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DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-130-2013-0021-DNA

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: Grazing Permit #0507052

PROJECT NAME: Grazing Permit Issuance for Beeman B. Casto on the Dolores River Allotment (#06411).

PLANNING UNIT: Grand Junction Field Office

APPLICANT: Beeman B. Casto

ISSUES AND CONCERNS No issues or concerns have been brought forth, the Dolores River Allotment contained in this permit is ranked "M" for maintain management.

BACKGROUND:

The paper work for the transfer of Grazing Preference on the Dolores River Allotment from James Boulden to Beeman Casto was completed on November 28, 2012. This allotment will be added to the current grazing permit of Beeman Casto. A new permit will be created with the addition of the Dolores River allotment.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed action is to issue a new grazing permit to Beeman Casto under the same terms and conditions as the current permit with the addition of the Dolores River allotment # 06411. There will be no change in authorization or management for the Dolores River allotment due to this transfer. The expiration date of the new permit will be the same as the replaced permit. The term of the new permit will be from March 1, 2013 to September 30, 2017.

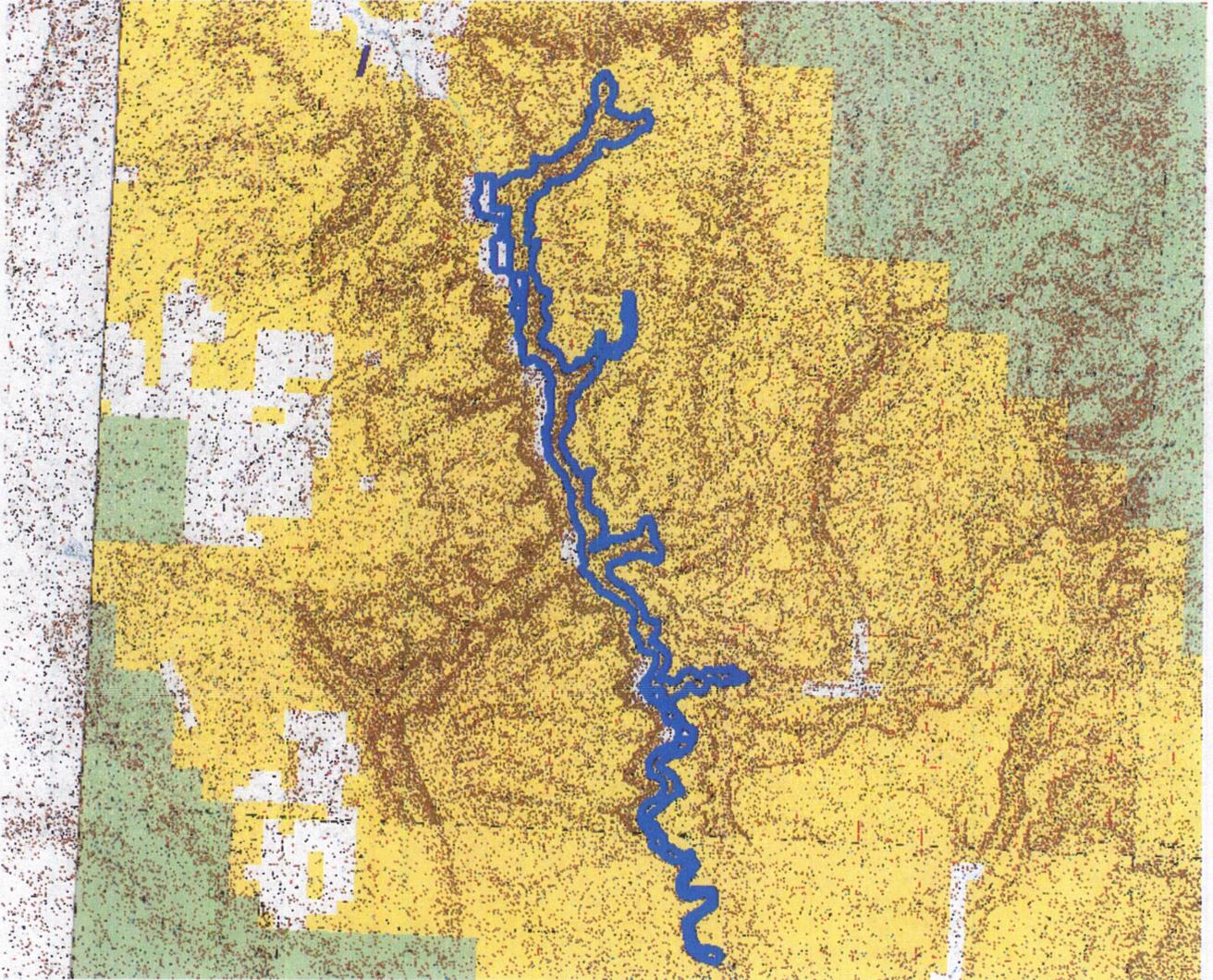
The proposed grazing schedule to be added to the current permit 0507052 would be as follows:

