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**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Kremmling Field Office
P.O. Box 68
Kremmling, CO 80459**

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0021-CX

PROJECT NAME: Renewal of Livestock Grazing Permits #0501718 for the Ruth Ann Hanson Estate on Allotments 07035 (Chedsey F.) and 07036 (Turner), #0502005 for the Headwaters Ranch LLC on Allotment 07030 (Butte Indiv.), #0501788 for Clinton Russell on Allotment 07131 (Rich), #0501738 for Barbara Fuller on Allotment 07067 (Section 36), #0501827 for Norman and Maxine Munk on Allotment 07196 (Turpen 6 82 1), #0501747 for Robert Carlstrom on Allotment 07086 (IOOF), #0501754 for Leo Lohlman on Allotment 07096 (Oley), #0500147 for Todd Bruteig on Allotment 07034 (Chandler), # 0501838 for Fairbanks Daily News-Miner Inc. on Allotment 07140 (Mich R Hoover) and # 051829 for Don Wamsley on Allotments 07182 (Wamsley C), 07183 (Wamsley D), and 07184 (Wamsley E).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands includes all or part of the following:

Allotment 07035 (Chedsey F.)

T. 7N., R. 82W., Sec 25

Allotment 07036 (Turner)

T. 7N, R. 82W., Sec 26 and 36

Allotment 07030 (Butte Indiv.)

T. 8N., R. 82W., Sec 12, 13, 25

T. 8N., R. 81W., Sec 18 and 19

Allotment 07131 (Rich)

T. 7N., R. 80W., Sec 31 and 32

T. 6N., R. 80W., Sec 5, 6, 8, 9 and 17

Allotment 07067 (Section 36)

T. 7N., R. 80W., Sec 31

T. 7N., R. 81W., Sec 36

Allotment 07196 (Turpen 6 82 1)
T. 7N., R. 81W., Sec 29, 30, 32
T. 7N., R. 82W., Sec 25
T. 6N., R. 82W., Sec 1 and 12

Allotment 07086 (IOOF)
T. 9N., R. 81W., Sec 31
T. 8N., R. 82W., Sec 1

Allotment 07096 (Oley)
T. 8N., R. 80W., Sec 22,23,24,25,26,27,28,33,34,35,and 36
T. 8N., R. 79W., Sec 30, 31
T. 7N., R. 80W., Sec 1,2, and 3

Allotment 07034 (Chandler)
T. 11N., R. 79W., Sec 27

Allotment 07140 (Mich R Hoover)
T. 7N., R. 77W., Sec 31 and 32

Allotment 07182 (Wamsley C)
T. 7N., R. 80W., Sec 19

Allotment 07183 (Wamsley D)
T. 6N., R. 81W., Sec 3 and 10

Allotment 07184 (Wamsley E)
T. 7N., R. 81W., Sec32
T. 6N., R. 81W., Sec 3, 5 and 10

APPLICANT: Donna Minchow, Mark Irwine, Clinton Russell, Barbara Fuller, Norman and Maxine Munk, Robert Carlstrom, Leo Kohlman, Todd Briteig, Pat Robinson, and Donald Wamsley

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Proposed Action would renew the following livestock grazing permits:

- #0501718 for the Ruth Ann Hanson Estate on Allotments 07035 (Chedsey F.) and 07036 (Turner),
- #0502005 for the Headwaters Ranch LLC on Allotment 07030 (Butte Individ.),
- #0501788 for Clinton Russell on Allotment 07131 (Rich),
- # 0501738 for Barbara Fuller on Allotment 07067 (Section 36),
- #0501827 for Norman and Maxine Munk on Allotment 07196 (Turpen 6 82 1),
- #0501747 for Robert Carlstrom on Allotment 07086 (IOOF),
- #0501754 for Leo Lohlman on Allotment 07096 (Oley),
- #0500147 for Todd Bruteig on Allotment 07034 (Chandler),
- # 0501838 for Fairbanks Daily News-Miner on Allotment 07140 (Mich R Hoover)

051829 for Don Wamsley on Allotments 07182 (Wamsley C), 07183 (Wamsley D), and 07184 (Wamsley E).

All of the permittees have applied to have their permits renewed. All of the allotments are category "C" allotments with small percentages of public land. Since all the allotments are low priority "C" allotments, they have not been assessed for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado. All of these allotments, however, were monitored in 2008 and no issues or concerns were indentified. The permits would be renewed with no changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized preference expressed in AUMs*.

