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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0009-EA

PROJECT NAME: Renewal of Livestock Grazing Permit # 051793 for Mike Ritschard on Allotments 07503 (Ritschard C) and 07560 (E Cedar Ridge)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kremmling Field Office (KFO) administered land includes all or part of the following:

Allotment 7503 (Ritschard C)
T.3N., R.80W., Sec. 27 and 34

Allotment 07560 (E Cedar Ridge)
T.1N., R.79W., Sec. 13-17, 21-23

APPLICANT: Mike Ritschard

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE ACTION: Mike Ritschard's livestock grazing permit # 051793 that authorizes grazing on allotments 07560 (E Cedar Ridge) and 07503 (Ritschard C) expires on February 28, 2009. Mike Ritschard has applied to renew his livestock grazing permit. The permit is subject to renewal at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior for a period of up to 10 years. Renewal of this livestock grazing permit would allow Mike Ritschard to continue grazing on his designated allotments for a period of 10 years beginning on March 1, 2009.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES:

Background/Introduction/Issues and Concerns:

During the 1999 permit renewal process, Allotments 07560 (E Cedar Ridge) and 07534 (Williams Fork) were combined into Allotment 07560 (E Cedar Ridge) and a new grazing system was implemented. In order to assess the results of these changes, Allotment 07560 (E Cedar Ridge) was assessed for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado (Standards) on June 8, 2006, by an interdisciplinary (ID) team from the Kremmling Field Office. The ID team determined that the allotment is in compliance with the Standards.

During the 1999 permit renewal process, Allotment 07503 was divided into 3 pastures to accommodate the grazing permittee's ranching operation. This is a fairly small allotment that is 50% public land. The North Pasture would be used first (6/1-6/24) by 70 yearlings and then they would be moved to the Middle Pasture for 3-5 days. The South Pasture would be used 6/27-6/30 by 243 pairs that would be moved up from the Antelope Pass Allotment (07506).

Since changes were made to the livestock grazing system, the allotment required an evaluation for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Kremmling Field Office RMP. On June 19, 2007, Allotment 07503 (Ritschard C) was assessed for compliance with the Standards. An ID team from the Kremmling Field Office determined the allotment is in compliance with the Standards.

Proposed Action:

The Proposed Action would renew livestock grazing permit # 051793 with no changes to the grazing systems on allotments 07560 (E Cedar Ridge) and 07503 (Ritschard C). The deferred rotation grazing system implemented in 1999 has allowed Allotment 07560 (E Cedar Ridge) to improve and it is now in compliance with the Standards. Therefore, no new changes are required. A copy of the proposed permit with standard terms and conditions is enclosed as Attachment 1.

- The permit would be renewed for 10 years (March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2019).
- The Standard Terms and Conditions would apply (see Attachment 1)
- There would be no changes to the kind or number of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized preference expressed in AUMs*

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

The renewed livestock grazing permit # 051793 would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent:

Allotment	Pasture	Livestock Number	Kind	Season of Use	% Public Land	AUMs
07560	Lower Flats	100	Cattle	4/23 - 05/01	100	16
07560	High Flats	145	Cattle	05/16 – 06/16	100	153
07560	Lower Flats	85	Cattle	6/17 – 07/10	100	67
07560	Middle	85	Cattle	10/16 – 11/15	50	43
07503	North	70	Yearlings	06/01 - 06/24	100	55
07503	Middle	70	Yearlings	06/25 - 06/28	50	5
07503	South	243	Cattle	06/27 – 06/30	100	32

