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Sorry about the delay,

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On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 9:39 AM, Ashcroft, Tyler <[tashcrof@blm.gov](mailto:tashcrof@blm.gov)> wrote:

Jed,

Based on time constraints, I started the EA before we had a complete checklist. In advance of the starting the EA I had conversations with Don regarding the resources that may need to be addressed. I recognized that the checklist typically is completed before the EA and I want to be respectful of the Interdisciplinary Team recommendations; however, at this point, the analysis has been completed and I see no value in removing the section on riparian and vegetation. In general, the project will have a positive impact on riparian resources, and there is no harm in disclosing that to the public. That said, if management wants the section removed, we can do so. Also, to date, I still have not seen a checklist.

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 9:10 AM, Carling, Jed <[jcarling@blm.gov](mailto:jcarling@blm.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

The proposed action that the checklist considered only included the Superbowl Campground expansion, not Bridger Jack.

The determinations I made in the checklist for Riparian and Vegetation were NI (No Impacted), thus analysis in the EA is not needed. The EA needs modified which matches the checklist, not vice versa. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,  
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On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 4:55 PM, Ashcroft, Tyler <[tashcrof@blm.gov](mailto:tashcrof@blm.gov)> wrote:

All,

Attached is a copy of the Superbowl/Bridger Jack EA. Please review and let me know if you have any comments. From my standpoint it is good to go. Rob is working on a visual contrast rating sheet. Casey, I need a completed IDT checklist- which matches the analysis. We will include Cara's latest site design EA in Appendix A.

I recommend that we do not issue a press release for this EA for reasons that we can discuss in person. Rather, I suggest we simply put it on EA e-planning. Don can decide if a comment period is needed.

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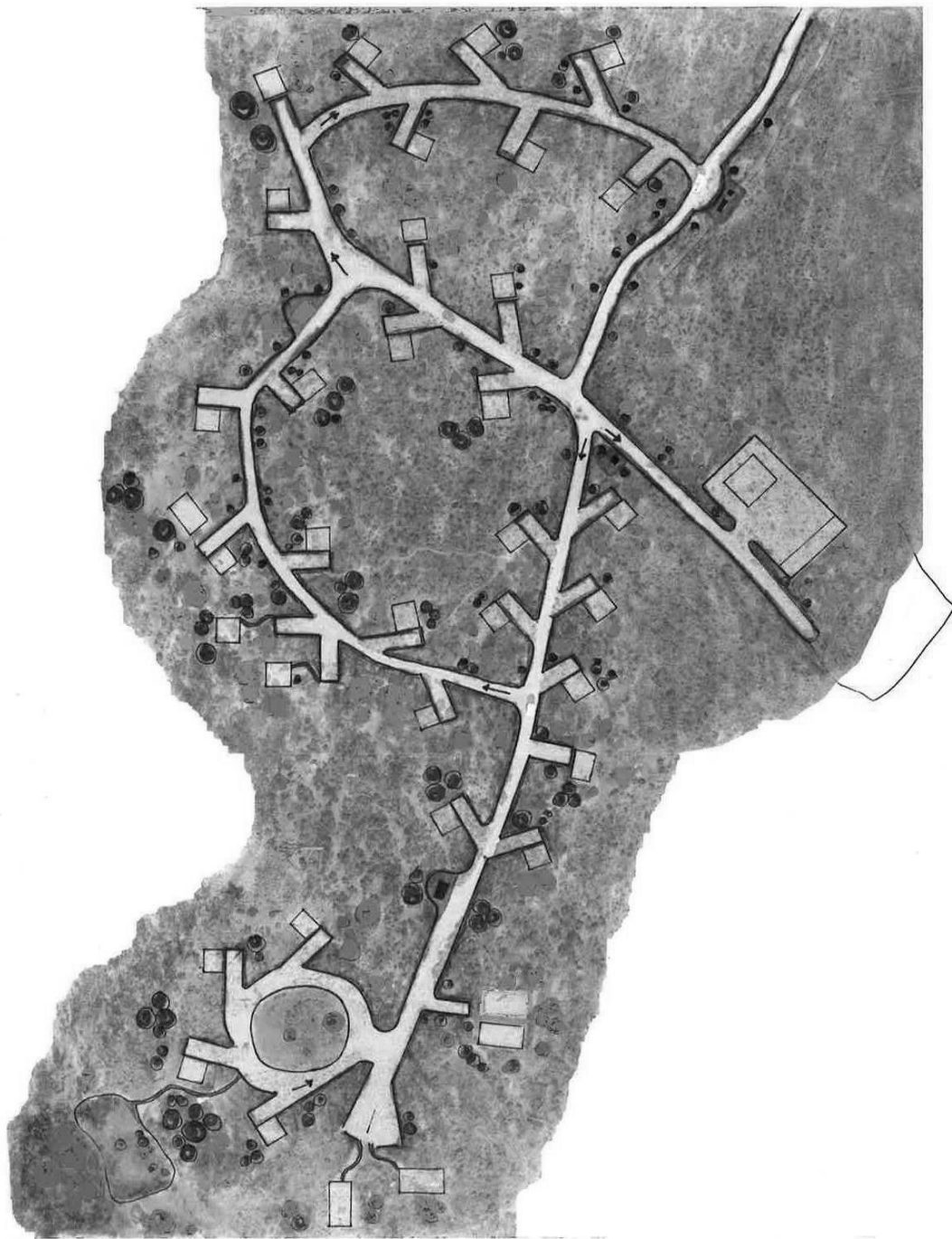
**INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM CHECKLIST**OFFICE: **Monticello Field Office**