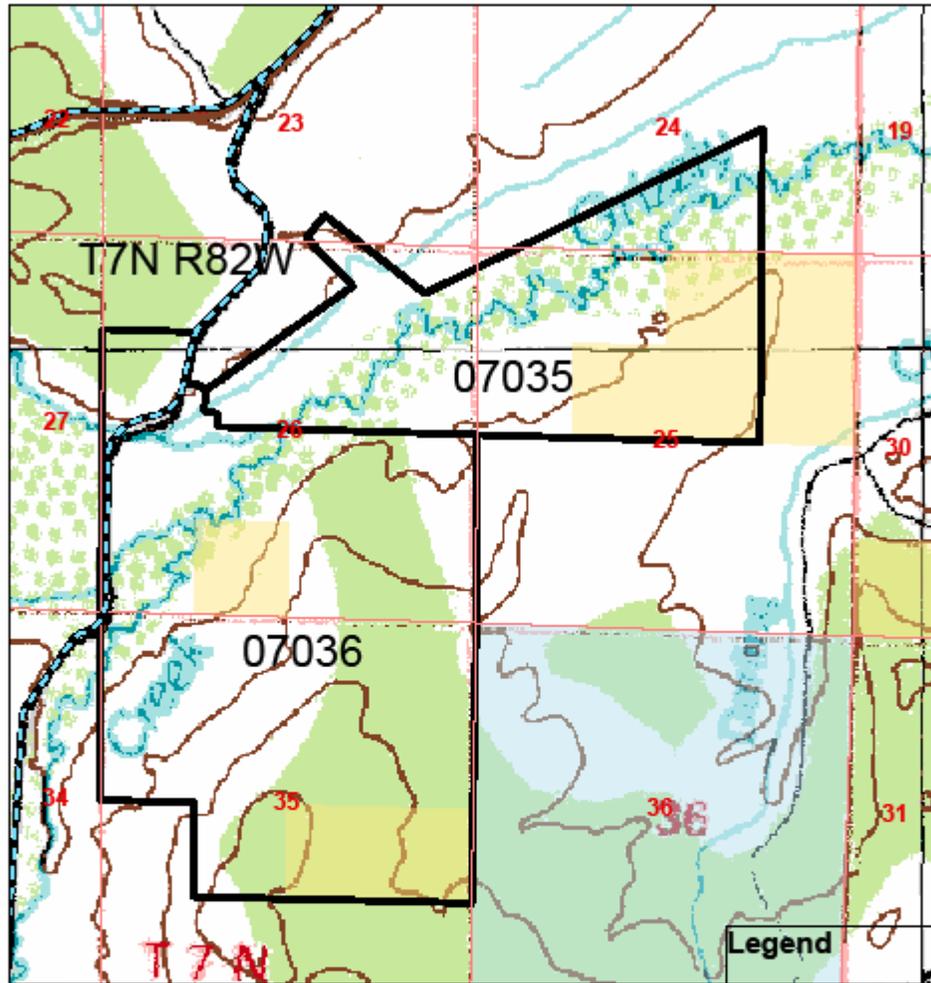
*AUM = animal unit months= the amount of forage needed to support one cow and her calf for one month.

The permits would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent:

Allotment	Livestock Number	Kind	Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
07035 (Chedsey F.)	100	Cattle	6/1-9/10	6	20
07036 (Turner)	60	Cattle	6/10-10/15	15	38
07030 (Butte Indiv.)	118	Cattle	6/1-6/30	100	116
07131 (Rich)	100	Cattle	5/16-9/15	45	182
07067 (Sec. 36)	42	Cattle	6/1-8/30	96	121
07067 (Sec. 36)	135	Cattle	4/1-4/30	26	35
07196 (Turpen 6 82 1)	100	Cattle	5/1-6/30	33	66
07086 (IOOF)	20	Cattle	6/1-7/31	50	20
07096 (Oley)	100	Cattle	5/10-10/9	100	503
07096 (Oley)	211	Cattle	5/20-6/30	100	291
07034 (Chandler)	90	Cattle	6/24-7/5	12	4
07034 (Chandler)	10	Cattle	7/6-9/24	12	3
07034 (Chandler)	100	Cattle	9/5-10/19	12	18
07140 (Mich R Hoover)	123	Cattle	7/1-7/31	100	125
07182 (Wamsley C)	54	Cattle	6/15-7/15	100	53
07183 (Wamsley D)	73	Cattle	7/16-8/31	100	113
07184 (Wamsley E)	88	Cattle	6/1-6/30	33	29



