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## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

### **A. Background**

BLM Office:     Kremmling     Lease/Serial/Case File No.:     COC-73822    

Number: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0052CE

Proposed Action Title/Type: Ammonite Film Permit

Location of Proposed Action: T. 3 N., R. 80 W., Sections 7 & 18;

#### Description of Proposed Action:

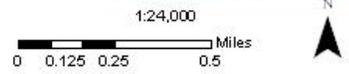
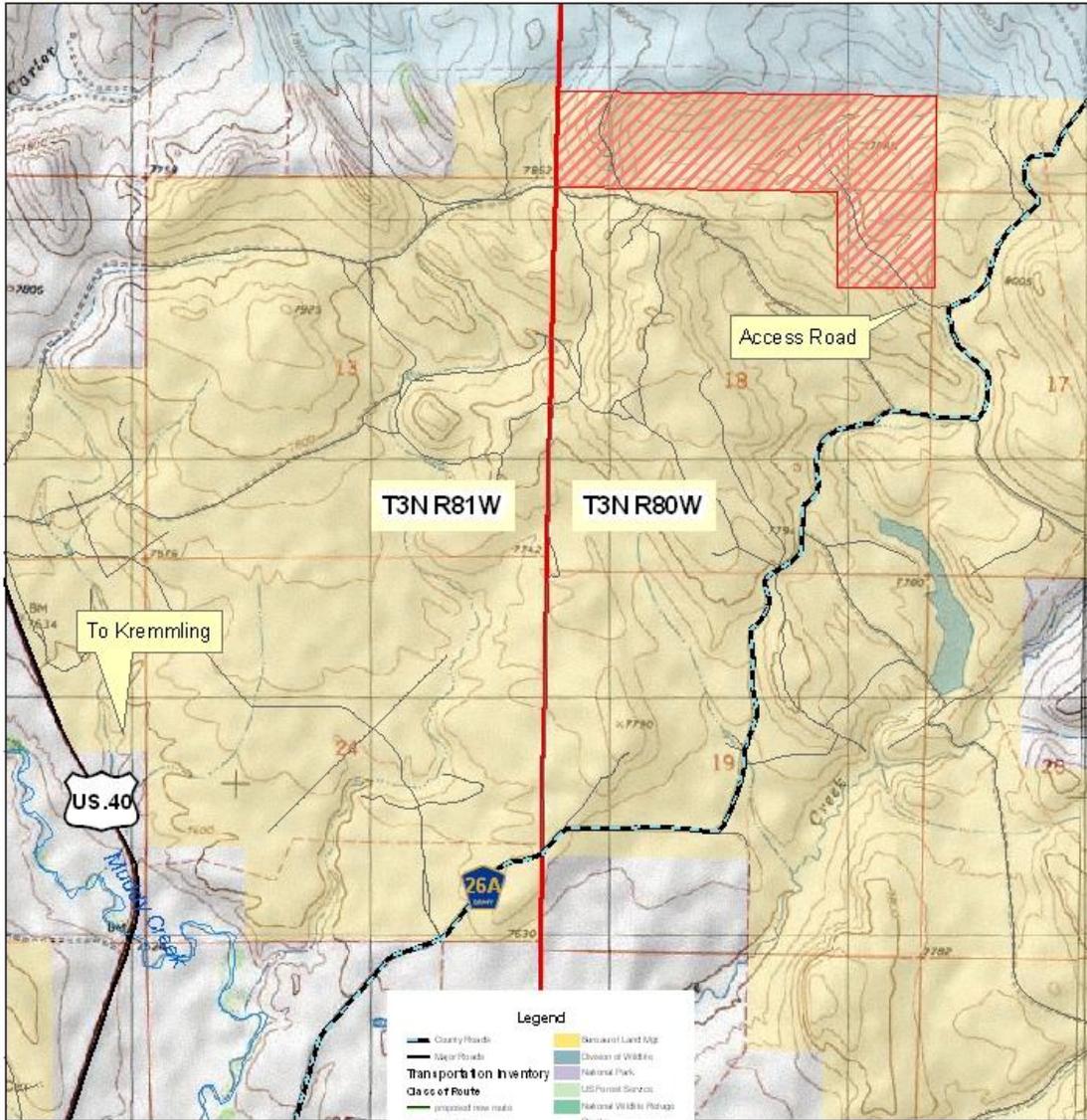
Pioneer Productions proposes to interview geologists for a Discovery channel documentary series called "How the Earth was Made". Specifically, the episode would explore how the Rocky Mountains were created. The Ammonite Research Natural Area would provide evidence of the inland sea that covered North America before the mountains rose. There would be up to three vehicles no heavier than an SUV. The dates of the filming would be July 9, 2009.

#### Design Feature of the Proposed Action:

- No discussion of the location or access to the Ammonite locality will occur in the feature.
- Access to and from the site will not occur during periods of wet soil conditions where rutting in excess of 2 inches occurs.
- Applicant will be responsible for leaving no trash or waste at the filming locations or along access routes.
- No off-road travel with vehicles will occur.



# Ammonite Site for Film Permit



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**B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD) \_ Date Approved/Amended: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions(s):

Decision Number/Page: II-B-12 pg. 14

Decision Language: Process and approve small scale, low impact use authorization requests.

**C. Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, Number (1.4) (1.11) “*Activities which are educational, informational, advisory, or consultative to other agencies, public and private entities, visitors, individuals, or the general public.*”

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.

I have determined there will not be a significant impact to the resource with the incorporation of the design feature.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Area of Responsibility</b>	<b>Date Review Completed</b>
Megan McGuire	Biologist	T&E	6/16/09
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Air & Water	6/16/09
Frank Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontologist	6/19/2009
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Archaeology	6/16/2009
Susan Cassel	Asst. Field Manager	NEPA	6/22/2009

**D. Signature**

Authorizing Official:  /s/ Susan Cassel Date:  6/22/09  
(Signature)

Name:  Susan Cassel  
Title:  Acting Field Manager

**Contact Person**

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**DECISION RECORD**  
**CX #DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-050CX**

DECISION: It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action as described in the attached CX. No discussion of the location or access to the Ammonite locality will occur in the feature.

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act. This decision is also in conformance with the LUP and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action and have determined that it does not represent an extraordinary circumstance and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

RATIONALE: The proposed action is for a filming permit for a documentary called, "How the Earth was Made" and is for educational purposes only. This application falls under a minimum impact permit therefore allowing analysis through a CX. The design feature of the Proposed Action will ensure that the applicable natural resources are adequately protected.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Susan L. Cassel, Acting Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 6/22/09