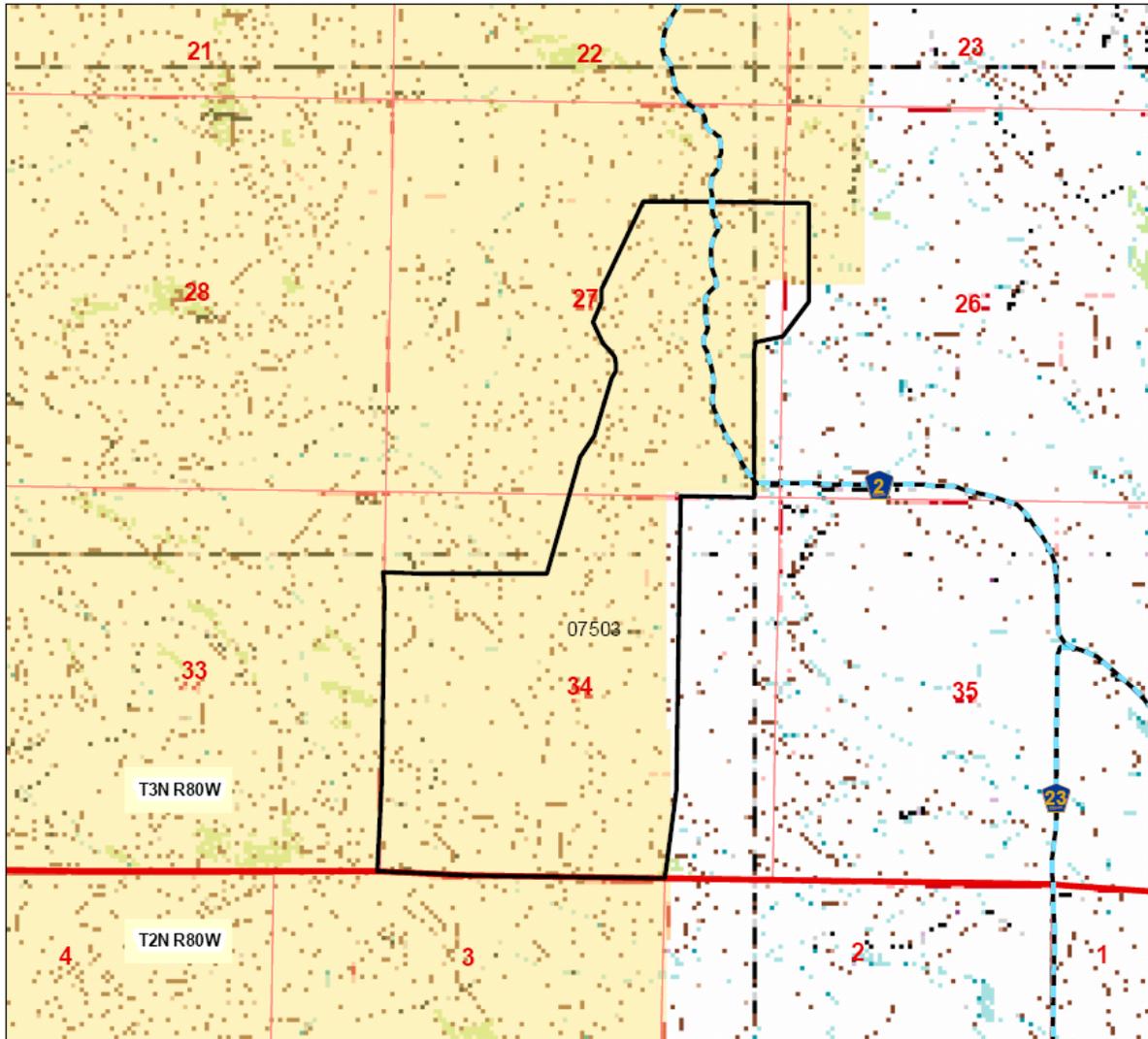
The total authorized livestock grazing preference for permit # 051793 is 282 AUMs for Allotment 07560 (E. Cedar Ridge) and 92 AUMs for Allotment 07503 (Ritschard C).

Design Features of the Proposed Action:

- The permittee would be responsible for notifying the BLM of all county listed noxious weeds which result from their livestock grazing operations.
- The BLM would be responsible for implementing control measures, which would include partnership with the Grand County Weed Abatement Program.
- Permitting of motorized travel for fence maintenance within the Wolford Mountain Travel Management Area. Permittee would travel only along fencelines for this purpose with no cross country travel. In the event a fenceline is also a landownership boundary, all motorized travel would occur on the non-BLM side of the fence.
- Permit case-by-case motorized cross-country travel within the Wolford Mountain Travel Management Area for instances of retrieving injured animals or other emergencies. All instances should be approved by the authorizing officer beforehand when possible. In the case of an emergency, any motorized cross-country travel would be reported to the BLM immediately. Any permitted or emergency cross-country travel will be evaluated for resource damage. Any rutting of soil or damage to vegetation found to be excessive and establishing a new route would have reclamation completed by the permittee.
- No motorized travel is permitted within the Wolford Mountain Travel Management Area during the winter seasonal closure between December 15 and April 15 with the exception of designated open routes for snowmobiles when there is a minimum of 12 inches of snow.
- Specific restrictions and exemptions of the Wolford Travel Management Plan would be part of the Terms and Conditions of the grazing permit.