Allotments 07035 and 07036



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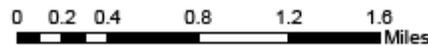
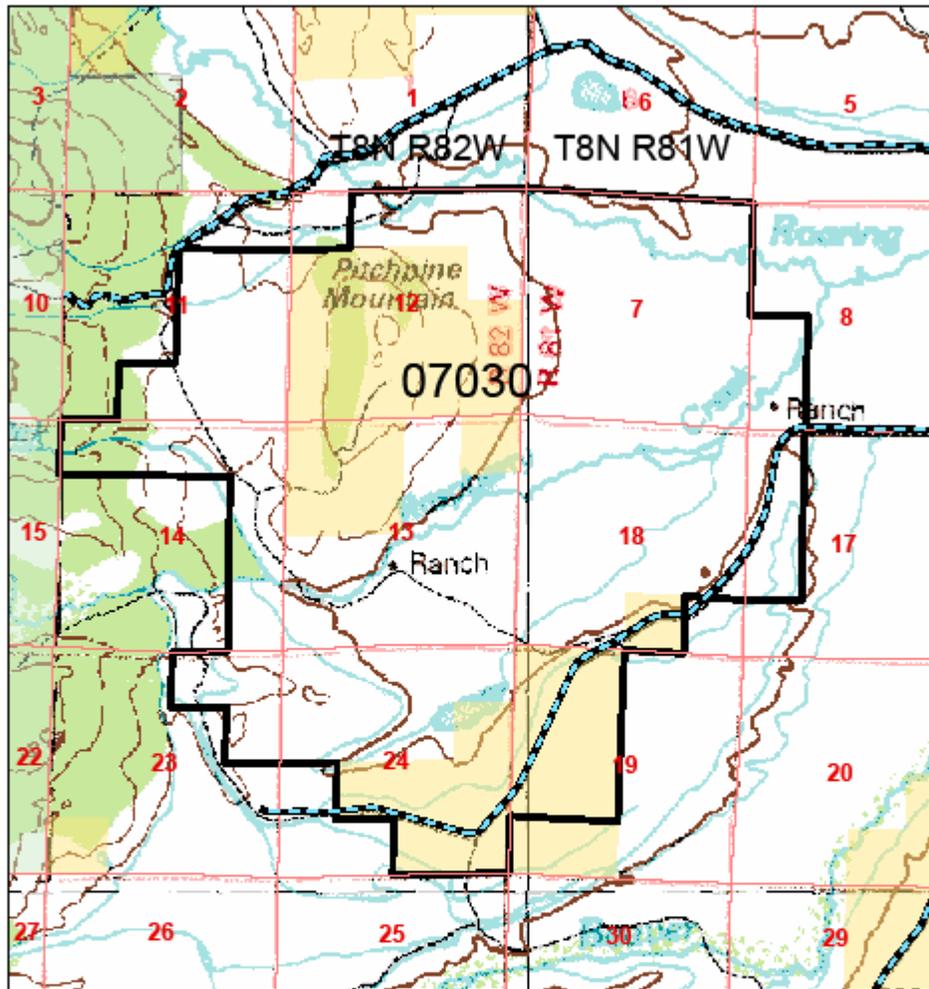


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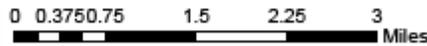
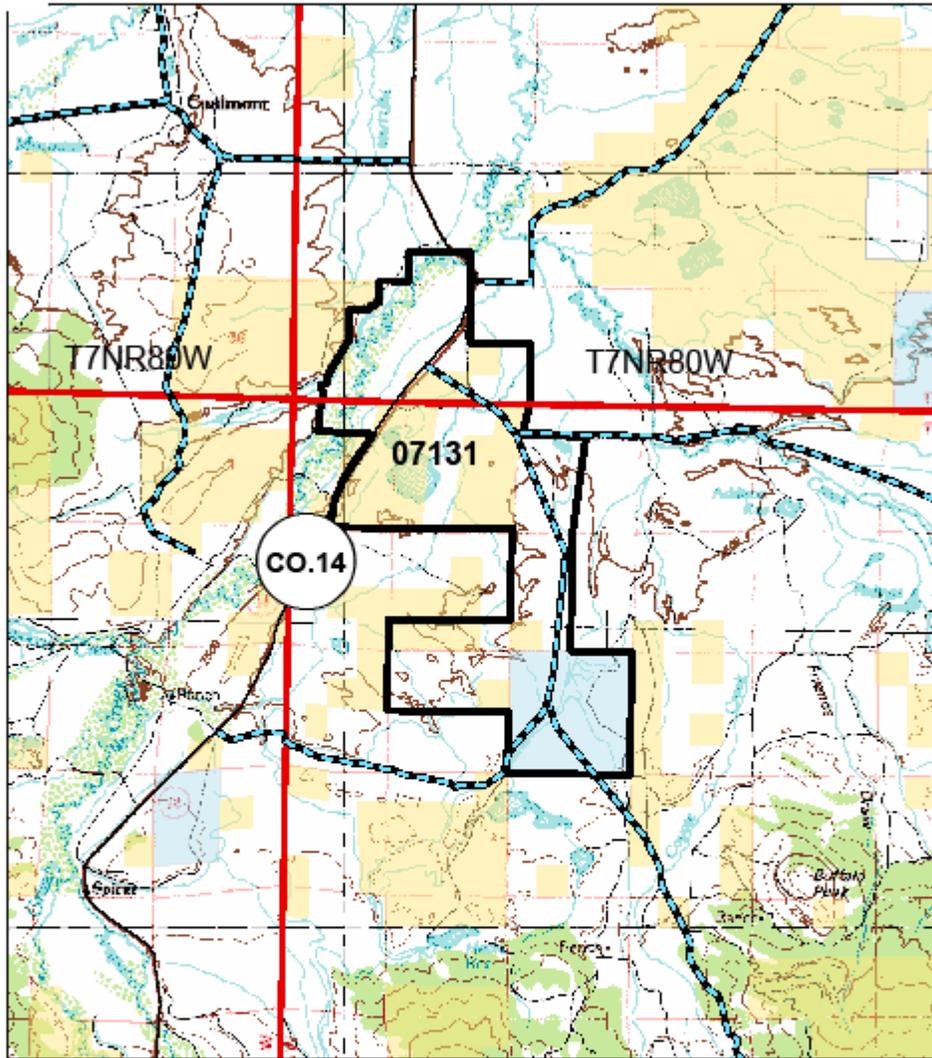
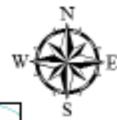
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Allotment 07131



