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

Project Name
NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2011-0032-CX

A. Background

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

Proposed Action Title/Type: Remove one wild nuisance Burro from the town of Oatman, AZ, Black Mountain HMA

Location of Proposed Action:
Removal location, T19N, R20W, Sec. 14 and 23
The nuisance Burro is from the Black Mountain Herd Management Area. Specifically the burro is in the community of Oatman, Arizona, Mohave County.

Description of Proposed Action:
The removal of 1 Burro would be conducted from May through July, 2011. (See Map 1 on Page 3.)

A bait trap would be place on private land in an area where the burro has created a nuisance situation. Burros are enticed into a corral constructed with a one way gate and not able to esxit the corral. Since burros generally do not have an acquired a taste for alfalfa hay, it can take time to get them used to it and the panels before initiating a bait trapping operation. Once burros begin to utilize the hay offered, temporary corral would be constructed around the bail site. The bail trap would be temporary and the area con be reclaimed just by removing the corral panels and raking up hay and manure.

Background:
Kingman Field Office has received approximately three complaints from private individuals (business owners) pertaining to a jack burro that has been coming into the town of Oatman for the last few days. Approximately twelve other burros travel to Oatman and on a daily basis and hang out there throughout the day. Individuals claim the jack burro just recently started coming to town with the other burros. Private land owners claim burro has been aggressively chasing female burrow in the middle of town creating a potential hazard to the public.

Appropriate individuals and agencies (including those who have expressed issues with the burro) 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 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 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 removal of burros from Oatman is addressed in the Black Mountain Herd Management Plan of 1980.

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

Authorizing Official: __/ s / Don McClure_____ Date: __5/20/2011_____
(Signature)

Name: Don McClure
Title: Assistant Field Manager, Renewable Resources

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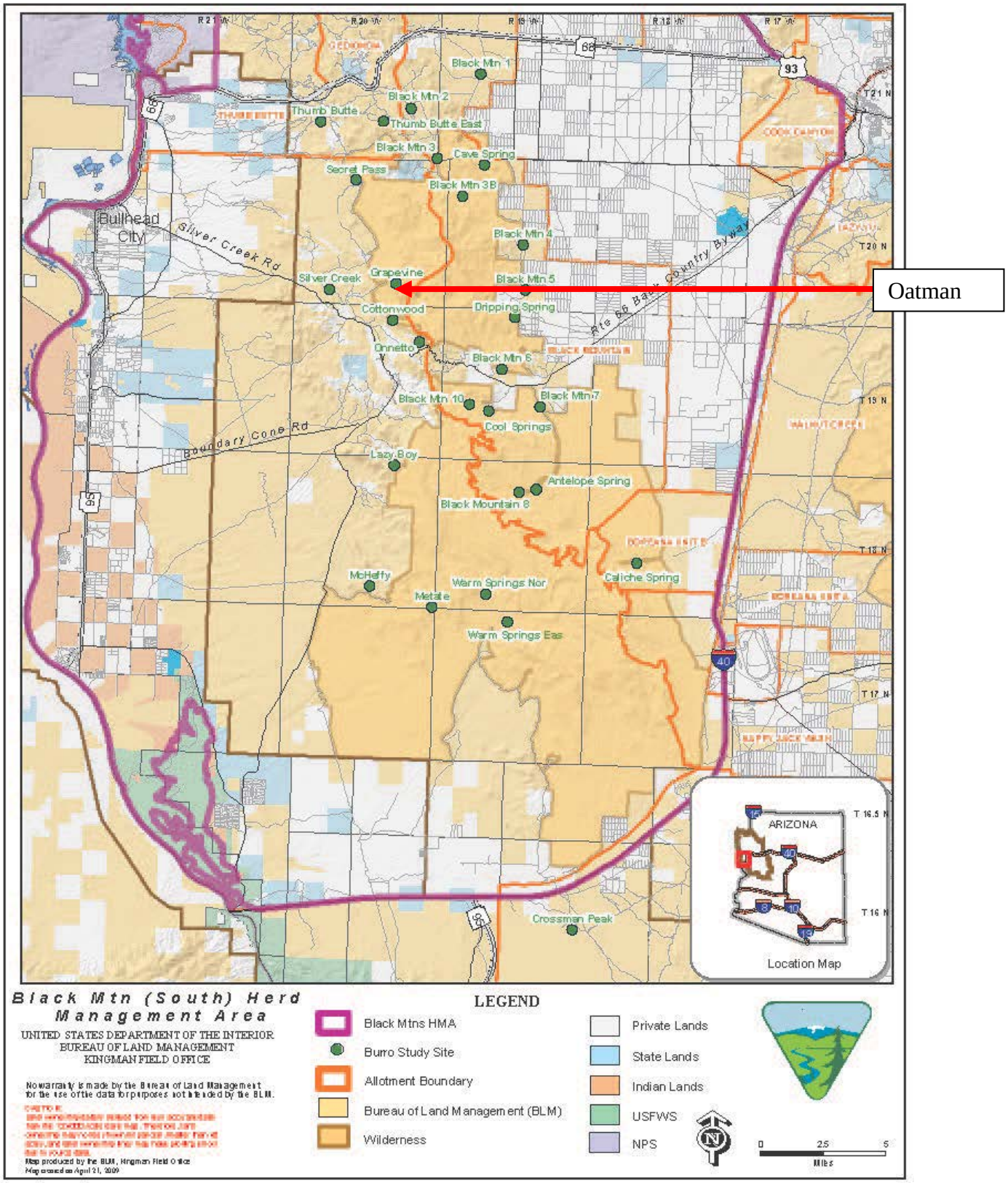
Map 1


Oatman
Black Mtn (South) Herd Management Area
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE
LEGEND
Black Mtns HMA
Burro Study Site
Allotment Boundary
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Wilderness
Private Lands
State Lands
Indian Lands
USFWS
NPS
Location Map
ARIZONA
Bullhead City
Silver Creek Rd
Boundary Cone Rd
Black Mtn 1
Black Mtn 2
Thumb Butte
Thumb Butte East
Black Mtn 3
Cave Spring
Secret Pass
Black Mtn 3B
Black Mtn 4
Black Mtn 5
Grapevine
Silver Creek
Cottonwood
Dripping Spring
Onnetto
Black Mtn 6
Black Mtn 10
Black Mtn 7
Cool Springs
Lazy Boy
Antelope Spring
Black Mountain 8
Caliche Spring
McHeffy
Warm Springs Nor
Metate
Warm Springs Eas
Crossman Peak
Miles

Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (**Yes or No with supporting rationale)**
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No
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
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

Approval and Decision

Attachment 2

Compliance and assignment of responsibility

Wild Horse and Burro Program Chad Benson

Monitoring and assignment of responsibility:

Wild Horse and Burro Program Chad Benson

Review: *We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.*

Prepared by: ___/ s / Chad Benson_____ **Date:** **5/20/2011**

Chad Benson
Fire Prevention Officer
Project Lead

Reviewed by: ___/ s / David Brock_____ **Date:** **5/20/2011**

David Brock
Rangeland Management Specialist
NEPA Coordinator

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Decision: Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed.

Approved By: ___/ s / Don McClure_____ **Date:** _5/20/2011_____

Don McClure
Assistant Field Manager, Renewable Resources
Kingman Field Office