TRACKING: DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2017-00XX	CASEFILE #:
PROPOSED ACTION TITLE: Superbowl Campground upgrades and expansion	LOCATION: Indian Creek SRMA
APPLICANT: Bureau of Land Management	APPLICANT ADDRESS: Monticello BLM

**PROPOSED ACTION**

The Monticello BLM proposes to identify and delineate new vehicle parking and tent campsites in the Superbowl Campground. Super Bowl Campground is one of the busiest campgrounds in the Indian Creek area and has a long tradition as being one of the most popular campgrounds for climbers. During the busy climbing seasons, spring and fall, it is not unusual to have as many as 60 visitors per night camping there. Currently this campground consists of 17 sites in various stages of development and two vault toilets. The campground will be further developed with new designated campsites and vehicle parking. Vehicle spurs will be constructed with road-base gravel. Sites would be delineated by using boulders, fencing or large cottonwood logs rolled into place. Space for tent camping would be delineated and locations for picnic tables and fire grates would also be identified. Vegetation will be cleared and trails will be constructed from the parking spurs to the campsites. New campsites would be kept back from the base of cottonwood trees to prevent impacts to the trees and the tree root systems. New campsites would also be kept back from Indian Creek and out of the floodplain. Campsite boundaries may be fenced or they may be signed with short carsonite boundary signs. Ten to fifteen new sites, one new group site and three vault toilets would be added to the existing infrastructure in Superbowl.





## INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM CHECKLIST

**Project Title:** Super Bowl Camp Area Expansion

**NEPA Log Number:** DOI BLM UT Y020 2017 00XX EA

**Project Leader:** Casey Worth

**DETERMINATION OF STAFF:** *(Choose one of the following abbreviated options for the left column)*

NP = not present in the area impacted by the proposed or alternative actions

NI = present, but not affected to a degree that detailed analysis is required

PI = present with potential for relevant impact that need to be analyzed in detail in the EA

NC = (DNAs only) actions and impacts not changed from those disclosed in the existing NEPA documents cited in Section D of the DNA form. The Rationale column may include NI and NP discussions.

Determination	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
<b>RESOURCES AND ISSUES CONSIDERED (INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITIES APPENDIX 1 H 1790 1)</b>				
NI	Air Quality	The proposed action will result in emissions of fugitive dust from the operation of construction equipment and vehicles on unpaved surfaces; and emissions from the operation of internal combustion engines. These emissions would be sporadic, would rapidly disperse, and are not likely to cause or contribute to a violation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The proposed action is consistent with the Recreation and Air Quality decisions in the RMP. Air quality need not be analyzed in detail in the EA.	CGiffen	5/16/17
NP	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	There are no ACEC within the Proposed Project area.	Casey Worth	4/28/17
NP	BLM Natural Areas	The area of the Proposed Project was determined not to have Wilderness Character and therefore is not managed as a BLM Natural Area.	Casey Worth	4/28/17
NI	Cultural Resources	A Class III intensive pedestrian inventory of this proposal identified no cultural resources. Under the terms of the Utah Protocol, this proposal has been determined to result in No Historic Properties Affected.	John Chmelir	5.8.2017
NI	Environmental Justice	There would be no impact to Environmental Justice with the approval of the Proposed Project.	Casey Worth	4/28/17
NP	Farmlands (Prime or Unique)	The Monticello Field Office does not include any designated prime and unique farmlands administered by the BLM (MFO FRMP/FEIS, pg 4 7).	Jed Carling	5/5/17
NI	Fish and Wildlife Excluding USFW Designated Species	Wildlife may temporarily be displaced during times of heavy recreation use or during construction. Total disturbance from the expansion is about 15 acres. However, the proposed project area is currently an existing camping area.	P. Lionberger	05/20/17
NI	Floodplains	The direct footprint of the proposed campground is located in the uplands adjacent to Indian Creek and out of the immediate floodplains and associated riparian zone. The adjacent drainage does not include perennial waters, yet is an intermittent stream which flows in response to spring run off and flooding events from high intensity storms. The proposed action does not result in any permanent fills or diversions, or placement of permanent facilities in floodplains or special flood hazard areas. Thereby, floodplains are not present in the immediate footprint of the action, and there are no secondary affects to a degree that detailed analysis is	Jed Carling	5/5/17

