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Hi Gail

FYI, I was going to wait to send the IDT checklist out to the specialist until we had the comments in hand. That would streamline the process of completing the checklist b/c the specialist could see what issues were being raised by the public. Also, they could edit the comment response within their area of specialty.

If you haven't seen the IDT checklist before, I have attached the template.

Thanks

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INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM CHECKLIST

Project Title:

NEPA Log Number: DOI BLM UT 0300 20XX 00XX XX

Project Leader:

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 impact that needs to be analyzed in detail

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.

***Delete after checklist has been filled out.

- Use the words “**proposed action**” instead of “project, activity, permit, etc.” The words “proposed action” is what is used throughout all the NEPA documents and that consistency needs to be reflected in the IDT checklist too.
- Use the word “**would**” instead of “will, should, or could”, unless it doesn’t make sense. The word “will” is a Decision Record word, the word “would” is a pre-decisional word.
- Consider not using subjective words such as “substantial”, it is best not to use the word “significant” as this word has a specific meaning spelled out in the handbook and is primarily used in the Decision Record.
- When signing your name, use proper punctuation and spacing, i.e. “/s/ A. Hughes” or “/s/ Amber Hughes” NOT “/s/Ahughes”

RESOURCES AND ISSUES CONSIDERED (INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITIES APPENDIX 1 H 1790 1)

Determi nation	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
	Air Quality (Bybee)			
NP	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (Beal)	There are no Areas of Critical Environmental Concern designated within Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument.		
	Biological Soil Crusts (Brinkerhoff)			
NP	BLM Natural Areas (Beal)	There are no Natural Areas designated within GSENM.		
	Cultural Resources (Zweifel)			
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Bybee)			

Determination	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
	Environmental Justice (Hughes)	As defined in EO 12898, minority, low income populations and disadvantaged groups may be present within the county and may use the analysis area. Individual proposed actions within the analysis area would not cause any disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority or low income populations. (Individually or collectively). Members of the public would still use the analysis area.		
NP	Farmlands (Prime or Unique) (Hughes)	Prime farmland is described as farmland with resources available to sustain high levels of production. In Utah, it normally requires irrigation to make prime farmland. In general, prime farmland has a dependable water supply, a favorable temperature and growing season, acceptable levels of acidity or alkalinity, an acceptable content of salt and sodium, and few or no rocks. Unique farmland in Utah is primarily in the form of orchards. Based on these definitions, no prime or unique farmlands exist within the Monument. (see NRCS 1997 Results Cropland Utah accessed at: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/technical/dma/nri/?cid=nrcs141p2_034092 on 2/6/2014.)		
	Fish and Wildlife Excluding USFW Designated Species (Tolbert/McQuivey)			
	Floodplains (Bradshaw)			
	Fuels/Fire Management (Bate)			
	Geology / Mineral Resources/Energy Production (Titus)			
	Hydrologic Conditions (Bradshaw)			
	Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds (EO 13112) (Brinkerhoff)			
	Lands/Access (Foley)			
	Livestock Grazing (Stewart)			
	Native American Religious Concerns (Zweifel)			
	Paleontology (Titus)			
	Rangeland Health Standards (Stewart)			
	Recreation (Beal)			
	Socio Economics (Hughes)	Quantifiable additional or decreased economic impact to the local area would not be affected by the proposed action.		
	Soils (Bradshaw)			

Determination	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Plant Species (Brinkerhoff)			
	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Animal Species (Tolbert/McQuivey)			
	Wastes (hazardous or solid) (Pierson)			
	Water Resources/Quality (drinking/surface/ground) (Bradshaw)			
	Wetlands/Riparian Zones (Brinkerhoff)			
	Wild and Scenic Rivers (Beal)			
	Wilderness/WSA (Beal)			
	Woodland/Forestry (Bate)			
	Vegetation Excluding USFWS Designated Species (Brinkerhoff)			
	Visual Resources (Angus)			
NP	Wild Horses and Burros (Stewart)	There are no Wild Horse and Burro Herd Management Areas within GSENM.		
	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (Beal)			

FINAL REVIEW

Reviewer Title	Signature	Date	Comments
Environmental Coordinator			
Authorized Officer			