

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

*Town of Dewey-Humboldt Assignment/Renewal*  
**DOI-BLM-AZ-P010-2011-040-CX**

**A. Background**

BLM Office: *Hassayampa Field Office (HFO)*

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: AZA-11820

Proposed Action Title/Type: **281001 ROW-ROADS - FLPMA**

Location of Proposed Action: T. 13 N., R. 1 E., Section 4, Lot 14

Description of Proposed Action: The Town of Dewey-Humboldt is proposing to accept assignment of and renew an existing road right-of-way, AZA-11820, which is currently authorized to the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors. The existing road, known as Henderson Road crosses approximately 602.42 feet of Federal land. The assignment/renewal application is for a 50-foot in width by 602.42-feet in length (approximately 0.7 acres) right-of-way. The right-of-way will be renewed for 30-years, with an option to renew. Please reference EAR# AZ-020-9-85.

**B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan (LUP) Name: Bradshaw-Harquahala Record of Decision & Approved Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: **4/22/2010**

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):

*LR-24. Continue to issue land use authorizations (rights-of-way, leases, permits, easements) on a case-by-case basis and in accordance to resource management prescriptions in this land use plan*

**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: E. (9). Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.

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: Not Applicable

**D: Signature**

Authorizing Official: // Steven Cohn

Date: 6/21/11

**Steven Cohn**  
**Field Manager - HFO**

**Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:  
Jo Ann Goodlow, Realty Specialist, Phoenix District Office - Lower Sonoran Field Office,  
21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027, 623-580-5500.

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

BLM Categorical Exclusions: Extraordinary Circumstances<sup>1</sup>  
**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		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The proposal is to assign/renew an existing authorization. Therefore, there would be no significant impacts on public health or safety.
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?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The proposal is to assign/renew an existing authorization. There would be no newly disturbed areas. Therefore, there would be no significant impacts on natural resources and unique geographic characteristics.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The proposal is to assign/renew an existing authorization. Therefore, there would be no controversial environmental effects or involvement of unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The proposal is to assign/renew an existing authorization. Therefore, there would be no highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or the involvement of unique or unknown environmental risks.
5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The proposal is to assign/renew an existing authorization. Therefore, there the proposal does not establish a precedent for future action, nor does it represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		

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

<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> See CFR 1508.7 for a discussion of cumulative actions and impacts.
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?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The existing road right-of-way has already been disturbed. A cultural clearance report was completed for the original authorization. No cultural values were found present.
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?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The existing road right-of-way has already been disturbed. A threatened and endangered species clearance report was completed with the original authorization. No threatened and endangered plants or animals were affected by the road. No newly disturbed areas are planned and therefore would not create a current situation with threatened and endangered species.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> There would be no violation of Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal laws with the renewal/assignment of the existing roadway. The area is already disturbed, and no newly disturbed areas are planned.
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The renewal/assignment is not anticipated to cause any effects on low income or minority populations.
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)?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The proposed project consists of renewing/assigning an existing road. No new disturbance is anticipated. There are no anticipated impacts as they relate to the ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands.
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)?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The renewal/assignment of the existing roadway would not contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species to the project area. Because no new disturbance is anticipated there will be no need to introduce heavy equipment to the area, which could cause the introduction of non-native species to the area.

**Approval and Decision**

**Attachment 2**

**Compliance and assignment of responsibility:** Lands and Realty

**Monitoring and assignment of responsibility:** Lands and Realty

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_ // Jo Ann Goodlow \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 06/15/2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Jo Ann Goodlow**  
Project Lead

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ // Leah Baker \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 06/17/2011 \_\_\_\_\_

**Leah Baker**  
Planning & Environmental Coordinator

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ // Steven Cohn \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 6/21/11 \_\_\_\_\_

**Steven Cohn**  
Field Manager

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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, with the following stipulations (if applicable).

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_ // Steven Cohn \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 6/21/11 \_\_\_\_\_

**Steven Cohn**