

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Vale District Office

**MALHEUR RESOURCE AREA**

**CE Number:** DOI-BLM-OR-V040-2014-028CX

**Proposed Action:** Transfer of grazing preference on the Buckbrush Allotment from MWR Allaire Ranches LLC (Auth. #3601555) to Brent Merritt (Auth. #3602358) with no changes in terms and conditions and issue Grazing Permit.

**Project Leader** Kevin Eldredge

**Compliance with NEPA**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 D. Rangeland Management  
1. Approval of transfers of grazing preference.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply. The approval of transfer of grazing preference is an administrative action that documents a real estate transaction has occurred.

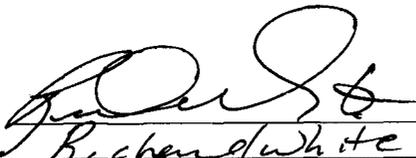
**Decision Record**

I have determined that the proposed action to transfer the grazing preference as identified above involves no significant impacts to the human environment and requires no further environmental analysis. It is my decision to authorize this action as proposed. For additional information concerning this project, contact Project Lead Kevin Eldredge Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918. Phone (541) 473-6357.

**Signature**

Authorizing Official:

(Signature) Name:

  
Richard White

Date:

3/11/14

Title:

Acting FM