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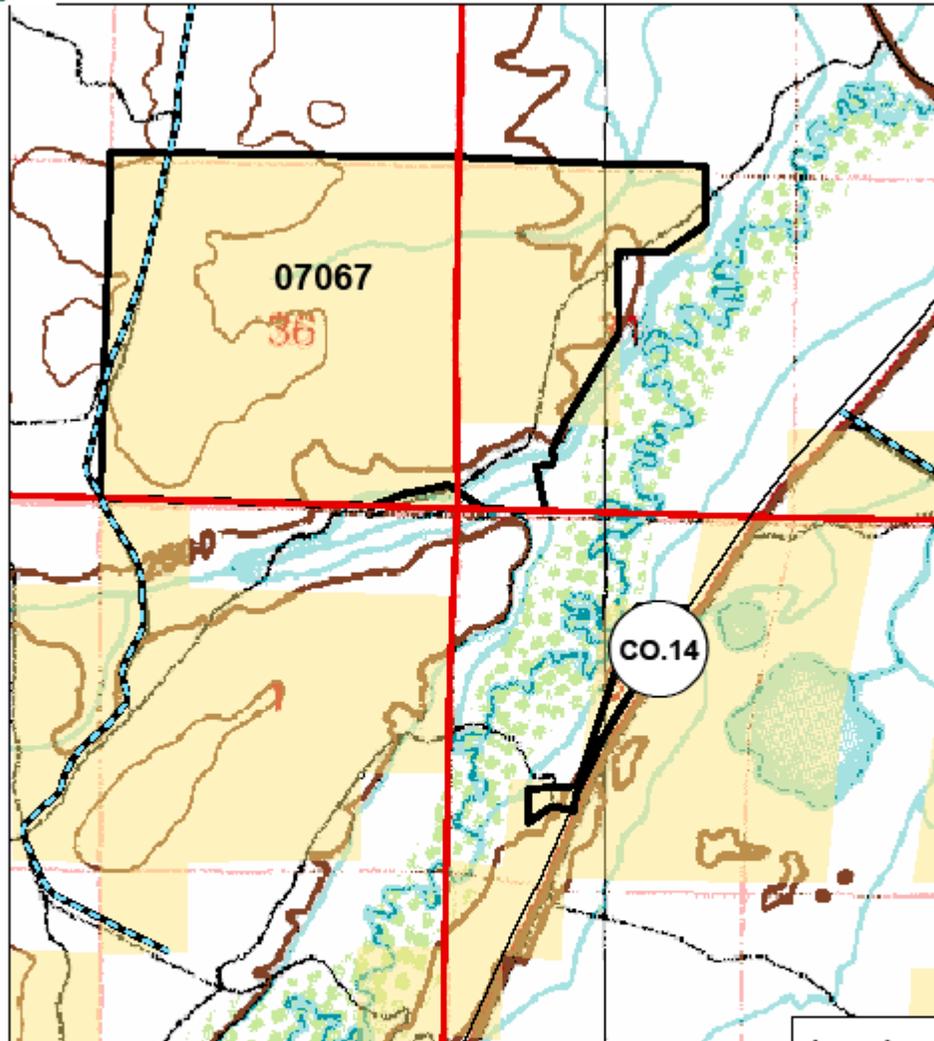
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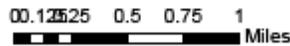
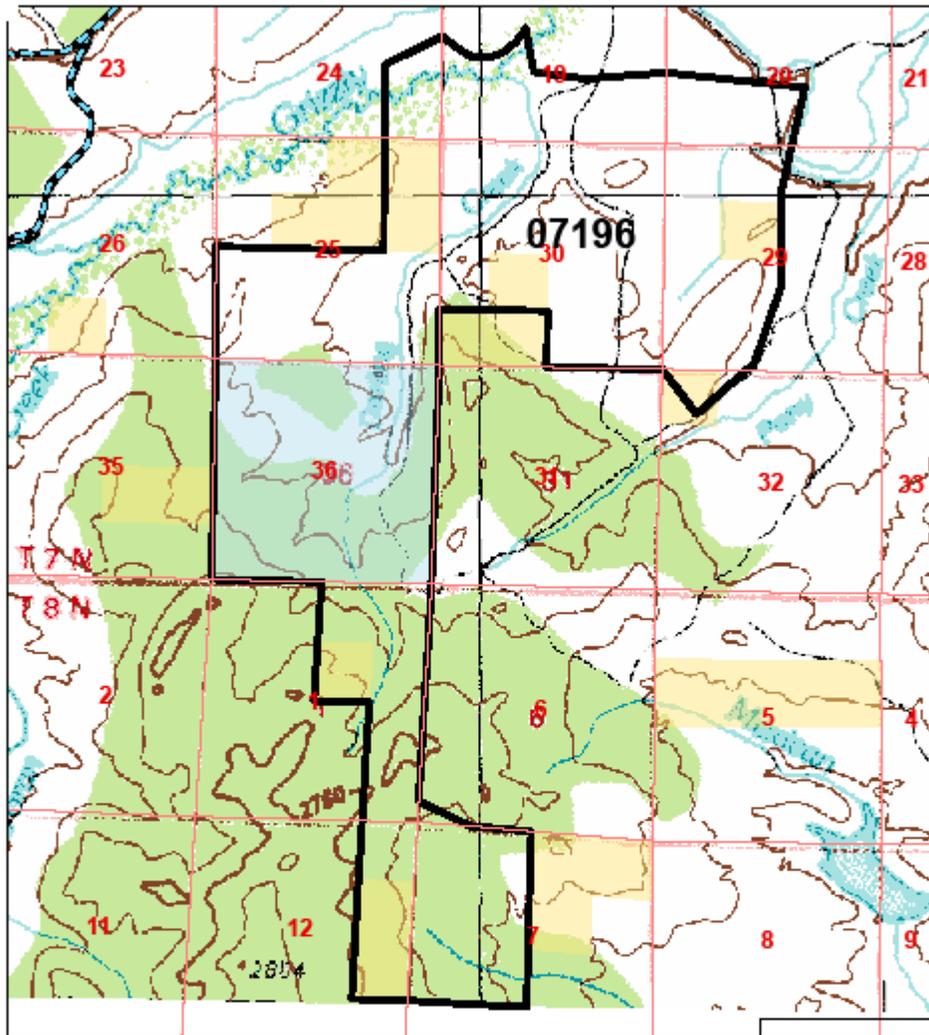
