Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

OFFICE: Kingman Field Office (KFO), AZ-310

NEPA DOCUMENT NUMBER: DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2010-0056-DNA

CASE FILE NUMBER: n/a

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: Reclaim vehicle ways in Mount Nutt Wildernesses.

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Vehicle Ways - T. 20 N., R. 19 W., Sections 4-5, 8 and 28-29;
T. 21 N., R. 19 W., Section 32.

APPLICANT (if any): n/a

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures:

Conduct vehicle way reclamation at the following locations (see map, Appendix 1): Routes MN None, MN4, MN5, MN 6, MN7, MN12, MN13 and MN17 in Mount Nutt Wilderness. Route MN12 and MN13 would be reclaimed to a single track and the other routes totally reclaimed.

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- ✓ Large and small rocks are scattered on disturbed surfaces in a random pattern that mimics the conditions on surrounding natural terrain. Larger rocks are partially "planted" in the ground to attain a more natural appearance. Rocks would be obtained from the adjacent landscape.
- ✓ Dirt berms alongside vehicle routes are spread out on the route surface.
- ✓ Dead vegetation is planted in a random spacing in disturbed area ('vertical mulching').
- ✓ Compacted soil is scarified and pitted to improve water filtration and hasten re-vegetation.
- ✓ Where appropriate, live vegetation is transplanted from the adjacent terrain onto the disturbed area. Care will be taken to ensure that plants chosen for transplanting do not contain active bird nests.
- ✓ Existing vegetation within routes is protected from damage.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS (Kingman RMP)*
Date Approved: March 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the Kingman RMP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

Decision WD01 in the Kingman RMP calls for the development of WMPs for each designated wilderness. The proposed actions are included in the Black Mountain Ecosystem Management Plan (which functions as the wilderness management plan for Mount Nutt Wilderness); therefore it is reasonable to conclude that such actions are in conformance with the LUP.

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

- Black Mountain Ecosystem Management Plan (BMEMP), Environmental Assessment and Decision Record (EA# AZ-025-95-032), dated 4/19/96

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

None

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?

Documentation of answer and explanation: Vehicle way reclamation of routes MN None, MN4, MN5, MN6, MN7, MN12, MN13 and MN17 are actions that have been previously analyzed in the BMEMP.

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?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The range of alternatives analyzed in the BMEMP is still appropriate for the proposed actions. There are no new or current environmental concerns, interests or resource values that would warrant development of new alternatives.

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?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The analysis undertaken in the BMEMP remains valid. Since the development of those documents, several new supplemental authorities (laws and/or Executive Orders) now require consideration. It has been determined that the analysis that was previously undertaken in the reference EAs would not substantially change when the current supplemental authorities are considered.

Effects to Migratory birds weren't specifically analyzed in the existing NEPA documents, however general wildlife concerns were analyzed and migratory birds fit into this category. Additionally this project offers no concerns for migratory birds as all disturbances will be of short duration and low intensity. These disturbances should not result in nest or brood abandonment.

Standards for Rangeland Health were incorporated into all state Land Use Plans through a statewide amendment in May of 1997; therefore, the proposed action was reviewed to determine whether it is in conformance with the approved standards. It has been determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect the watershed functional condition, riparian functional condition or the desired plant community for the affected area.

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?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The direct, indirect and cumulative impacts that would result from carrying out the proposed actions are similar, both quantitatively and qualitatively, to those disclosed in the referenced NEPA documents.

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

Documentation of answer and explanation: The public involvement and reviews which took place during development of the reference EAs are considered adequate for the current proposed actions.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

This proposal was presented at the BLM/ bi-weekly project coordination meeting held on August 3, 2010. Persons expressing an interest in reviewing the proposal are listed on the attached KFO Scoping Form.

Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

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Signature of Project Lead Date
Len Marceau

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David Brock Date
NEPA Coordinator

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Jacqueline Neckels Date
Assistant Field Manager
Kingman Field Office

