

ASDO NEPA DOCUMENT ROUTING SHEET

NEPA Document Number: **DOI-BLM-AZ-A010-2011-0005-CX**

Project Title: **Moonshine Grazing Permit Transfer**

Project Lead: Kevin Schoppmann

Date that any scoping meeting was conducted:

Date that concurrent, electronic distribution for review was initiated: **December 15, 2010**

Deadline for receipt of responses: **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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### A. Background

BLM Office: Arizona Strip Field Office

Allotment No. #05237

Proposed Action Title/Type: Moonshine Allotment Permit Transfer

Location of Proposed Action: The Moonshine Allotment is located approximately 20 miles south of Fredonia, Arizona and is found within the following described area:

Gila & Salt River Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona

T. 38 N., R. 6 W.,  
Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35.  
T. 37 N., R. 6 W.,  
Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 15.  
T. 39 N., R. 5 W.,  
Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29 and 30.

BLM Acres: 9,725  
State Acres: 320  
Total Acreage: 10,045

Description of Proposed Action: The proposed action is the transfer of partial grazing preference for the Moonshine Allotment (#5237) from Brigham Johnson to Cal Rollins. The grazing preference for this allotment is 824 AUMs (72 cattle grazing from 3/1 to 2/28) of which 612 AUMs will be transferred to Cal Rollins and 212 AUMs will remain with Brigham Johnson. A new permit is to be issued to the new permittee, so there are no changes to the grazing preference of the allotment. The permit resulting from this transfer would be effective for the same period of time as the current permit, which is valid through August 31, 2015.

### B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Arizona Strip Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP).

Date Approved: January 29, 2008

The proposed action is in conformance with the RMP decision number LA-GM-01, which states, "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 Moonshine Allotment is classified as available for grazing by livestock under this decision.

**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, see attachment 1.

43 CFR 4110.2-3 describes transfer of the grazing preference requirements. Also, IM No. AZ-99-007, dated March 1, 1999, under the heading – Other Permit Renewal Issues, item number 2. Renewal of a Permit Associated with a Transfer - describes that as long as the transfer of the grazing preference and the requested terms and conditions are the same as those for the previous permit the transfer may be approved and a grazing permit issued for the remainder of the term of the current permit using the categorical exclusion process.

**D: Signature**

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

Name: Lorraine M. Christian  
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**Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Kevin Schoppmann, Rangeland Management Specialist, BLM, Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790, phone (435)688-3220.

# Attachment 1

## EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW AND CHECKLIST

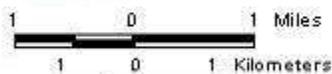
IMPORTANT: Appropriate staff should review the circumstances listed below, and comment for concurrence. Rationale supporting the concurrence should be included where appropriate.

<p align="center"><b>EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES</b></p> <p align="center">Does the proposed action...</p>	<p align="center"><b>YES/NO &amp; RATIONALE</b></p> <p align="center"><b>(If - Appropriate)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>STAFF</b></p>
1. Have significant impacts on public health and safety?	No	KSchoppmann
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	<p align="center">JHerron DHawks LChristian</p>
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?	No	KSchoppmann
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	KSchoppmann
5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	KSchoppmann
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	KSchoppmann