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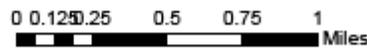
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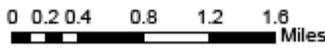
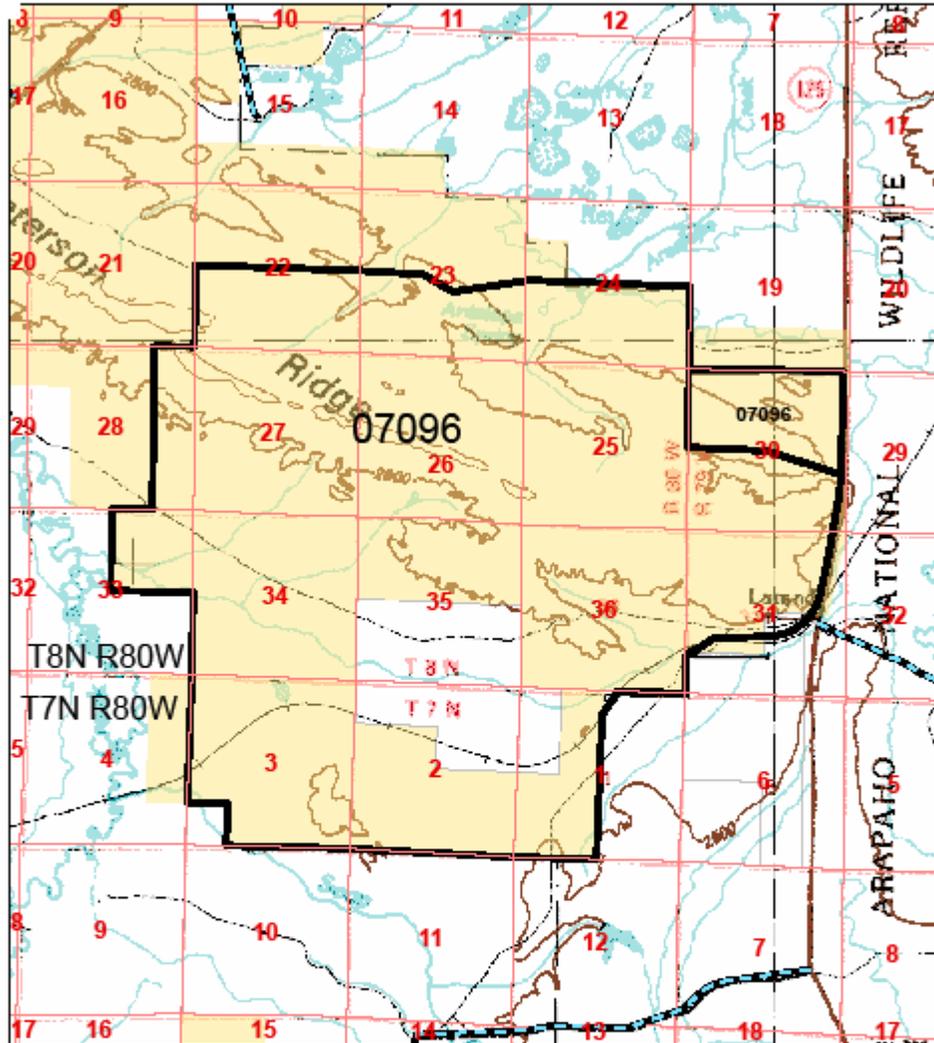
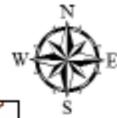
