

**Grazing Preference Transfer  
Categorical Exclusion Documentation  
Number: DOI-BLM-V050-2015-13-CX**

**A. Background**

**BLM Office:** Vale

**Permit/Lease No.:** 3606506

**Resource Area:** Baker Resource Area

**Allotment No(s):** 06506

**Proposed Action Title:** Transfer Grazing Preference from Tom Beach to Rock'N J Ranches, Inc. permit #3606506.

**Location of Proposed Action:** Allotment #06506, Grande Ronde RM 27 (C), is located about 42 miles north of Enterprise along Highway 3.

**Description of Proposed Action:** The BLM would process the transfer of BLM livestock grazing preference to the new permittee for the Grande Ronde RM 27 allotment. BLM acreage is 120 acres and 1004 private acres, according to GIS. There are 18 AUMs authorized from 4/01 to 5/31 and 11/1 to 12/31 for the above grazing permit identified to be transferred. The actual analysis was completed with the completion of the DNA in 2013 (DOI-BLM-OR-V050-2013-021-DNA).

**B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

**Land Use Plan (LUP):** Ironside Rangeland Program Summary (RPS) 1981

Baker Resource Management Plan (RMP) 1989, page 14, 15, 78 and 79

These plans have been reviewed to determine if the proposed actions conform to the land use plan terms and conditions as required by 43 CFR 1610.5.

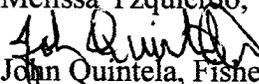
**C: Compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the NEPA in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, as published in the Notice of Final Action to Adopt Revisions to the Bureau of Land Management's Procedures for Managing the NEPA Process, Chapter 11 of the Department of the Interior's Manual Part 516. *Federal Register*: Volume 72, Number 156 - August 14, 2007, pages 45503-45542; "Approval of transfers of grazing preference."

This categorical exclusion review has been conducted by an Interdisciplinary Team (IDT), which utilized all available allotment information to make a recommendation.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment as documented in the following table. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION The proposed categorical exclusion action will:		YES	NO
2.1	Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		<del>YES</del>
Rationale: <i>no comment</i>			
Specialist Signature and Date: <i>[Signature]</i> 1-15-15 Kevin McCoy, Outdoor Recreation Planner			
2.2	Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); flood plains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
Rationale:			
Specialist Signature and Date: <i>[Signature]</i> 11/15/15 Melissa Yzquierdo, Wildlife Biologist			
Specialist Signature and Date: <i>[Signature]</i> 11/15/15 Kate Coddington, Archaeologist			
Specialist Signature and Date: <i>[Signature]</i> 1/20/15 John Quintela, Fisheries Biologist			
Specialist Signature and Date: <i>[Signature]</i> 1/20/15 John Rademacher, Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist			
Specialist Signature and Date: <i>[Signature]</i> 1-15-15 Kevin McCoy, Outdoor Recreation Planner			
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		MS
Rationale:			
Specialist Signature and Date: Mitch Thomas, Rangeland Management Specialist			
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		MS
Rationale:			
Specialist Signature and Date: Mitch Thomas, Rangeland Management Specialist			
2.5	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		MS
Rationale:			
Specialist Signature and Date: Mitch Thomas, Rangeland Management Specialist			
2.6	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		MS
Rationale:			
Specialist Signature and Date: Mitch Thomas, Rangeland Management Specialist			

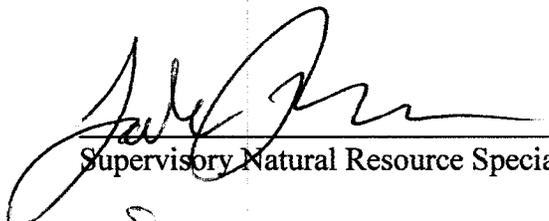
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		KC
Rationale:		
Specialist Signature and Date: Katy Coddington, Archaeologist		
2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		JK
Rationale: No effect on fish or fish habitat		
Specialist Signature and Date: Melissa Yzquierdo, Wildlife/Botany Specialist Signature and Date:  1/20/15 John Quintela, Fisheries Biologist		
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		JMS
Rationale:		
Specialist Signature and Date: Mitch Thomas, Rangeland Management Specialist		
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		JMS
Rationale:		
Specialist Signature and Date: Mitch Thomas, Rangeland Management Specialist		
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		KC
Rationale:		
Specialist Signature and Date: Katy Coddington, Archaeologist		
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		
Rationale:		
Specialist Signature and Date: Erin McConnell, Weed Specialist		

**F: Signatures**

I considered the livestock grazing preference transfer for the C allotment, Grande Ronde RM 27 Allotment No. 06506. The grazing permit will be Active and the grazing in the allotment was analyzed in the DNA of 2013 (DOI-BLM-OR-V050-2013-021-DNA OR-035-04-06). The use to be authorized is consistent with the use specified on the previous permit: the same kind of livestock will be grazed and the active use remains the same. The proposed action has also been reviewed in relation to the above listed 12 extraordinary circumstances in accordance with the Departmental Manual, and none of these exceptions apply.