DECISION RECORD

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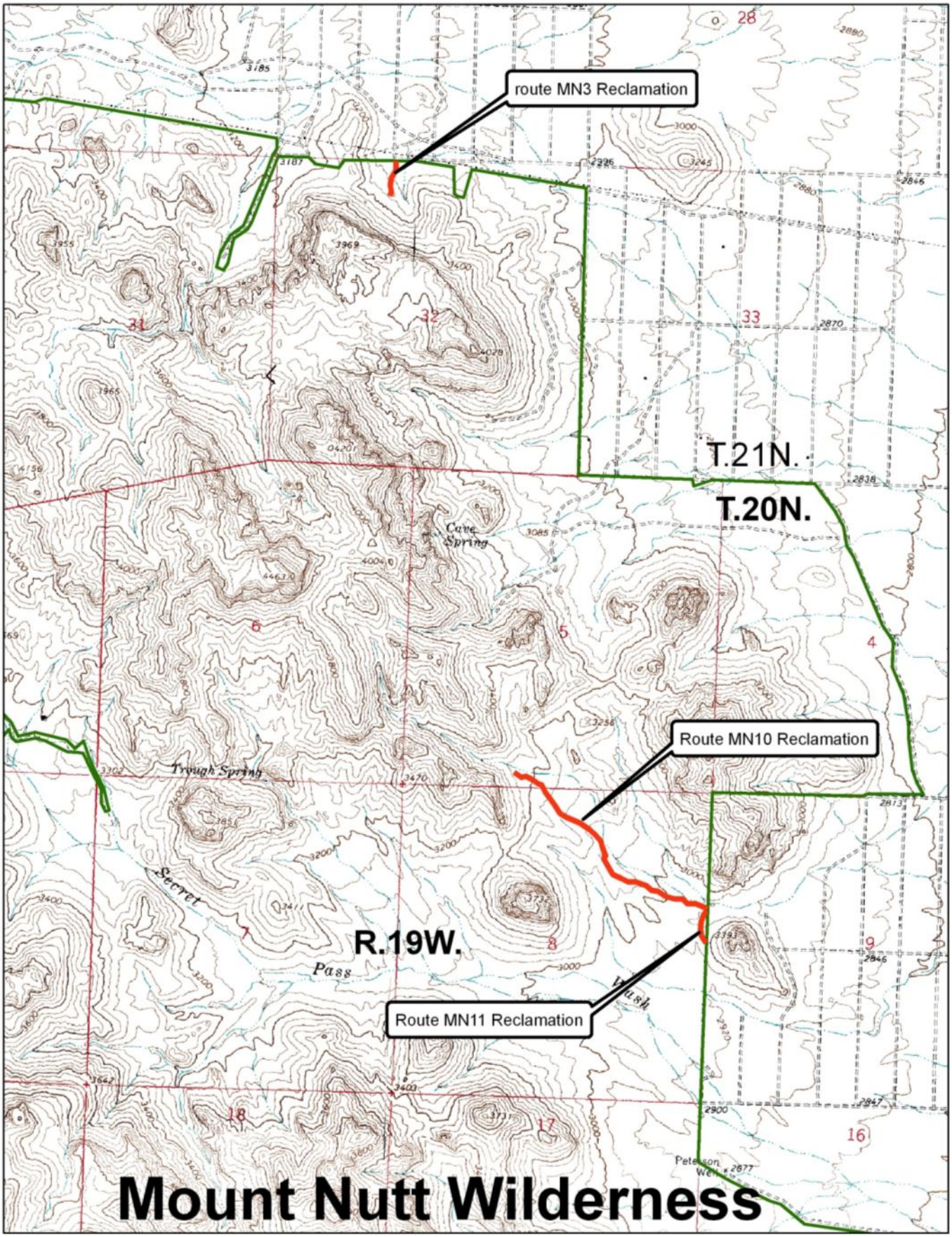
Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached Determination of NEPA Adequacy and as analyzed in the previous environmental assessments (EA# AZ-025-95-032), I have determined that the action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

It is my decision to approve the action as proposed, with the following stipulation:

- All workers on site will be trained by the BLM project manager to follow the attached desert tortoise handling guidelines. In addition, workers will be trained to recognize tortoise burrows and to avoid causing damage to them.