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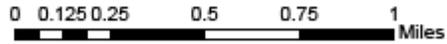
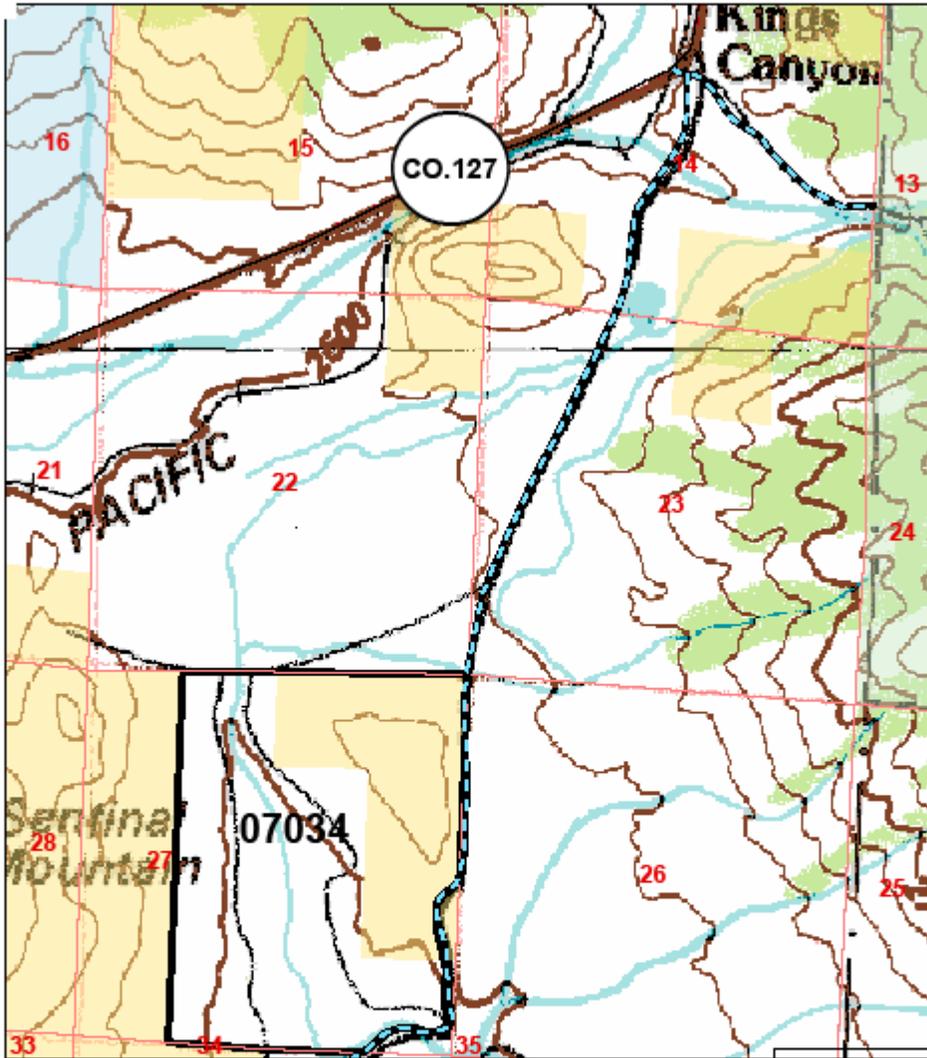
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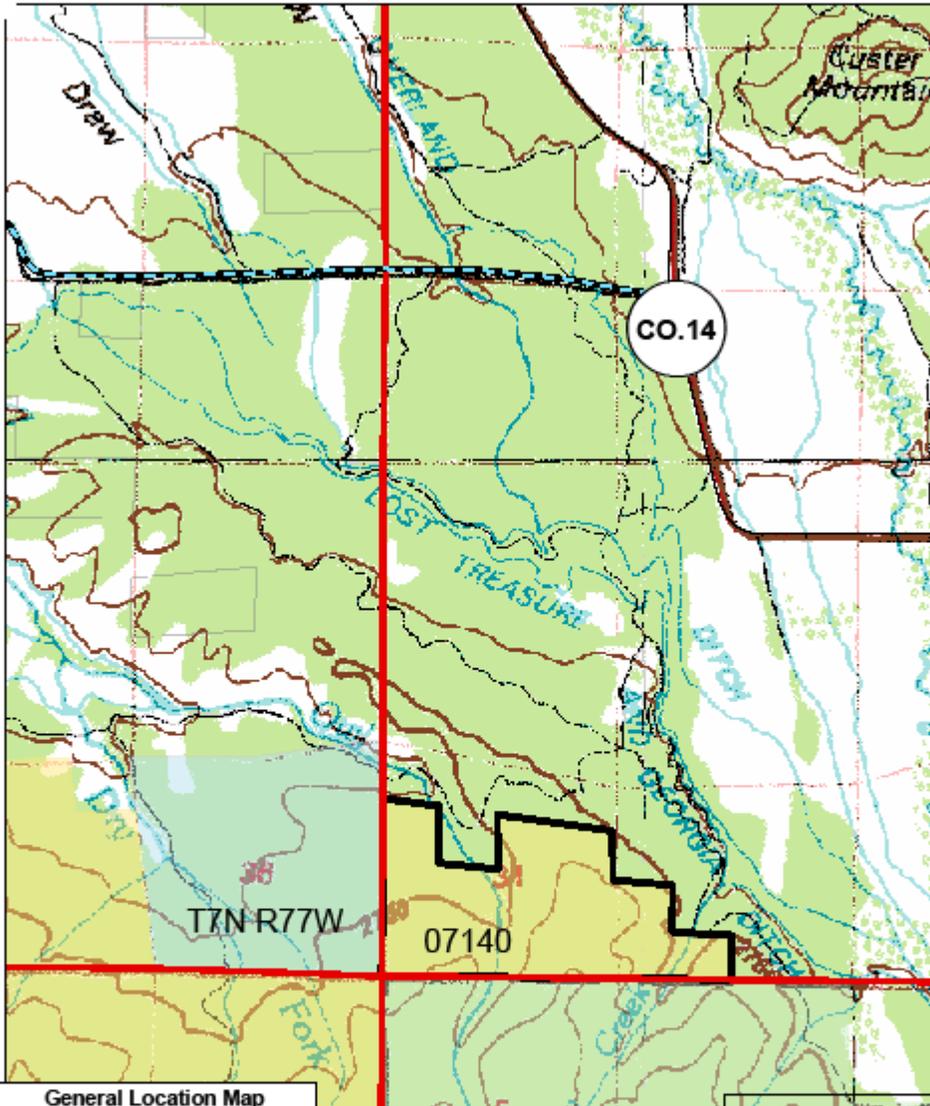
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Renewal 07140



