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DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0045-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Issue of Livestock Grazing Permit # 053991 to Sheephorn Ranch and the livestock grazing preference on Allotment 07562 (Sheephorn)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BLM administered land includes all or part of the following:
T. 1 S., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Sec 19, 30, 31
T. 1 S., R. 82 W., 6th P.M., Sec 24, 25

APPLICANT: Sheephorn Ranch

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Proposed Action would issue livestock grazing permit # 053991 to Sheephorn Ranch for livestock grazing on Allotment 07562 (Sheephorn). This allotment was relinquished by its previous permittee during the 2009 livestock grazing permit renewal process. Hamilton Duncan applied for the livestock grazing on this newly vacated allotment. Since the Sheephorn Ranch has the only private land contiguous with the allotment, they would receive first priority to obtain the livestock grazing on this allotment according to 43 CFR 4130-1 and 4130.1-2.

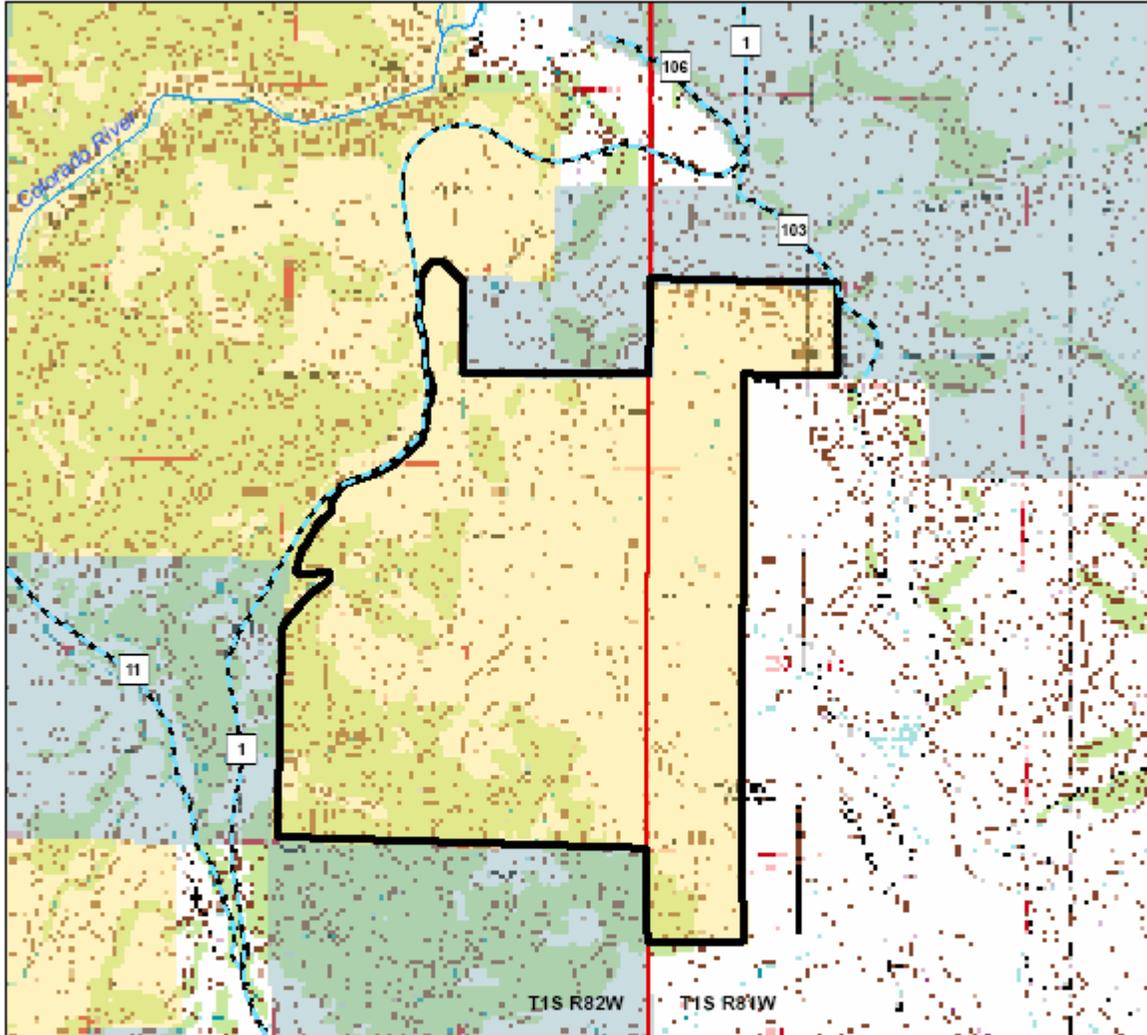
The new grazing permit would continue the livestock grazing on Allotment 07562 (Sheephorn) with no changes to the authorized grazing preference. Livestock grazing permit # 053991 would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent:

