

ASDO NEPA DOCUMENT ROUTING SHEET

NEPA Document Number: **DOI-BLM-AZ-A030-2011-0008-CX**
Project Title: **Duncan Tank Allotment Grazing Permit Transfer**

Project Lead: Brandon Boshell

Date that any scoping meeting was conducted: N/A

Date that concurrent, electronic distribution for review was initiated: September 20, 2011

Deadline for receipt of responses: October 11, 2011

ID Team/Required Reviewers will be determined at scoping meeting or as a default the following:

Gloria Benson, Tribal Liaison
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Laurie Ford, Lands/Realty/Minerals
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John Herron, Cultural
David Van Alfen, Cultural
Jacquilyn Roaque, Special Status Plants
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(Ms. Rogers and Ms. Reif are Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) habitat specialists. Ms. Skrzynski is Environmental Program Director for the Kaibab Paiute Tribe (KPT). Mr. Bungart and Ms. Hubbs are cultural staff for the Hualapai Tribe. They may review and/or forward on ASDO NEPA documents to other employees. If a Project Lead receives comments from any AGFD employee on their draft NEPA document, they should include them in the complete set/administrative record and share them with Jeff Young as the ASDO Wildlife Team Lead. Mr. Young will then recommend how these comments should be addressed. If a Project Lead receives comments from any KPT or Hualapai Tribe employee, they should include them in the complete set/administrative record and share them with Gloria Benson as the ASDO Tribal Liaison. Ms. Benson will then recommend how these comments should be addressed.)

Discretionary Reviewers:

(insert names and titles of any additional reviewers recommended by Project Lead, Manager(s), Environmental Coordinator, or from scoping meetings)

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A. Background

BLM Offices: Grand Canyon – Parashant National Monument
Arizona Strip Field Office

Allotment Numbers: #04820

Proposed Action Title/Type: Duncan Tank Allotment Grazing Permit Transfer

Location of Proposed Action: The Duncan Tank Allotment is located in Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument and Arizona Strip Field Office, approximately 56 miles south of St. George, Utah and is found within the following described area (Attachment 2):

Gila & Salt River Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona

- T. 35 N., R. 10 W.,
Sections 22, 23, 26, 27, 34
- T. 34 N., R. 10 W.,
Sections 3, 10, 11, 14, 15
- T. 34 N., R. 11 W.,
Sections 24, 25, 36
- T. 34 N., R. 10 W.,
Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33
- T. 33 N., R. 10 W.,
Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

BLM Acres: 6,250
State Acres: 1,220
Private Acres: 2,168
Total Acreage: 9,638

Description of Proposed Action: This transfer of base water and attached grazing preference from Ethan Allan Bundy to Bar 7 Ranch, LLC applies to the Duncan Tank Allotment #04820 (Attachment 2). The attached preference of the allotment is described below:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Livestock</u>	<u>Season of Use</u>	<u>%PL*</u>	<u>AUMs</u>
Duncan Tank	04820	53 Cattle	10/1 – 07/31	78	
		2 Horses	10/1 - 07/15	78	
				Total Active	429

*PL = Public Land

There are no changes to the grazing preference or terms and conditions of the permit. The permit resulting from this transfer would be effective for the same period of time as the current permit, which is valid through May 14, 2017.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Resource Management Plan (RMP)

Date Approved: January 29, 2008

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

Date Approved: January 29, 2008

The proposed action is in conformance with each RMPs' 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...." Duncan Tank Allotment is classified as available for grazing by livestock under these decisions.

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.

D: Signature

Authorizing Official: Pamela D. McAlpin Date: 10/24/2011
(Signature)

Name: Pamela D. McAlpin

Title: Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Manager

Authorizing Official: Lorraine M. Christian Date: 10/24/11
(Signature)

Name: Lorraine M. Christian

Title: ASFO Manager

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For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:

