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## **DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY**

NUMBER: CO-120-2007-30 DNA

PROJECT NAME: Radium underground electric

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T. 1 S., R. 82 W., Section 22: SESE and Section 27: NWNE

APPLICANT: BLM

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The BLM proposes to extend electricity from the existing powerline adjacent to the Radium Recreation site to three different locations within the recreation site. The first part of the extension is discussed and analyzed in CO-120-07-17-DNA. This part of the project includes approximately 525' of overhead line.

The Proposed Action is to extend the power via an underground line another 980' to service a campground host site and 2 outlets adjacent to the boat ramp. The wire would be buried 30" deep and be enclosed in conduit. The service panel would be located in the small storage building on the north end of the campground. Where possible the trenches would follow the alignment of the existing roads (see Attachment # 1 for project maps).

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

Name of Plan: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

\_\_X\_\_ The Proposed Action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

Decision Language:

“To ensure the continued availability of recreational opportunities which the public seeks and which are not readily available from other sources, to reduce impacts of recreational use on fragile and unique resource values, and to provide for visitor safety, and resource interpretation.”

**REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:**

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

Name of Document: CO-120-2006-29-EA

Date Approved: 8/11/06

<b>NEPA Adequacy Criteria</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<p>1. Is the Proposed Action substantially the same action and at the site specifically analyzed in an existing document?</p> <p>Explanation: The proposal would continue the development of the campground that was analyzed in CO-120-2006-29-EA. The impacts from the trenching would generally follow existing roads.</p>	X	
<p>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?</p> <p>Explanation: The Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative were analyzed in the existing NEPA document. The analysis appropriately considers current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values.</p>	X	
<p>3. Does the information or circumstances upon which the existing NEPA document(s) are based remain valid and germane to the Proposed Action? Is the analysis still valid in light of new studies or resource assessment information?</p> <p>Explanation: Yes, there is no new information or circumstances that would invalidate the existing analyses.</p>	X	
<p>4. Does the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the Proposed Action?</p> <p>Explanation: Yes, the methodology and analytical approach used in the 2006 EA continues to be appropriate for the Proposed Action.</p>	X	

<p>5. Are the direct and indirect impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?</p> <p>Explanation: The CO-120-2006-29-EA analyzed the ground disturbing impacts associated with the campground reconstruction activities. The proposed construction activities would lie within this impact analysis area.</p>	X	
<p>6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?</p> <p>Explanation: Yes, the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action remain unchanged.</p>		
<p>7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the Proposed Action?</p> <p>Explanation: Yes, there have been no additional issues, concerns, or controversies developed since the 2006 EA was written. The Proposed Action is listed on the Kremmling Field Office Internet NEPA Register notifying potential interested or affected publics.</p>		

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Andy Windsor	ORP	Recreation	4/25/07
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife & T&E	4/30/07
Frank G. Rupp	Archaeologist	Cultural	5/14/07
Frank G. Rupp	Archaeologist	Native American Religious Concerns	5/14/07
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian	5/16/07
Richard Johnson	Rangeland Mgt Specialist	Invasive, Non- native Species, Vegetation, Range	5/18/07
Joe Stout	P&EC	NEPA Compliance	5/30/07

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: Previous cultural resource inventories have identified several cultural resources in and around the Radium Campground area. One particularly large site is recorded just north of and bounded on the south by the Campground. A second site is also recorded to the

north of the campground. Neither of these sites would be impacted directly by installation of the proposed buried power lines, and are not within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). A third site is located within the Campground area and would be avoided during power line construction.

There would be no direct impacts to any cultural resources within the APE, and the project is recommended to proceed with standard cultural discovery stipulations made part of this DNA, and the authorization to construct.

Native American Religious Concerns: Consultation letters were sent to each of the five potentially affected American Indian Tribes, the Ute Mountain, the Southern the Ute Indian tribes, the Arapaho and the Shoshone. No letters of concern were received for this project. The consultation closed on April 15, 2007.

Threatened and Endangered Species: No impacts to threatened, endangered, or sensitive species.

#### MITIGATION:

##### Cultural:

-Cultural protection and information signs must be part of any signing and interpretive efforts.

-The holder is responsible for informing all persons in the area who are associated with this project that they will be subject to prosecution for disturbing historic or archaeological sites, or for collecting artifacts.

-The holder shall immediately bring to the attention of the Authorized Officer any and all antiquities, or other objects of historic, paleontological, or scientific interest including but not limited to, historic or prehistoric ruins or artifacts DISCOVERED as a result of operations under this authorization (16 U.S.C. 470.-3, 36 CFR 800.112). The holder shall immediately suspend all activities in the area of the object and shall leave such discoveries intact until written approval to proceed is obtained from the Authorized Officer. Approval to proceed will be based upon evaluation of the object(s). Evaluation shall be by a qualified professional selected by the Authorized Officer from a Federal agency insofar as practicable (BLM Manual 8142.06E). When not practicable, the holder shall bear the cost of the services of a non-Federal professional.