/s/ Jackie Neckels 08/23/2010

Signature of the Responsible Official Date
Jacqueline Neckels
Assistant Field Manager
Kingman Field Office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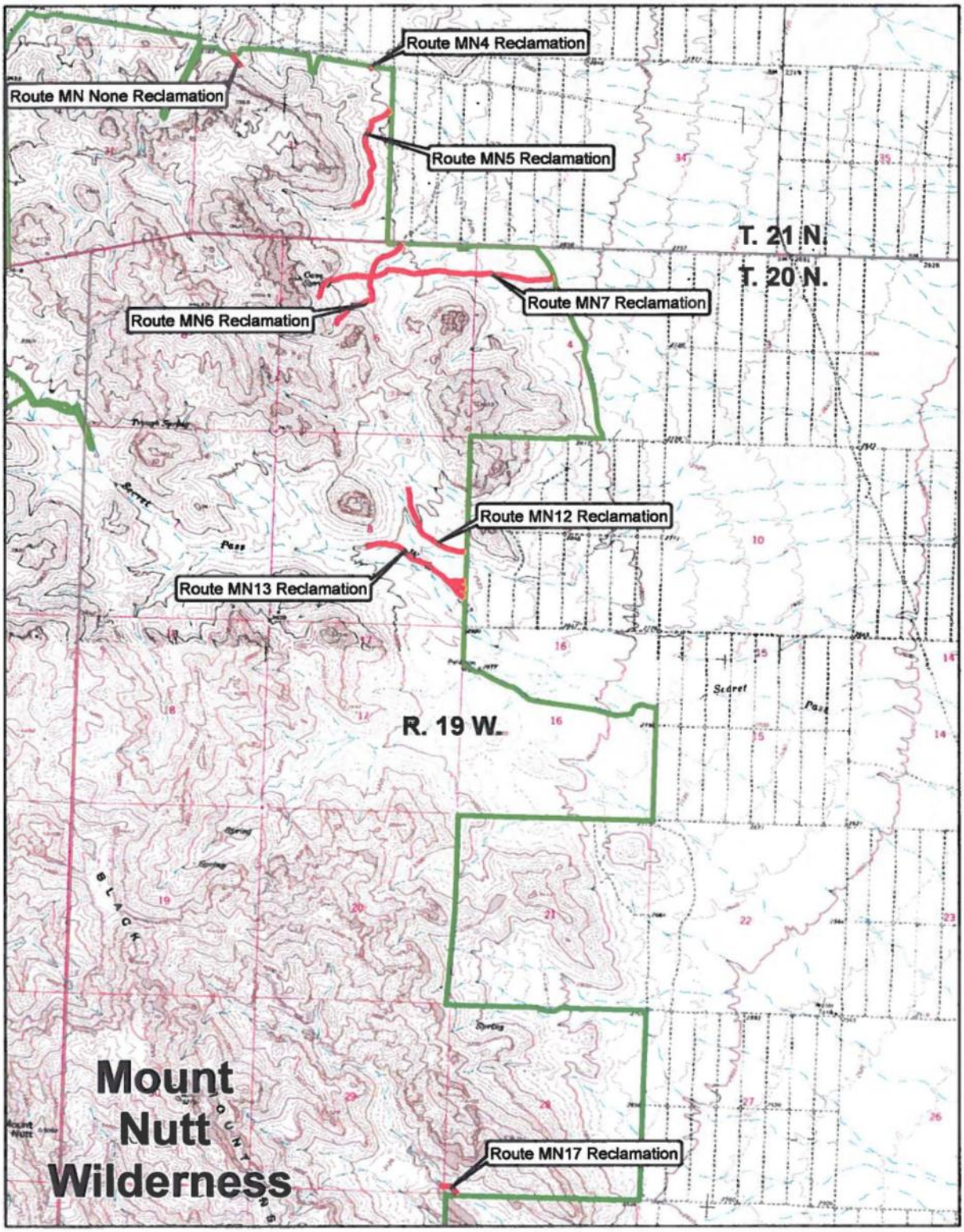
Mount Nutt Wilderness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R. 19 W.
Mount
Nutt
Wilderness
Route MN17 Reclamation

APPENDIX 1

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GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING DESERT TORTOISE

1. Stop your vehicle and allow the tortoise to move off the road.

2. If the tortoise is not moving, gently** pick up the tortoise and move it approximately 200 feet off the road to a shaded location.

   a. **Do not** turn the tortoise over.

   b. Move the tortoise in the direction it was traveling. If it was crossing the road, move it in the direction it was crossing.

   c. Keep the tortoise within 12-18 inches of the ground, move slowly so as not to cause it to become alarmed.

   d. Release the tortoise under the shade of a bush or rock.

   ** Tortoise store water in their bladder. If a tortoise becomes alarmed its defense is to void its bladder onto the captor. This could lead to dehydration of the tortoise and potentially to death.

3. Prior to moving any parked vehicle or equipment at the project site check for tortoise under the vehicles.

KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SCOPING FORM

Proposal:

DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2010-0053-DNA — NEPA Document Number
WD-01 — RMP Implementation No.
S:/BLMshare: _____ — Document Location

Land Description: T. 20 North, R. 19 West Sections 4-5, 8, and 28-29; T. 21 N., R. 19 W., Section 32

Applicant: BLM

Authorization:

INVOLVEMENT: Indicate in the left column which disciplines need to provide information into the EA.

Needed Input (X)	Discipline	Signature
	Lands	
	Minerals	
X	Range	/s/ Abe Clark 08/17/2010
X	Wild Horse and Burro	/s/ June Wendlandt 08/16/2010
	General Recreation	
X	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	/s/ Tim Watkins 08/16/2010
X	Wilderness	/s/ Len Marceau 08/16/2010
	Soils	
	Surface and Groundwater Quality/Water Rights	
	Air Quality	
X	Wildlife	/s/ Ammon Wilhelm 08/16/2010
X	Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals	/s/ Ammon Wilhelm 08/16/2010
X	Migratory Birds	/s/ Ammon Wilhelm 08/16/2010
	Surface Protection	
	Hazardous Materials	
	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	
	Visual Resources	
	Socio-Economics/Environmental Justice	
	General Botany/Noxious Weeds	
X	Energy Policy	/s/ Ruben A. Sanchez 08/17/2010

Writer: /s/ Leonard A. Marceau Date: 08/03/2010

Environmental Coordinator: /s/ David Brock Date: 08/03/2010

Field Manager: /a/ Jackie Neckels Date: 08/05/2010