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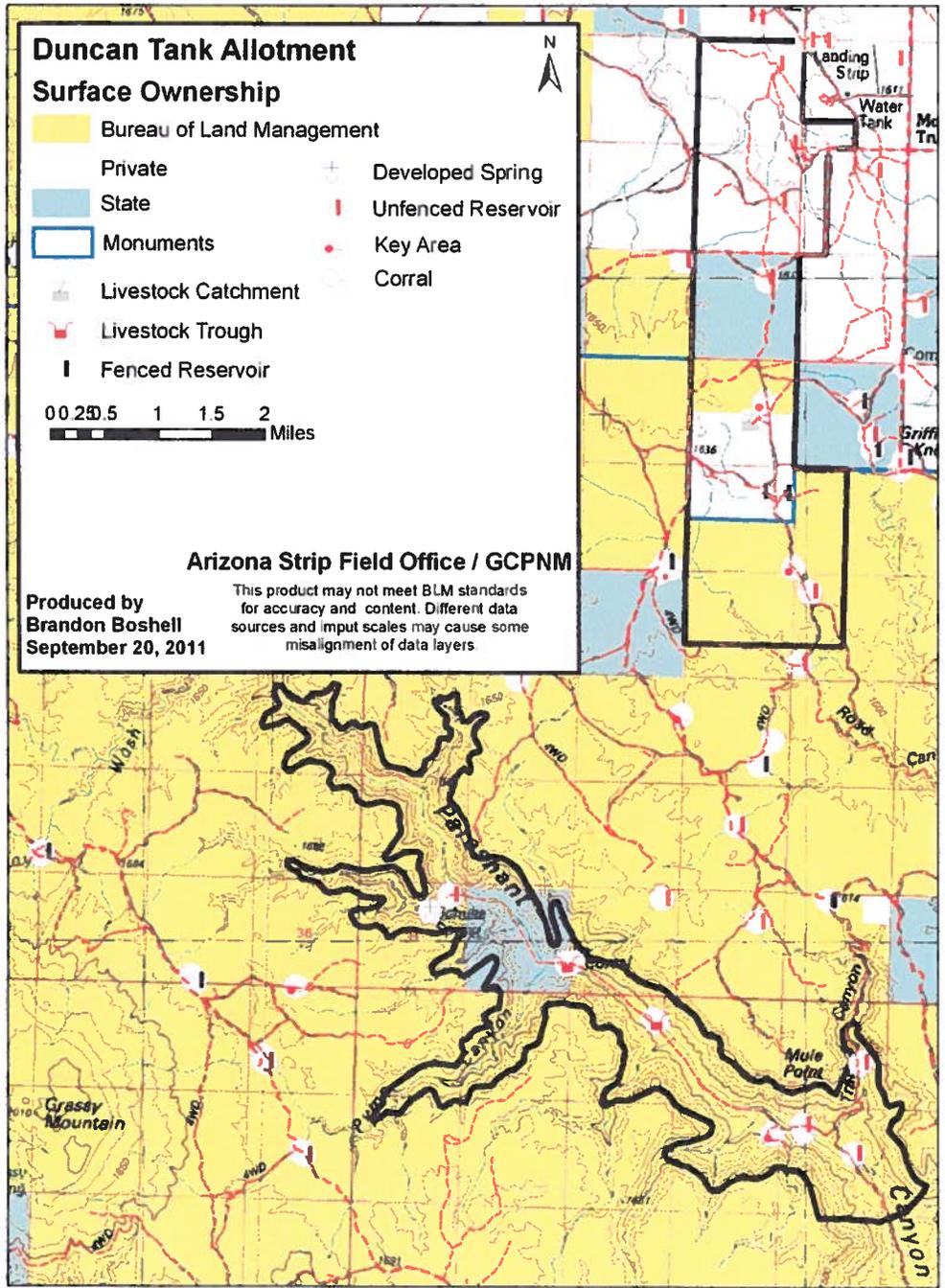
(435) 688-3312.

Attachment 1

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW AND CHECKLIST		
<p>IMPORTANT: Appropriate staff should review the circumstances listed below, and comment for concurrence. Rationale supporting the concurrence should be included where appropriate.</p>		
EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES	YES/NO & RATIONALE (If - Appropriate)	STAFF
Does the proposed action...		
1. Have significant impacts on public health and safety?	No	BBoshell
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	DVan Alfen DHawks J Young
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?	No	BBoshell
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	BBoshell
5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	BBoshell
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	BBoshell
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	DVan 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	J Young J Roaque

9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	BBoshell
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?	No	BBoshell
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

Attachment 2





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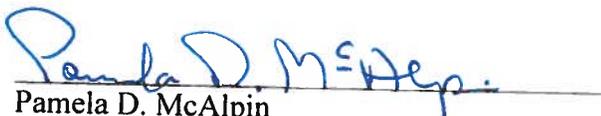
In Reply Refer To:
LLAZA03000: 4110

To: Ethan Allan Bundy and Bar 7 Ranch LLC Case Files
From: Rangeland Management Specialist, LLAZA03000
Subject: Transfer of base water and grazing preference for the Duncan Tank Allotment, #04820.

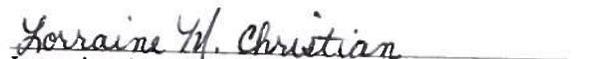
The Rangeland Health Assessment for Duncan Tank Allotment was completed October 30, 2006. The environmental assessment (EA), analyzing the impacts of renewing the grazing permit for this allotment was completed March 6, 2007.

The permit issued resulting from this permit transfer action will contain the current terms and conditions of the previous permit issued 5/15/2007. On that date, the grazing permit was issued after completion of both the Rangeland Health and Environmental Assessment reports.

Based on a review of the project described in DOI-BLM-AZ-A030-2011-0008-CX and Arizona Strip Field Office and Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument staff recommendations, we have determined that the project is in conformance with both the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Resource Management Plan (approved January 29, 2008) and Arizona Strip Field Office Resource Management Plan (approved January 29, 2008) and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is our decision to approve the action as proposed. This memorandum documents completion of the base water and grazing preference transfer on the Duncan Tank Allotment.


Pamela D. McAlpin
Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument
Monument Manager

10/24/2011
Date


Lorraine M. Christian
Arizona Strip Field Office
Manager

10/24/11
Date

cc: Duncan Tank #04820 Allotment File