Within five working days the Authorized Officer will inform the holder as to:

-Whether the materials appear eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;

-The mitigation measures the holder will likely have to undertake before the site can be used (assuming in situ preservation is not necessary); and,

-A timeframe for the Authorized Officer to complete an expedited review under 36 CFR 800.11 to confirm, through the State Historic Preservation Officer, that the findings of the Authorized Officer are correct and that mitigation is appropriate.

-If the holder wishes, at any time, to relocate activities to avoid the expense of mitigation and/or the delays associated with this process, the Authorized Officer will assume responsibility for whatever recordation and stabilization of the exposed materials may be required. Otherwise, the holder will be responsible for mitigation costs. The Authorized Officer will provide technical and procedural guidelines for the conduct of mitigation. Upon verification from the Authorized Officer that the required mitigation has been completed, the holder will then be allowed to resume construction.

-Antiquities, historic, prehistoric ruins, paleontological or objects of scientific interest that are outside of the authorization boundaries but directly associated with the impacted resource will also be included in this evaluation and/or mitigation. Antiquities, historic, prehistoric ruins, paleontological or objects of scientific interest, identified or unidentified, that are outside of the authorization and not associated with the resource within the authorization will also be protected. Impacts that occur to such resources, which are related to the authorizations activities, will be mitigated at the holder's cost.

-Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g), the holder of this authorization must notify the authorized officer, by telephone, with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4 (c) and (d), you must stop activities in the vicinity of the discovery and protect it for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the authorized officer.

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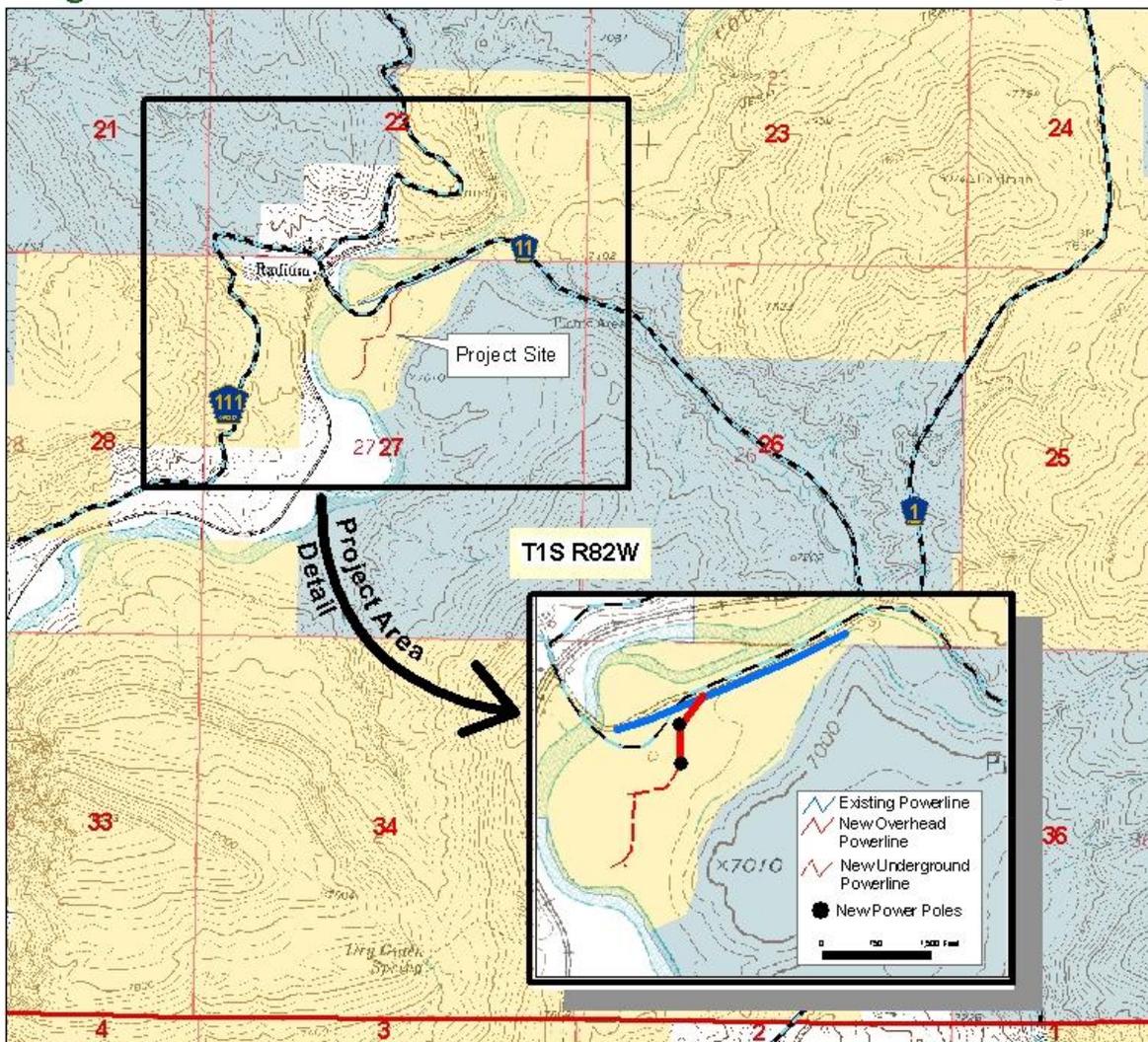
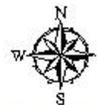
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ATTACHMENTS:

