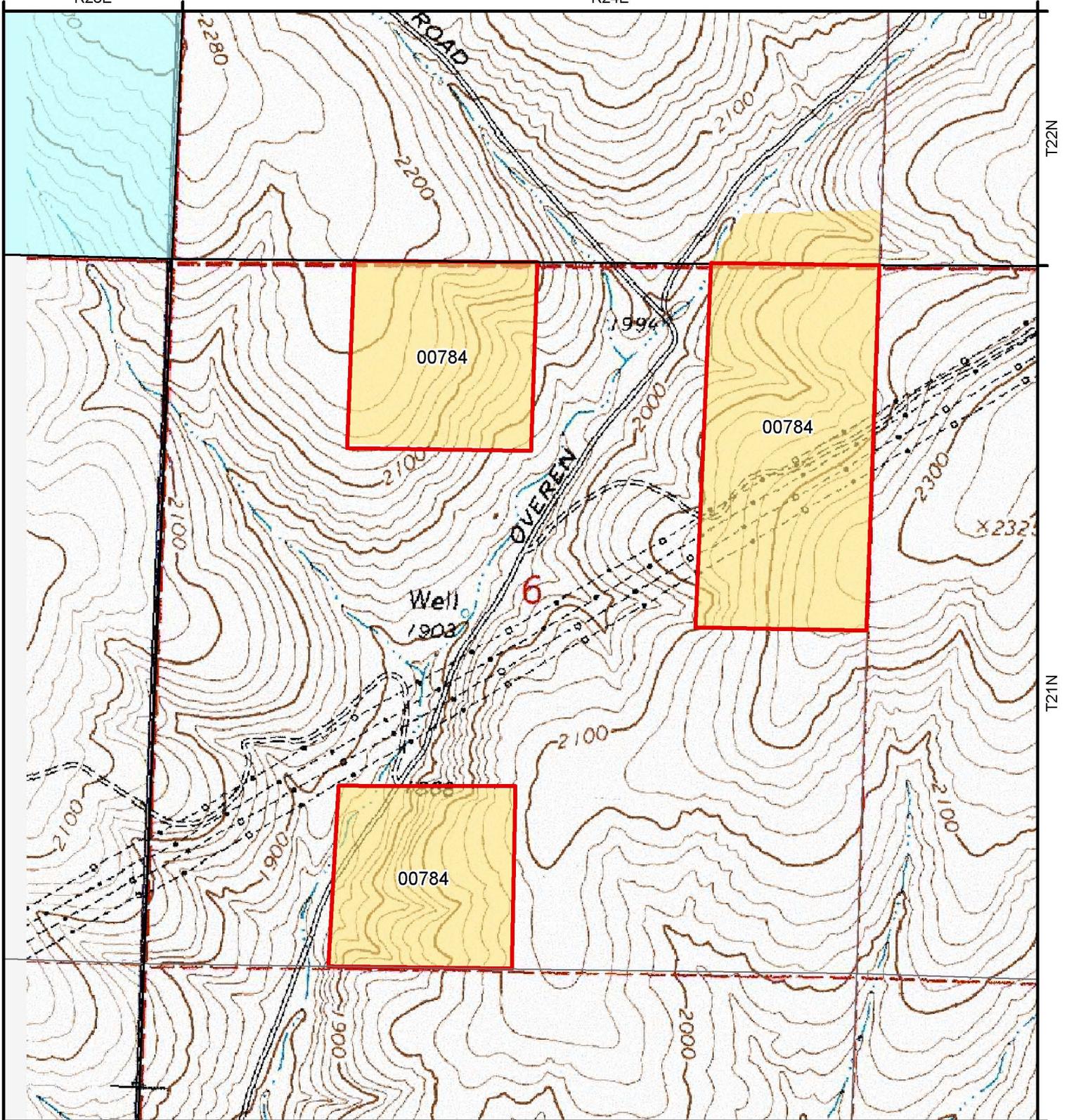
The Spokane RMP/FEIS and its ROD (including the Rangeland Program Summary) were distributed to all interested publics and other government agencies for review. Since the subject grazing leases are identified in the land use plan, which went through all of the appropriate and legally required public/agency review, at the time public involvement was considered adequate. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) was consulted, but individual tribes were not.

Consultations were initiated with Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP), the Colville Confederated Tribes, the Yakama Indian Nation and the Wanapum Band of Indians on May 30, 2008. On May 13, 2009 DAHP concurred with BLM's determination of "no effect". Consultations were completed on June 5, 2009; BLM did not receive responses from any of the tribes.

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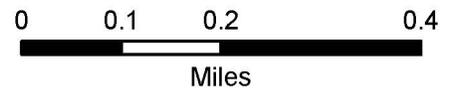
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-  Allotment Boundary
-  BLM Administered Land
-  WA Department of Natural Resources
-  Private Land



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