Allotment/#	Livestock Number	Livestock Kind	Grazing Period		%PL	Type Use	AUMs
			From	To			
Dolores River /06411	37	Cattle	10/21	02/28	100	Active	159

%PL is the percentage of BLM lands used for grazing within the allotment.

AUM-The amount of forage necessary for the sustenance of one cow or its equivalent for a period of one month.

Map of the Dolores River Allotment



LAND USE PLAN (LUP) CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The proposed action is subject to the following plan:

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3) the following plan:

Name of Plan: GRAND JUNCTION Resource Management Plan

Date Approved: January 1987

Decision Number/Page: 2-17

Decision Language: Manage livestock grazing as described in the Grand Junction Grazing Management Environmental Statement using the new priorities and general management categories established through the allotment categorization process and this plan.

REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

List by name and date all existing NEPA documents that cover the Proposed Action.

Name of Document

DOI-BLM-CO-130-2011-0042-EA, Grazing Permit Renewal for James Boulden on the GML, Dolores River and Palisade Flats allotments.

Date Approved: September 30, 2011

NEPA ADEQUACY CRITERIA:

1. Is the Proposed Action substantially the same action and at the site specifically analyzed in an existing document? The Permit to be issued has the same permit requirements at the site specifically analyzed in the existing document (2011 EA).
2. Was a reasonable range of alternatives to the Proposed Action analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s), and does that range and analysis appropriately consider current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values? A reasonable range of alternatives were analyzed considering current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values.
3. Does the information or circumstances upon which the existing NEPA document(s) are based remain valid and germane to the Proposed Action? The information is valid and germane to the proposed action. Grazing in this allotment was reviewed in 2011 prior to permit renewal.
4. Is the analysis still valid in light of new studies or resource assessment information? Most recent monitoring information combined with the assessment or resource conditions found that the previous analysis in 2011 was acceptable and no new information has come forward.
5. Does the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the Proposed Action? The methodology and analytical approach used in the 2011 documents were completely appropriate for development of the proposed action.
6. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the Proposed Action unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document? The direct and indirect impacts are unchanged from the existing NEPA document in that maintaining the same grazing Permit terms and conditions maintain consistency.

7. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? The cumulative impacts remain unchanged. The parent documents found the proposed action, when taken into account with other actions, past and present, would have no additive impact to the environment.

8. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the Proposed Action? Public involvement was conducted along with interagency review. This review was adequate for the Proposed Action.

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NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Collin Ewing

DATE: 3/11/13

CONCLUSION

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 X Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the land use plan and that the NEPA documentation previously prepared fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

 Based on the review documented above, I conclude that either the proposal does not conform with the land use plan, or that additional NEPA analysis is needed.

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL:

Wayne R
for GRAND JUNCTION, Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: *3-11-13*

Note: The signed Conclusion on this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision.