

## NEPA Document Number: DOI-BLM-A030-2010-0002-CX

### A. Background

**BLM Office:** Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument

**Allotment Numbers:** 4835 (Mosby) and 2012 (Lime Spring, NV).

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Mosby and Lime Spring Allotment Grazing Permits Transfer from Arlin and Rozell Hughes to C&L Farm and Cattle, LLC-Collin and Lee Ann Bowler.

**Location of Proposed Action:** The Mosby Allotment is located next to the Nevada state line. The Mosby allotment is located just north of Whitney Pass and the Whitney Fire Tower. Red Rock Spring is located in the middle of the allotment. Lime Spring is located in Nevada and borders on the west side of Mosby allotment and just east of the Virgin Mountains

Mosby:

Gila & Salt River Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona

T.36 N., R.16 W sec. 4, SW ¼; sec.5; 6, E ¼; 7, W ¼,; 8, N ½ and sec. 9, NW ¼.

Lime Spring:

Mt Diablo  
Clark County Nevada,

T. 15 S., R. 71 W., sec. 34, S ½; T. 16 S., R. 71 W., secs 3,4,9,10,14, and 15, inclusive.

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

The transfer of the grazing permit is for Mosby allotment's 82 AUMs for use from 10/01 to 2/28 with 63% federal range; and for Lime Spring, which is an ephemeral allotment, meaning, stocking is determined annually on 96% federal range, in accordance with forage availability.

There are no changes to the grazing preference or terms and conditions of the permit. The permit resulting from this transfer will be effective for the same period of time as the current permit.

### B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Grand Canyon/Parashant National Monument Management Plan (RMP).

Date Approved/Amended: January 29, 2008

DFC-GM-02.

Livestock use and associated management practices will be conducted in a manner consistent with other resource needs and objectives to ensure that the health of rangeland resources is preserved or improved so that they are productive for all rangeland values. Where needed, public rangeland ecosystems will be improved to meet objectives.

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ON BLM-administered lands all allotments will continue to be classified as available for grazing by livestock under the principle of multiple use and sustained yield, except where specifically noted.

The proposed action is in conformance with these RMP decisions.

Map 2.10 in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument shows the grazing allotments available for grazing. Mosby allotment is shown as available for grazing. The allotment has been through the initial Standards and Guides process and the inventories and studies of the allotment show it is meeting standards for continued grazing by livestock.

**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, Appendix 5.4: D. (1) Approval of transfers of grazing preference.

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 DM2 apply.

**D: Signature**

Authorizing Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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## Attachment 1

<b>EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW AND CHECKLIST</b>		
<p>IMPORTANT: Appropriate staff should review the circumstances listed below, and comment for concurrence. Rationale supporting the concurrence should be included where appropriate.</p>		
<b>EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES</b>	<b>YES/NO &amp; RATIONALE (If -</b>	<b>STAFF</b>

Does the proposed action...	Appropriate)	
1. Have significant impacts on public health and safety?	No	Hughes
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?	No	Alfen Hawks Jensen
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?	No	Spotts
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	Spotts
5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	Spotts
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	Spotts
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	Alfen
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(Animals) No(Plants)	Jensen Hughes
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	Klein
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?	No	Benson

<p>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)?</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Benson</p>
<p>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)?</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>.Bunting</p>

## Attachment 2