07503 RITSCHARD C



Legend	
	07503 Ritschard C
Land Status	
	Bureau of Land Mgt
	Division of Wildlife
	National Park
	National Rec Area
	National Wildlife Refuge
	Private
	State
	State Forest
	US Forest Service

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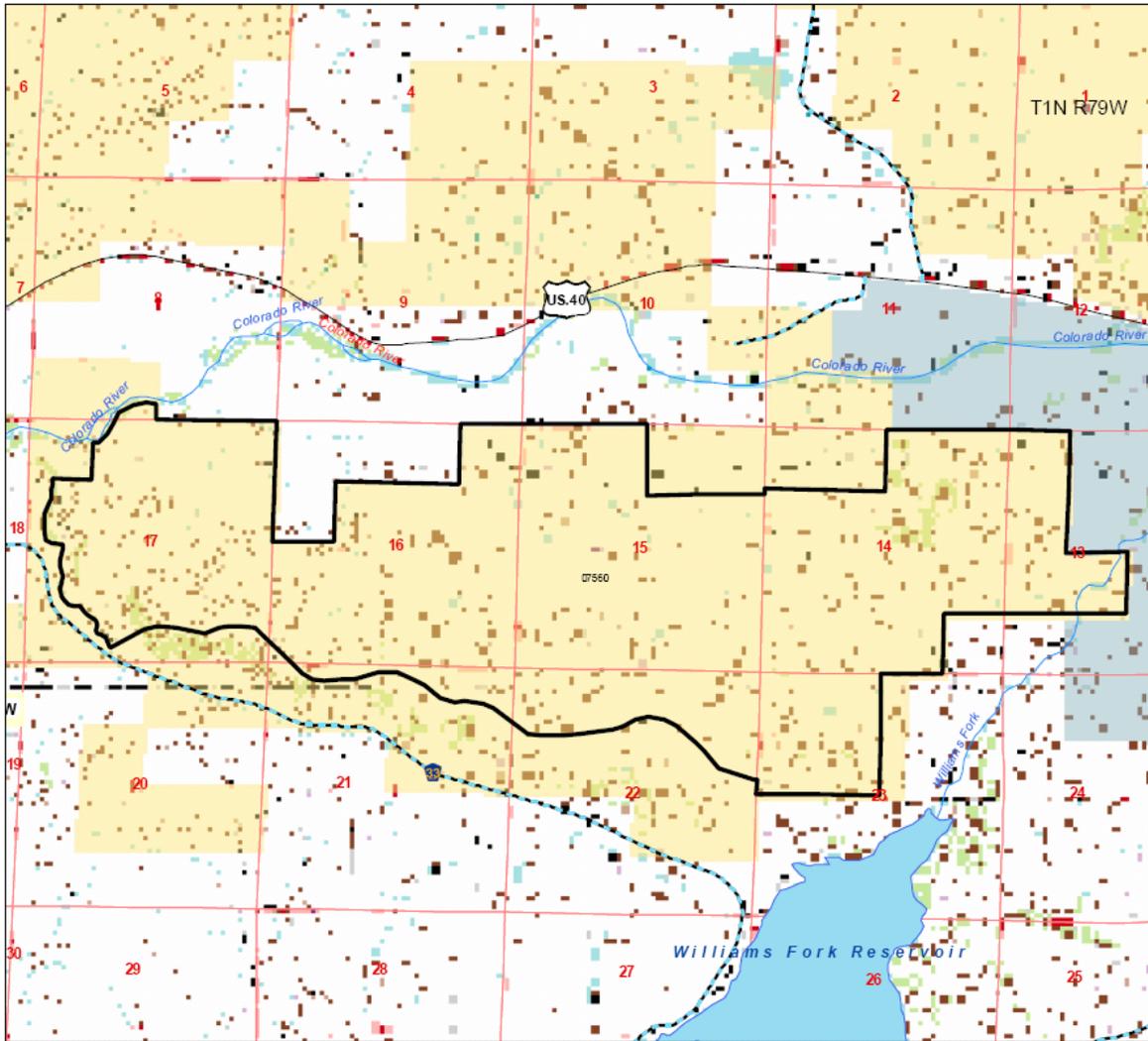
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Maps: Gunsight Pass
BLM, Kremmling FO 10/09/2008



07560 EAST CEDAR RIDGE



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Legend	
	07560 EAST CEDAR RIDGE
Land Status	
	Bureau of Land Mgt
	Division of Wildlife
	National Park
	National Rec Area
	National Wildlife Refuge
	Private
	State
	State Forest
	US Forest Service

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Maps: Junction Butte, Parshall BLM, Kremmling FO 10/09/2008

No Action Alternative: The No Action Alternative is the same as the Proposed Action.

