

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

Project Name

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-CO10-2012-29-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Nuisance Wild Burro Removal Katherine's Landing Area on Private land

Location of Proposed Action: Private Land T 21 N - R 21 W, Section 03, SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4.

Description of Proposed Action:

The removal of up to 15 nuisance wild burros would be conducted in the months of March through May, 2012. (See Map 1 on Page 3.)

A bait trap would be placed on private property in an area where burros have created a nuisance situation. Burros would be enticed into a corral constructed with a one way gate; the animals enter, but are not able to exit the corral. Since wild burros generally have not acquired a taste for alfalfa hay, it takes time to get them used to hay and panels before initiating a bait trapping operation. Once burros begin to utilize the offered hay, a temporary corral would be constructed around the bait site. The bait trap would be temporary and the area would be reclaimed by removing the corral panels and raking up the hay and manure.

Background:

Kingman Field Office has received a complaint from a private land owner pertaining to approximately 15 burros creating a nuisance within a residential area. Burros have been tearing up water lines, breaking irrigation sprinkler heads, tearing down electric fencing and creating a general nuisance. These burros could also be related to the burros that are crossing State route 68 creating a safety hazard to the highway users. These burros also utilize National Park Service (NPS) Land which is located adjacent to the private land described and to public land.

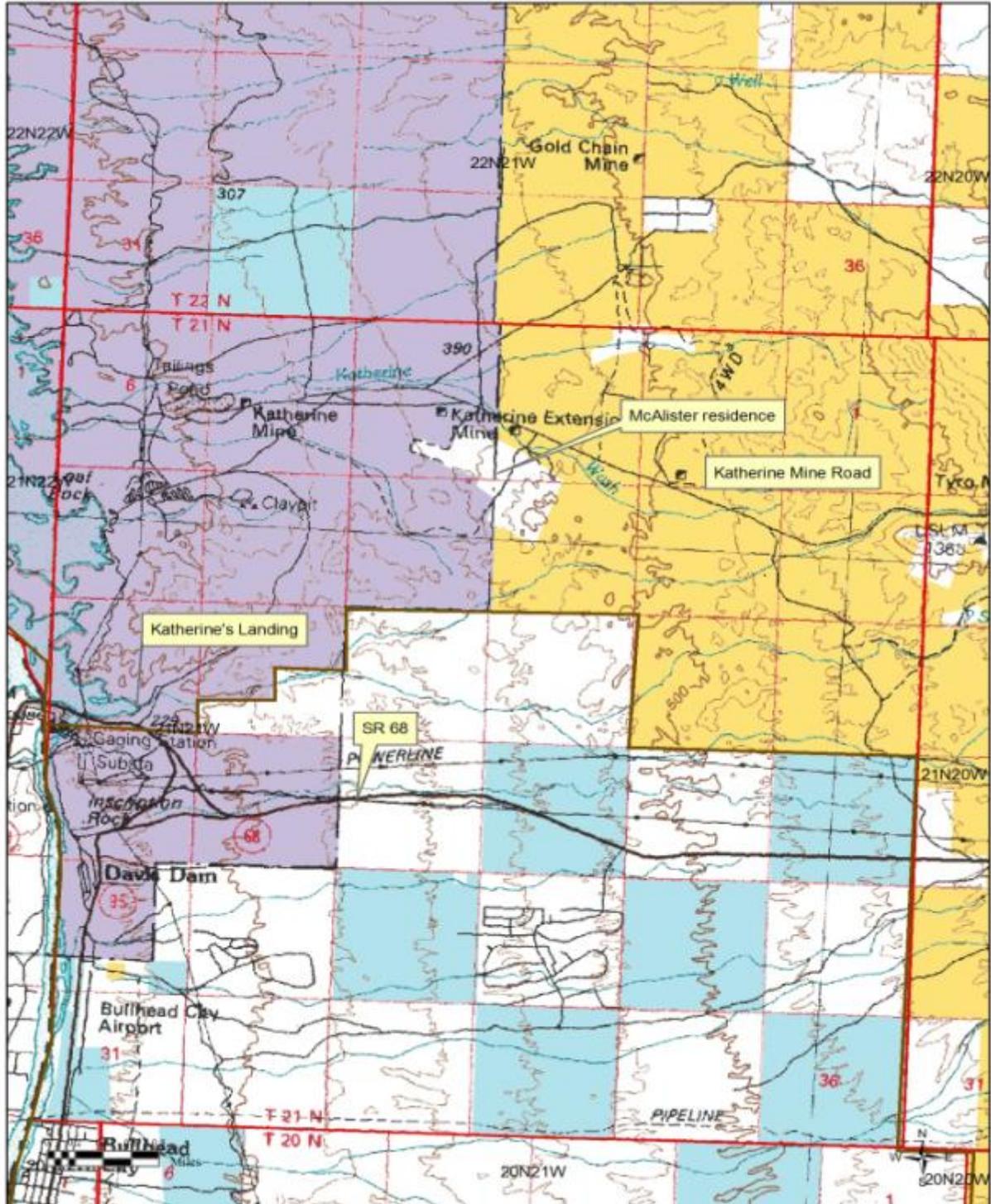
Individuals and agencies (including those who have expressed issues with the burros) will be notified by phone calls, email, or face to face contact prior to any initial bait trapping of the burros.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan (LUP) Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*

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Map 1 (all areas are within the Black Mountain HMA)



Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting rationale)
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No, actually public safety will improve when burros are removed.
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. There would not be significant effects to migratory birds from the proposed action. The temporary baiting and trapping operation may cause birds to temporarily leave the area while people are scattering hay, setting traps, or collecting burros. These activities are expected to last from 15 minutes to 1 hour each time the trap is visited over the course of the project implementation.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	No
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No
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
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 would be no affect to endangered or threatened species, or critical habitat as none is found within or adjacent to 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
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No
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).	No
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

From: Don McClure

Hi Chad, here is the request from Maurice McAlister.

Please talk to Roger on Tuesday

From: Maurice Mc Alister [<mailto:mauricemc@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2012 4:03 PM
To: McClure, Donald B
Subject: Re: Burros

We are having a real problem with about 15 burros coming right up to our home . They are digging up our water lines, wrecking our sprinklers and removed our electric fence. In addition leave their crap all over. It is unfair that they have more rights than we do. Please give me the ok to shoot them or get them away from our home. Thanks

Maurice "Mac" Mc Alister
From: "McClure, Donald B" <dmcclure@blm.gov>
To: "mauricemc@yahoo.com" <mauricemc@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Benson, Chad M" <cbenson@blm.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2012 11:56 AM
Subject: Burros

Hi Maurice, Bill Ealy spoke to Chad Benson (BLM Wild Horse and Burro Specialist) about the damage being caused on your property. Chad asked for a letter but has not received it.

Please send me an e-mail stating your request to remove burros from you private land. In the e-mail please include the number of burros you think are coming on to your private land, the damage they are causing, and permission for BLM to be on your private land to gather the burros.

Thank You
Don

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