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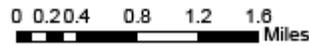
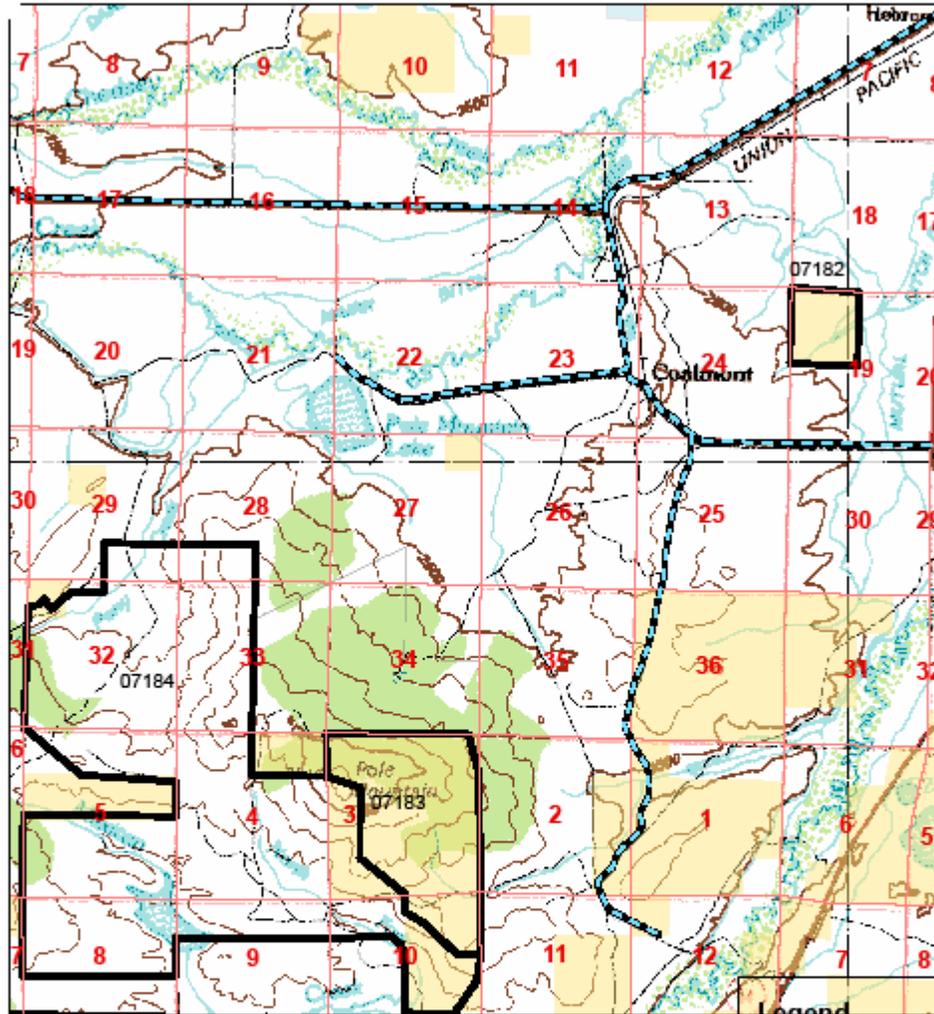
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Allotments 07182, 07183, and 07184