Allotment	Livestock		Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs*
	Number	Kind			
07562 (Sheephorn)	10	Cattle	06/01 – 09/30	100	41

* AUM = animal unit month = the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and calf for one month



07562 SHEEPHORN



Legend			
	County Roads		Bureau of Land Mgt
	Major Roads		Division of Wildlife
	07562 SHEEPHORN		National Park
	Reservoirs		National Rec Area
	Major Streams		National Wildlife Refuge
	Wilderness Study Area		Private
	ACEC		State
			State Forest
			US Forest Service

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

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No Warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the Accuracy, Reliability, or Completeness of this Data for Individual Use or Aggregate Use with Other Data.

Maps: Sheephorn Mountain, Radium
BLM, Kremmling FO 10/31/2008

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

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: Livestock grazing pages 6 through 8, as amended

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for compliance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3)

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-120-0015-EA

Date Approved: March 31, 2009

Name of Document: CO-018-99-24-EA

Date Approved: September 22, 1999

NEPA Adequacy Criteria	Yes	No
<p>1. Is the Proposed Action substantially the same action and at the site specifically analyzed in an existing document?</p> <p>Explanation: The Proposed Action would authorize livestock grazing on Allotment 07562 (Sheephorn) with no changes to the amount of authorized livestock grazing preference.</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: A reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed in DOI-BLM-CO-120-0015-EA</p>	X	
<p>3. Does the information or circumstances upon which the existing NEPA document(s) are based remain valid and germane to the</p>		

Proposed Action? Is the analysis still valid in light of new studies or resource assessment information? Explanation: The information and circumstances remain germane and valid. All new information supports the analysis.	X	
4. Does the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the Proposed Action? Explanation: The methodology and analytical approach continues to be appropriate.	X	
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? Explanation: There are no direct or indirect impacts associated with the Proposed Action.	X	
6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Explanation: The cumulative impacts would be unchanged with implementation of the Proposed Action.	X	
7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the Proposed Action? Explanation: The public involvement and interagency review associated with the DOI-BLM-CO-120-0015-EA is adequate for the Proposed Action.	X	

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Bill B. Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation	5/26/2009
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air and Riparian	5/28/2009
Frank G. Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontology	6/1/2009
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	6/3/2009
Susan Cassel	Asst. Field Manager	NEPA	6/2/2009

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: Past actions have resulted in a cultural resource inventory to determine if those actions would cause potential adverse affects to known and unknown cultural resource sites from livestock grazing, motorized travel, and recreational use. When project undertakings are identified, a cultural resource inventory would be conducted to determine if sites are present and their eligibility, project effects, and mitigation requirements if necessary.

Native American Religious Concerns: Consultation was completed for the original allotment renewal. Future undertakings would require tribal consultation to identify traditional cultural properties.

Threatened and Endangered Species: The proposed transfer would not impact Endangered, Threatened, or Sensitive Species

MITIGATION: None

COMPLIANCE PLAN: Compliance with the livestock grazing permit and its associated terms and conditions would be accomplished through the Kremmling Field Office Range Management Program. Livestock grazing would be monitored by the range staff and other area personnel, as appropriate, to ensure compliance. The Kremmling Field Office Range Monitoring Plan would be used to schedule periodic utilization checks, collect trend data, and evaluate allotment condition. When activity plans have been developed covering an allotment, monitoring methods and schedules included in them would be applied to the allotment. Changes would be made to the permit, based on monitoring, when changes are determined necessary to protect land health.

NAME OF PREPARER: Richard Johnson

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

DATE: 6/9/09

ATTACHMENTS: Livestock Grazing Permit # 053991 with Standard Terms and Conditions

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: 6/10/09

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.