Alternatives Considered But Eliminated From Further Analysis (No Grazing Alternative):
No livestock grazing was considered but eliminated from further analysis for the following reasons:

- Livestock grazing with the Kremmling Field Office was fully analyzed and authorized in the RMP/EIS as recorded in the 1984 Approved Plan and Record of Decision. At that time a “No Grazing Alternative” was considered but not selected.
- This alternative is not consistent with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) that stated: “the public lands be managed in a manner which recognizes the Nation’s need for domestic sources of minerals, food, timber, and fiber from public lands.....”
- During public scoping and staff review there were no issues or concerns identified that would support a “No Grazing Alternative.”
- It has been determined that significant progress toward achieving compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado would occur with the appropriate livestock grazing guidelines set forth in the Proposed Action.

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 or improving 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 area with a livestock grazing priority.

AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT / ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES / MITIGATION MEASURES:

INVASIVE, NON-NATIVE SPECIES

Affected Environment: Past actions such as livestock grazing, motorized travel, recreation, etc. that have caused disturbance of vegetation and soil have contributed to the invasion and spread of invasive, non-native species (noxious weeds). There are known invasive, non-native species growing within the project area. The invasive, non-native species include houndstongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*), cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*), and Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) and are generally located along roadways, in high use areas such as where livestock congregate, and other areas of disturbance. Soil or vegetation disturbing activities provide an avenue for establishment and expansion of invasive, non-native species. The BLM monitors these known areas for use in controlling the spread of these species.

Environmental Consequences: Any type of soil and vegetation disturbance in an area where invasive, non-native species are established promotes their expansion. Although the renewed grazing permit would not change the livestock grazing management, there is always the chance for invasion or spread of invasive, non-native species.

The No Action Alternative is the same as the Proposed Action so the environmental consequences would be the same.

Mitigation: None

RANGE MANAGEMENT

Affected Environment: The livestock grazing system on Allotment 07503 (Ritschard C) was changed to a rotation grazing system during the 1999 permit renewal process.

The livestock grazing system on Allotment 07560 (E Cedar Ridge) was changed to a rotation grazing system and included the addition of approximately 200 acres of land from an unused allotment.

Both allotments were determined to be in compliance with Standard # 3 (upland vegetation and wildlife) by an interdisciplinary team from the Kremmling Field Office during the permit renewal process.

Environmental Consequences: Since Allotment 07503 (Ritschard C) is in compliance with the Standards and the permittee has not requested any changes, the Proposed Action would be implemented with no changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized grazing preference.

Allotment 07560 (E Cedar Ridge) is in compliance with the Standards and the permittee has not requested any changes to his grazing system. Therefore, the Proposed Action would be implemented with no changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized grazing preference.

Since the No Action Alternative is the same as the Proposed Action, the environmental consequences would be the same.

Mitigation: None

VEGETATION (includes a finding on Standard 3)

Affected Environment: Allotment 07503 (Ritschard C) and Allotment 07560 (E Cedar Ridge) are predominately sagebrush steppe vegetation communities. The dominant species is big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*) with an understory of perennial cool season grasses and annual and perennial forbs. The grasses include but are not limited to bluegrasses (*Poa* spp), western wheatgrass (*Pascopyrum smithii*), bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata*), pine needlegrass (*Achnatherum pinetorum*), bottlebrush squirreltail, (*Elymus elymoides*), fescues (*Festuca* spp), Indian ricegrass (*Achnatherum hymenoides*), brome (*Bromus* spp), and prairie Junegrass (*Koeleria macrantha*). Common forbs include wild buckwheat (*Eriogonum* spp), lupine (*Lupinus agrenteus*), phlox (*Phlox* spp), Indian paintbrush (*Castilleja* spp), groundsel (*Senecio* spp), penstemons (*Penstemon* spp), pussytoes (*Antennaria* spp), daisies (*Erigeron* spp), fringed sage (*Artemisia frigida*), milkvetch (*Astragalus* spp), and mountain bluebell (*Mertensia lanceolata*). Other shrubs that inhabit the sagebrush steppe include snowberry (*Symphoricarpos oreophilus*), serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*), rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus* spp), broom snakeweed (*Gutierrezia sarothrae*), and antelope bitterbrush (*Purshia tridentata*).

A portion of Allotment 07560 (E Cedar Ridge) was seeded to crested wheatgrass (*Agropyron cristatum*) a number of years ago. This area in the Upper Flats pasture still has a significant amount of crested wheatgrass. However, native species have reestablished within the crested wheatgrass and it now contains a mixture of native species along with the crested wheatgrass.

