

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

## **Project Name**

**NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2012-48-CX**

### **A. Background**

**BLM Office:** Kingman Field Office

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Katherine's Landing, Nuisance Wild Burro Removal

#### **Location of Proposed Action:**

Black Mountain Herd Management Area in the Lake Mead National Park, Katherine's Landing, Mohave County, Arizona.

#### **Description of Proposed Action:**

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

A bait trap would be placed on National Park Service land in an area where burros have created a nuisance situation. Burros are 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 hay offered, a temporary corral would be constructed around the bait site. The bait trap would be temporary and the area can be reclaimed just by removing the corral panels and raking up the hay and manure.

#### **Background:**

Kingman Field Office has received complaints from National Park Service pertaining to numerous wild burros residing in the Katherine's Landing, recreational area. Burros have been breaking irrigation sprinkler heads, eating vegetation and creating a general nuisance. Five to ten burros have been traveling through the area and have created a safety hazard for the public driving on the park entrance road.

### **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

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

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

HB01/I      Manage for a viable population of wild and free-roaming horses and burros to

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achieve, maintain a thriving, natural ecological balance in herd management areas and maintain and enhance the habitat in a desirable condition for continued multiple use (Page 55).

HB02/VIC Wild horse and burro management on public lands requires maintenance of a herd inventory, habitat monitoring and the removal and placement of excess animals to the public for adoption (Page 86)

The BLM and NPS have entered into a cooperative management agreement for the purpose of burro management (IA-8360-94-0003, July 1994).

**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, D. Rangeland Management, (4) Removal of wild horses or burros from private lands at the request of the landowner.

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 plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan, and none of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2 apply, and no further environmental analysis is required.

**D: Signature**

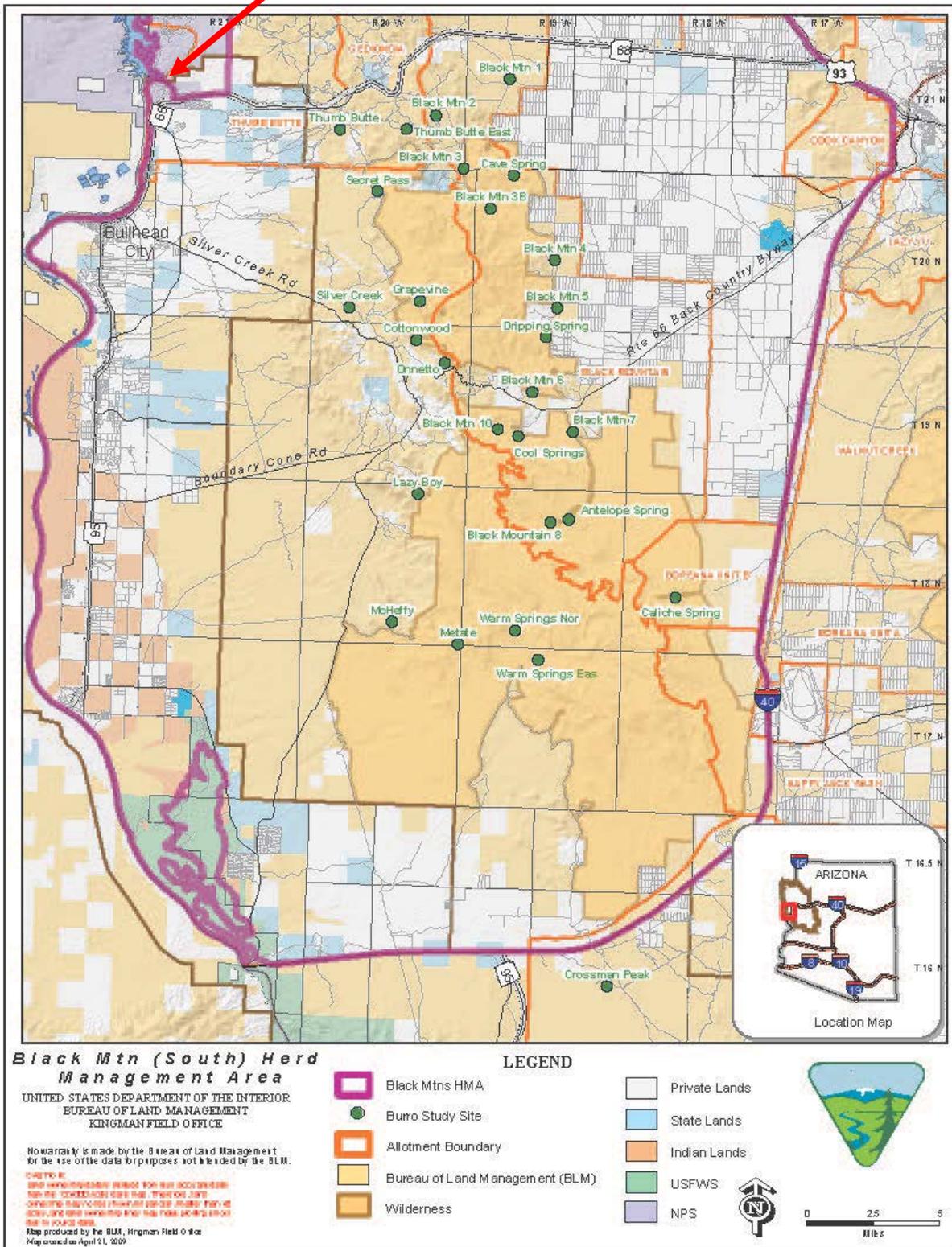
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Map 1

Katherine's Landing NPS



### Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment ( <b>Yes or No with supporting rationale</b> )
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
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 T&E species or critical habitat as there are no species or critical habitat in 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

