

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

**Kilauea Crushers Buckeye Hills Operation Mineral Materials Exploration Permit
DOI-BLM-AZ-P020-2010-31-CX**

A. Background

BLM Office: *Lower Sonoran Field Office (LSFO)*

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: **AZA-35502**

Proposed Action Title/Type: **43 CFR 3601.30 Mineral Materials Exploration Permit**

Location of Proposed Action: **T. 2 S., R. 4 W., Sec. 1 SW¼NE¼(part)**

Description of Proposed Action: **Construct approx. 500' of road and extract mineral materials for sampling and testing.**

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan (LUP) Name: **Lower Gila South RMP & EIS**

Date Approved/Amended: **6/1/1988**

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

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

p. 2, "Demand for saleable minerals would be met by sales or free-use permits on a case-by-case basis."

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 2, Appendix 1, or 516 DM 11.5: Department Manual 516 DM 11.5F(9) - Digging of exploratory trenches for mineral materials, except in riparian areas.

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, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 or 516 DM 11.5 apply.

I considered: The proposal is expected to disturb only 1-2 acres. Special stipulations (copy attached) will be appended to the approval. If the material is found suitable, the site will become a source of material for the existing Kilauea Crushers' Buckeye Hills operation and be covered by a submitted amendment to the approved mining and reclamation plan; if not, the site and road

will be reclaimed. Input was received from other resource specialists (see attachments) and no significant impacts on sensitive resources will occur.

D: Signature

Authorizing Official: _____

Date: _____

Emily Garber
LSFO Manager

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:

David Eddy

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

BLM Categorical Exclusions: Extraordinary Circumstances¹
Attachment 1

The action has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) apply. The project would:		
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety		
Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness or wilderness study 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 (Executive Order 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		
Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?		
Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		
Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?		
Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		
Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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?		

¹ If an action has any of these impacts, you must conduct NEPA analysis.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See attached worksheet.
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?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	See attached email.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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)?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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)?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Approval and Decision

Attachment 2

Compliance and assignment of responsibility: David Eddy

Monitoring and assignment of responsibility: David Eddy

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: _____ **Date:** _____

David Eddy
Project Lead

Reviewed by: _____ **Date:** _____

Leah Baker
Planning & Environmental Coordinator

Reviewed by: _____ **Date:** _____

Emily Garber
Manager

Project Description:

Construct approx. 500' of road and extract mineral materials for sampling and testing.

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, with the following stipulations (if applicable).

Approved By: _____ **Date:** _____

Emily Garber