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		required.		
NI	Fuels/Fire Management	The proposed action is within the existing camping area. Annual grasses, shrubs and some riparian vegetation are within or adjacent to the proposed expansion area. The fuel load will fluctuate in and around this area from year to year based on precipitation. The action will not affect the likelihood of manmade fire starts as camping is already taking place within the area. The proposed action will not hinder wildland fire response. There are currently no hazardous fuels reduction projects planned for the area.	P. Plemons	
NI	Mineral Resources/Energy Production	The proposed action is located within the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM). Pursuant to the Presidential Proclamation, the BENM is withdrawn from all forms of entry, location, selection, sale, or other disposition under the public land laws. This precludes any future exploration and development of mineral resources in the monument, with exception of valid existing rights which are not known to occur in proximity of the proposed action. Therefore, the proposed action would not interfere with mineral development.	T. McDougall	5/4/17
NI	Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds	There are no known infestations of State of Utah listed noxious weeds in the immediate vicinity of the proposed action. Cheatgrass (invasive, non native) is a minor component of the vegetative community in the area of the proposal. The campground already serves as a camping area for the public and has disturbance associated with use and infrastructure (e.g. toilets, camping sites, etc.). The further development of this existing site should not allow the opportunity for the establishment and propagation of invasive species and noxious weed species. In the unlikely event that noxious weeds establish as a result of activities connected to the proposed action, the BLM will actively control these weeds utilizing integrated pest management strategies. For reasons outlined above, there are no impacts to invasive species / noxious weeds to a degree that detailed analysis is required.	N. Noyes	5/3/17
NI	Lands/Access	The proposal would use existing routes. Expansion of the existing camping area would have little impact on the lands.	Norbert Norton	5/17/2017
NI	Livestock Grazing	The proposed action occurs in the Indian Creek Allotment. The proposed campground is existing, partially developed, and currently serves the public. The Superbowl area has minimal herbaceous forage plants. This development may account for approximately 1 Animal Unit Month (AUM) lost for livestock out of 8518 active AUMs, which is no effect on the scale of the allotment as a whole. The further development of this site would not further hinder livestock grazing, distribution, and/or available forage. Thereby, there are no impacts to a degree that detailed analysis is required.	Jed Carling	5/5/17
NI	Migratory Birds.	Migratory birds may temporarily be displaced during times of heavy recreation use or during construction. The Proposed Action may temporarily displace migratory birds, but is not expected to be long term. To protect nesting migratory birds, no construction activities should occur from May 1 July 31, unless surveys are done and it is determined that there are no nests present.	P. Lionberger	05/20/17