  
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Planning and Environmental Coordinator

1/15/15  
Date

  
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Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist

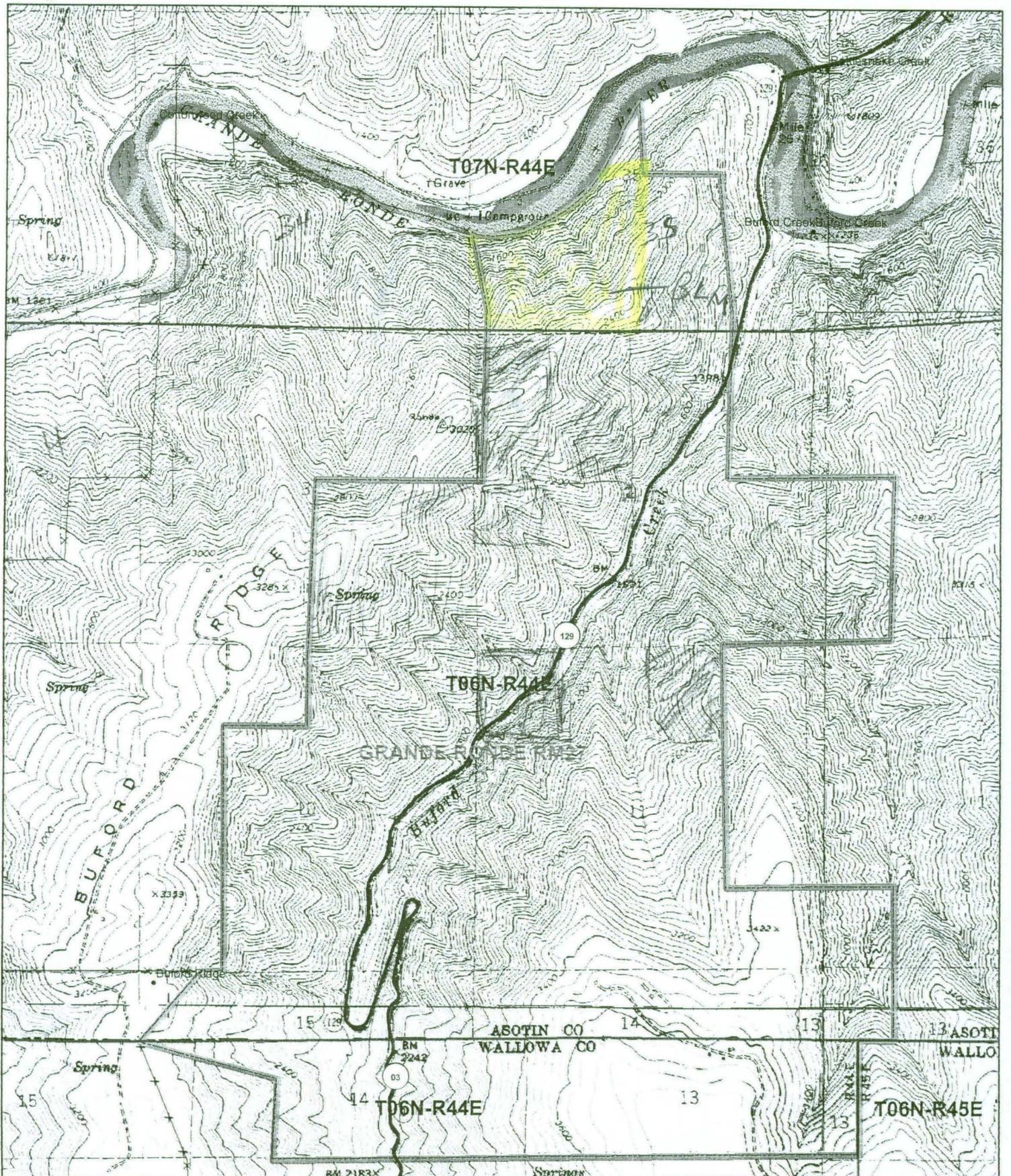
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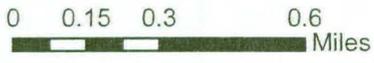
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**G. Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this categorical exclusion review, contact John Rademacher, Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, at the Baker Resource Area Office, 3100 H Street, P.O. Box 947, Baker City, Oregon 97814, and phone (541) 523-1417.



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