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DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

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CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: Grazing Permit #0504719

PROJECT NAME: Grazing Permit Issuance for Jerry and Kimberly Gunderson on the Badger Wash Allotment (#06601) and Dry Canyon-Demaree Allotment (#16608).

PLANNING UNIT: Grand Junction Field Office

APPLICANT: Jerry and Kimberly Gunderson

ISSUES AND CONCERNS No issues or concerns have been brought forth, the Badger Wash Allotment contained in this permit is ranked "I" for improve management and the Dry Canyon-Demaree Allotment is ranked "M" for maintain management.

BACKGROUND:
The paper work for the transfer of Grazing Preference on the Badger Wash and Dry Canyon-Demaree Allotments from David Terrell to Jerry Gunderson was completed on November 30, 2012. David Terrell will retain his grazing preference on the Prairie Canyon Allotment (#16616).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION
The proposed action is to issue a new grazing permit to Jerry and Kimberly Gunderson under the same terms and conditions as the current permit.

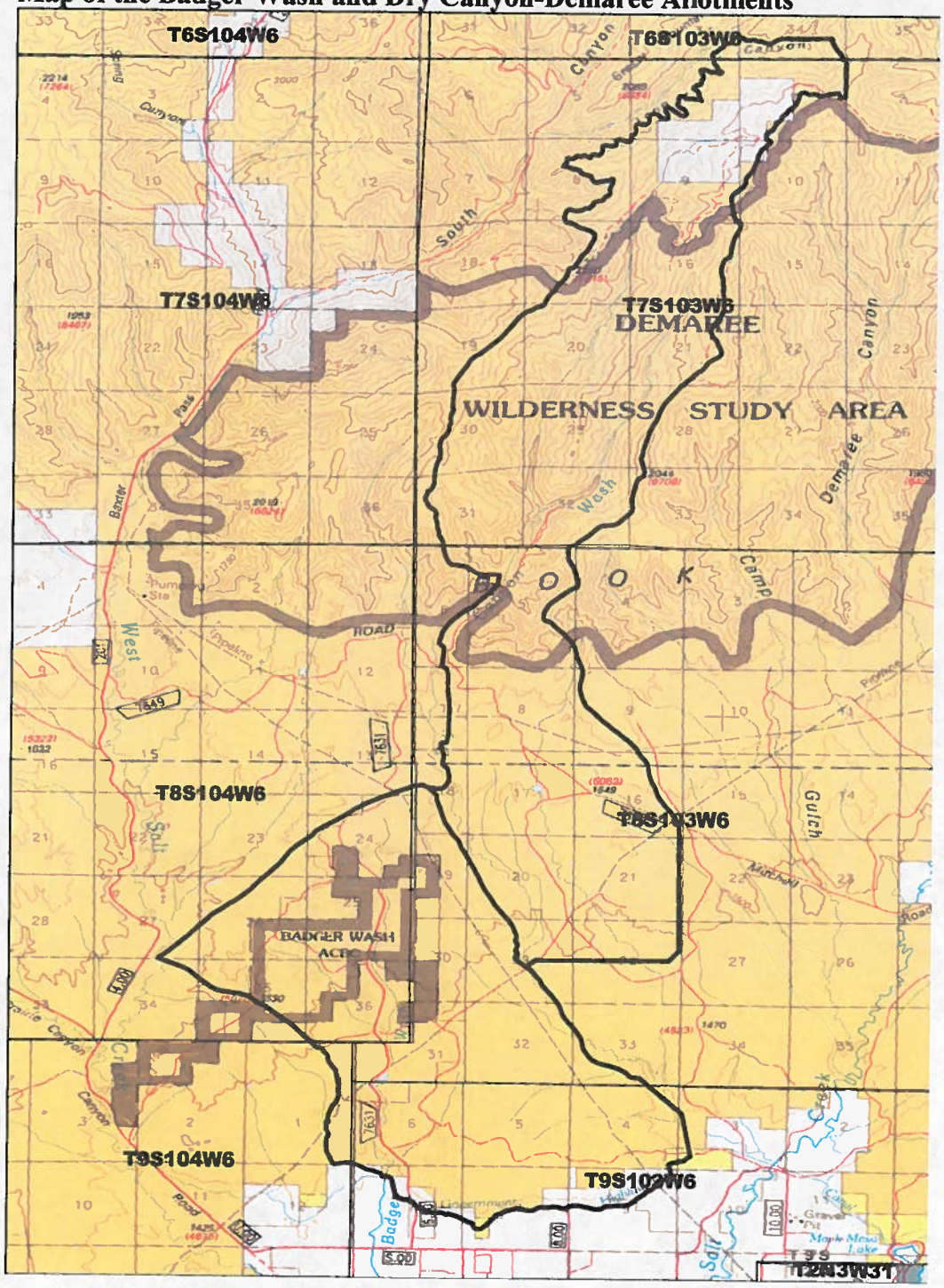
The proposed grazing schedule would be as follows:

Allotment/#	Livestock Number	Livestock Kind	Grazing Period		%PL	Type Use	AUMs
			From	To			
16608	172	Cattle	01/01	02/17	100	Active	271
06601	172	Cattle	12/02	12/31	100	Active	170
	173	Cattle	02/18	04/01	100	Active	245

%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.

The Badger Wash and Dry Canyon-Demaree Allotments are used in a three pasture rotation system that was developed in 2005 and would be continued.

Map of the Badger Wash and Dry Canyon-Demaree Allotments



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
EA #CO-130-2009-0062-EA Grazing Permit Transfer and Allotment Consolidation for David Terrell on the Prairie Canyon, Dry Canyon-Demaree and Badger Wash Allotments
Date Approved: September 10, 2009

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 (2009 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. This allotment was reviewed in 2009 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 2009 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 2009 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.

NAME OF PREPARER: Scott Clarke RMS

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Collin Ewing

DATE: 12/17/12

CONCLUSION

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✓ 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: _____
for GRAND JUNCTION, Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 12/18/12

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.