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NI	Native American Religious Concerns	The Class III inventory recorded no sites and tribes have not expressed any concerns in this area.	John Chmelir	5.8.2017
NI	Paleontology	The proposal occurs in the Permian Cutler Group, which has a Potential Fossil Yield Classification of 3: moderate or unknown potential. Alluvium with low potential covers the bedrock units in most areas. The proposal in its entirety is not likely to affect paleontological resources.	Rebecca Hunt Foster	
NI	Rangeland Health Standards	Utah Standards for Rangeland Health are individually addressed as separate resources for determination of impacts in this checklist (Standard #1 Soils, #2 Riparian, #3 Biotic (vegetation/wildlife), and #4 Water Quality). Thereby, there are no impacts that require detailed analysis to Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines that are not already being considered by the individual resource.	Jed Carling	5/5/17
PI	Recreation	The Proposed Project would have a positive impact on Recreation as it would increase the quality and the number of campsites and allow for the installation of fire grates and picnic tables. The Proposed Project would enhance the visitor experience to the Indian Creek SRMA and provide more camping opportunities with less impact to more sensitive disburshed camping sites.	Casey Worth	4/28/17
NI	Socio Economics	There would be no impact to Socio Economics with the approval of the Proposed Project.	Casey Worth	4/28/17
NI	Soils	<p>The Monticello RMP contains management decision SOLW 7 (RMP, p. 116) to "Manage uses to minimize and mitigate damage to soils. The area of the proposed action is not subject to the surface disturbing stipulations for Fragile Soils/Slopes over 20% (RMP, Appendix B, p. 6). The proposed action is consistent the management decisions in the RMP.</p> <p>The project area is included in the Soil Survey of Canyonlands Area, Utah, issued January 1991 and is located primarily on the 97 Ustic Torrifluvents Ustic torrifluvents, sodic Typic Ustifluvents complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes soil mapping unit. A portion of the Superbowl road is located on the 88 Thoroughfare fine sandy loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes soil mapping unit.</p> <p>The Superbowl campground occupies an area of approximately 15 acres. The amount and nature of surface disturbance from the project is not significant and the soil productivity and stability of the area as a whole will not be affected. Soils is not analyzed in detail in the EA.</p>	CGiffen	5/16/17
NP	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Plant Species	There are no Threatened, Endangered or Candidate plant species within the proposed project area.	P. Lionberger	05/20/17
NP	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Animal Species	There are no Threatened, Endangered or Candidate wildlife species within the proposed project area.	P. Lionberger	05/20/17
NI	Wastes (hazardous or solid)	During the construction phase of the project Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) would be applied as specified by the RMP in (Appendix G) as appropriate. Additional toilets would be installed to prevent impacts from human waste. No hazardous wastes would be generated as a result of this project. Wastes will not be analyzed in detail in the EA.	N. Noyes	5/3/17
NI	Water Resources/Quality (drinking/surface/ground)	The Superbowl campground is located near Indian Creek, which is an intermittent stream. To prevent impacts to water		



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		quality from soil erosion campsites should be developed at least 50 ft. from the stream bank.		
NP	Wetlands/Riparian Zones	The direct footprint of the proposed campground is located in the uplands adjacent to Indian Creek and out of the immediate floodplains and associated riparian zone. The adjacent drainage does not include perennial waters, yet is an intermittent stream which flows in response to spring run off and flooding events from high intensity storms. The drainage includes scattered cottonwoods, inland saltgrass, periodic willows, tamarisks (invasive, non native), upland vegetation, and miscellaneous sedges and rushes. Design features of the proposed campground include mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to riparian plants, such as campsites would be constructed away from the base of cottonwood trees to avoid damage and development would be back away from Indian Creek itself. Therefore, for reasons listed above, riparian plants are not present in the direct footprint of the campground and secondary impacts would not be to a degree that detailed analysis is required.	Jed Carling	5/5/17
NP	Wild and Scenic Rivers	There are no Wild and Scenic River Segments within the Proposed Project area.	Casey Worth	4/28/17
NP	Wilderness/WSA	There are no Wilderness or WSAs within the Proposed Project area.	Casey Worth	4/28/17
NP	Woodland / Forestry	There are no woodland or forestry resources within the proposed project area.		
NI	Vegetation Excluding USFW Designated Species	Superbowl campground is located in a Loamy Bottom and Desert Sandy Loam ecological sites situated in the upland stream terrace of Indian Creek. Dominant vegetation at this site consists of four wing saltbush, greasewood, rabbitbrush, and sagebrush with an understory of sand dropseed, Indian ricegrass, alkali sacaton, and galleta grass. Cottonwoods are scattered along this terrace. The site currently serves the public as a campground with associated disturbances (e.g. toilets, camp sites, etc.). The further development of this ~15 acre footprint of existing camping sites will not further influence vegetative integrity and functions. Thereby, there are no affects to vegetation to a degree that detailed analysis is required.	Jed Carling	5/5/17
NI	Visual Resources	Expansion of the existing camping area would have little effect on the visual resources of the area.		
NP	Areas with Wilderness Characteristics	Wilderness Character inventories conducted in 1999, 2007, and 2012 determined the area did not have Wilderness Character. Therefore, the area of the Proposed Project does not to have Wilderness Character.	Casey Worth	4/28/17

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**FINAL REVIEW:**

Reviewer Title	Signature	Date	Comments
Environmental Coordinator			
Authorized Officer			