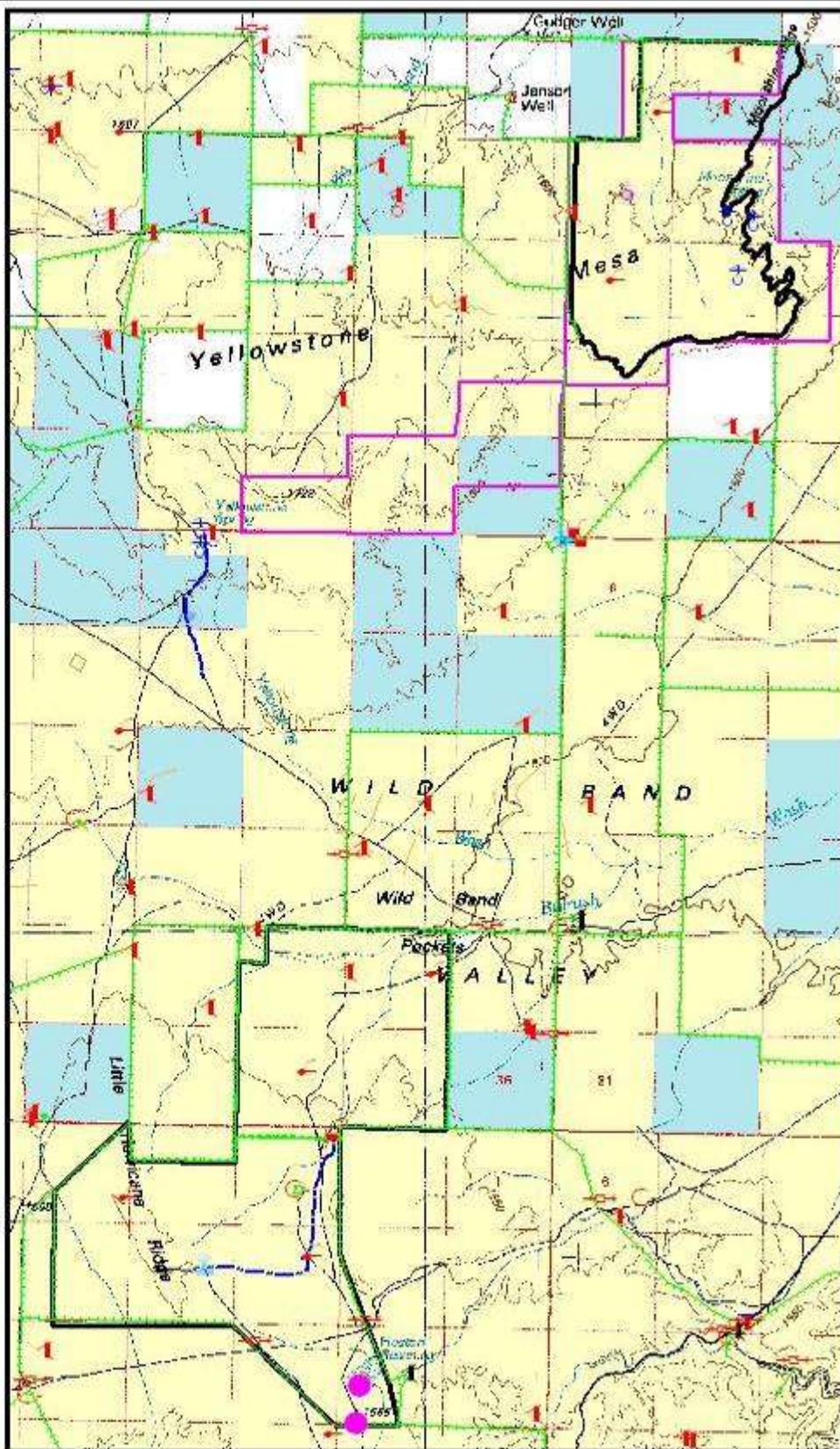
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the Bureau or office?	No	JHerron
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	No	LChristian LHughes
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	KSchoppmann
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?	No	KSchoppmann
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	GBenson
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	WBunting

# Moonshine Allotment

- Noxious weeds
  - Fenced Reservoir
  - Trough
  - Undeveloped Spring
  - Unfenced Reservoir
  - Water Storage Tank
  - Well
  - Wildlife Catchment
  - Wildlife Drinker
  - Windmill
  - Cattleguard
  - Corral
  - Developed Spring
  - Livestock Catchment
  - Key Area
  - Fence
  - Pipeline
  - ACEC Boundary
  - Monument Boundary
  - Allotment Boundary
  - Wilderness Boundary
- Ownership
- BLM
  - Forest Service
  - Indian Reservation
  - National Park
  - Private
  - Recreation Area
  - State



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