1). Project Maps



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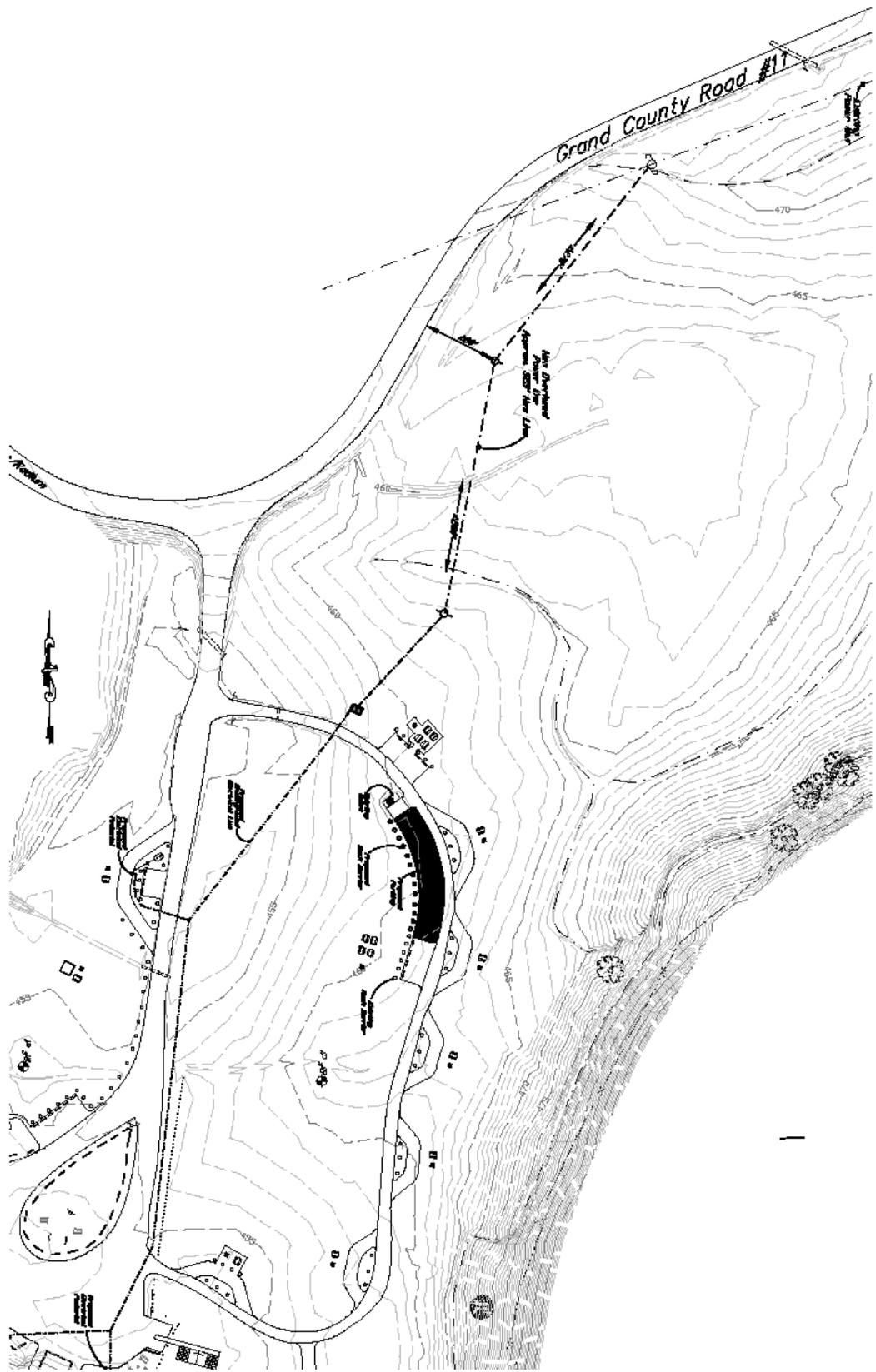
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	Bureau of Land Mgt
	Division of Wildlife
	National Park
	National Rec Area
	National Wildlife Refuge
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	State
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	US Forest Service

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Maps:  
BLM, Kremmling FO XX/XX/2007



## 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.

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: /s/ Peter McFadden

DATE SIGNED: 5/30/07

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.