

Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and Fire Rehabilitation Actions

2012 Mud Springs Trash Cleanup **NEPA Number DOI-BLM-AZ-CO10-2012-0004-CX**

A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

Proposed Action Title/Type: Trash Cleanup

Location of Proposed Action: T. 26 N., R. 19 W., Sect. 34

Clean up trash within the Mud Springs area on public lands by volunteers with the use of their off-highway vehicles. Sue Baughman of Dolan Springs Community Council - Open Space Trail System is the organizer of the cleanup on Saturday, November 19, 2011. The cleanup will start at 9am. The trash consists of household items, tires and trash. The trash would be placed in a 30 yard dumpster separating metal and non-metal items. Also refrigeration/Freon units would have to be kept aside and tires with rims would have to be separated. There would be a dumpster placed along the subdivision road leading towards the Mud Springs area. Cleanup would be accomplished using hand tools. Trash is concentrated on the 4WD trail headed NE off of Edgemont St. in T. 26 N., R. 19 W., Sect 34 to Mud Spring. Pickup trucks and ATV/UTV's would be used to haul heavy items to the dumpster. No off-road vehicle travel would be authorized.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Kingman Resource Management Plan. Date Approved: March 1995. This proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3) and is in conformance with the objectives of the RMP. Although there is no mention of illegal trash dump cleanups, the removal of trash on public lands does fit with the goals of the management and protection of the environment.

C. 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,

J. Other 10. Removal of structures and materials of no historical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.

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 (See Attachment 1), and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

I considered the proposal to clean up the two trash sites. The stipulations that are identified in the document will eliminate any potential for significant impacts to the environment.

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: /s/ Ruben A. Sanchez Date: 11/09/2011
(Signature)

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Contact Person

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Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX. See Attachment 2.

Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting Rationale)
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No. The removal of trash would improve public health and safety.
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); floodplains (Executive Order 11988) national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No. See mitigation measures for cultural resources.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No. See mitigation measures for cultural resources.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No. A safety session would be is conducted with volunteers prior to the project to prevent environmental damage on public lands. The safety session would concentrate on the hazards of picking up sharp items such as broken glass, rusty items and needles, plus the use of OHV's and a skip loader during the cleanups.
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	No. Illegal trash dump cleanups have occurred by this office and other offices within the BLM in the past.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No. See mitigation measures for cultural resources.
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.	No. There are no properties listed nor eligible for listing within the project area.
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.	No. There are no listings, proposed to be listed nor designated critical habitat within the project area.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No. See mitigation measures for cultural resources.
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No. The removal of trash would have no effect.
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	No. There have been permitted recreational activities within the project area in the past and there were no known sacred sites.

Order 13007).	
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).	No. All the participants with the project are locals from the immediate area. Vehicle travel would be restricted to roads, trails and navigable washes.

Exhibits:

1) **Stipulations:**

- No off-road driving to retrieve any items for disposal unless a qualified site steward or BLM trained Para-archaeologist is available to monitor such activity. (A qualified site steward is a person currently active in the Arizona Site Steward program and is able to recognize an archaeological site in the field).
- If there is a question concerning the age of an item that may be considered “recent trash” or a historic artifact; please consult with a Para-archaeologist or qualified site steward.
- If an area of interest (a potential archaeological site) is discovered that may need further investigation, please note the location and give it to BLM archaeologist.
- Although not expected it is **REQUIRED**: That in the event human remains are encountered during any activities associated with this clean-up that a BLM archaeologist be contacted immediately. Any additional questions can be directed to: Tim Watkins BLM/KFO Archaeologist at; 928-718-3757. It may be necessary to contact Field Manager or acting prior to contacting archaeologist.
- Hand out tortoise handling guidelines (attached) to all workers the day of the project and advise on handling procedures.
- In the event hazardous materials are encountered during any activities associated with this clean-up, all activity would cease with the hazardous material and a BLM Law Enforcement Ranger would be contacted immediately.

APPENDIX 1

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**GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING DESERT TORTOISE ENCOUNTERED
ON ROADS AND VEHICLE WAYS**

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.