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

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

Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

Decision Number/Page: Livestock Grazing: pages 6 and 8, as revised

Decision Language: Objectives of the RMP/ROD include allocation of a base level of livestock forage and maintaining forage production and condition in areas where livestock grazing is a priority or is compatible with the land use priority. The RMP designated the project areas with a livestock grazing and wildlife priority. The proposed action is compatible with these designations.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11, Number: (D) (11) (a) (1-3), “(1) the same kind of livestock is grazed, (2) the active use previously authorized is not exceeded, and (3) grazing does not occur more than 14 days earlier or later than as specified on the previous permit/lease.” None of the following extraordinary circumstances in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes	No
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety		X
2.2 Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)].		X
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		X

2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
2.9 Violate a Federal Law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		X
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		X

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources/Tribal consultation	1/20/2009
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Air, and Water	2/25/09
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife, T/E, and Sensitive Species	1/21/09
Susan Cassel	Asst. Field Manager	NEPA Compliance	3/3/09
Frank Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontology	3/3/09

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 on the original allotment renewal. Future undertakings would require tribal consultation to identify traditional cultural properties.

Threatened and Endangered Species: The proposed permit renewal would not impact Endangered, Threatened, or Sensitive Species.

Paleontology: No impacts to fossil resources from renewing permit, or the no action alternative. Proposed ground disturbing projects will be reviewed on a project by project basis to determine the need for paleontological inventory.

COMPLIANCE PLAN: Compliance with the renewed 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: Mandy Scott

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

DATE: 3-3-09

ATTACHMENTS:

1) The following Livestock grazing permits with standard terms and conditions:

- #0501718 Ruth Ann Hanson Estate
- #0502005 Headwaters Ranch LLC
- #0501788 Clinton Russell
- #0501738 Barbara Fuller
- #0501827 Norman and Maxine Munk
- #0501747 Robert Carlstrom
- #0501754 Leo Lohlman
- #0500147 Todd Bruteig
- #0501838 Fairbanks Daily-Miner
- # 051829 Don Wamsley

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this CER and have decided to implement the proposed action.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action relative to the 12 criteria listed above and have determined that it does not represent an extraordinary circumstance and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Peter McFadden

DATE SIGNED: 3-3-09