Environmental Consequences: The Proposed Action would renew livestock grazing permit # 051793 with no changes to the livestock grazing in these allotments. Since a best management practice (BMP) was implemented during the 1999 permit renewal process and the vegetation has improved since then, implementation of the Proposed Action would continue to improve the quality and quantity of the vegetation within the project area.

Since the No Action Alternative is the same as the Proposed Action, the environmental consequences would be the same.

Mitigation: None

Finding on the Public Land Health Standard for plant and animal communities (partial, see also Wildlife, Aquatic and Wildlife, Terrestrial): Allotment 07503 (Ritschard C) was assessed for compliance with the Standards on June 19, 2007. An ID team from the Kremmling Field Office determined the allotment is in compliance with Standard #3 (upland vegetation and wildlife).

Allotment 07560 (E Cedar Ridge) was assessed for compliance with the Standards on June 8, 2006. The ID team determined the allotment is in compliance with Standard # 3 (upland vegetation and wildlife).

CUMULATIVE IMPACTS SUMMARY:

Livestock grazing has been an important use of the public lands in the Kremmling Field Office since the introduction of domestic livestock in the 1870s. Presently, the Field Office supports a grazing program on approximately 378,000 acres of BLM-administered public lands. Currently, these public ranges are licensed at a level of approximately 39,726 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) for livestock.

For the purpose of this EA, the general geographic boundary for cumulative impact analysis is Middle Park. The lands administered by the Kremmling Field Office are divided north to south by the Continental Divide. The public lands to the north of the divide are generally referred to as North Park, and those to the south of the divide, Middle Park. In Middle Park, there are approximately 137,179 acres of BLM-administered public lands that are currently being grazed, and 13,070 AUMs that are licensed.

In looking at past actions within the geographic area over the past ten years, there have not been any major changes to the Middle Park allotments. A majority of the allotments have been assessed for standards and the permits modified where needed due to non-compliance with specific standards or new information that has arrived (i.e. new sage grouse lek). There are not any reasonably foreseeable actions outside of minor range improvement projects that are projected to occur in the Middle Park allotments. However, fast growing residential development is occurring and projected to continue on the east end of Middle Park. This loss of habitat is impacting Greater sage-grouse populations in Middle Park.

The Proposed Action would not change the number of AUMs that have been licensed on the allotment for the past ten years. Thus, there would be minimal cumulative impacts to Greater sage-grouse. In terms of cumulative impacts to cultural resources, grazing may cause substantial ground disturbance and cause cumulative, long term, irreversible adverse effects to historic properties throughout the Kremmling Field Office. However, as part of the BLM permit renewal process, allotments are being assessed and inventoried for cultural resources. If resources are found, and eligible for NRHP, mitigation is implemented. This process is attempting to mitigate any major cumulative impacts to cultural resources in the Kremmling Field Office.

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PERSONS / AGENCIES CONSULTED: Mike Ritschard

Starting in January 2007, a scoping process was begun to request information concerning the renewal of grazing permits/leases and to prioritize areas or allotments with issues and concerns. The Kremmling Field Office sent scoping letters, along with land status maps showing the affected allotments to the following groups and agencies: Colorado Division of Wildlife (Steamboat Springs, Walden, Hot Sulphur Springs, Fort Collins); District Board of Grazing Advisors; County Commissioners of Grand and Jackson counties; Stock Growers Association (Middle Park, North Park, Upper Big Laramie River Ranch Assoc.); Northwest Resource Advisory Council, United States Forest Service (Silverthorne, Granby, Walden); US Fish and

Wildlife Service (Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge); Tribal Councils (Arapaho, Shoshone, Southern Ute); Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs; Ute Indian Tribe Uintah and Ouray Agency Business Committee; Colorado Environmental Coalition; and Colorado State Land Board (Lane Osborn).

The BLM Colorado State Office also mailed outreach letters concerning the renewal of grazing permits/leases to all Congressional offices, State and Federal agencies, and major environmental, conservation, and user group organizations.

In addition, individual letters were sent to the affected permittees/lessees informing them that their permit/lease was up for renewal and requested any information they wanted included in, or taken into consideration during the permit renewal process. A Notice of Public Scoping was posted on the internet at the Colorado BLM homepage, and in Grand and Jackson county newspapers asking for public input on permit/lease renewals and the assessment for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado within the Kremmling Field Office. This notice was followed up with an internet posting of the Kremmling Field Office prioritization of allotments and a determination as to which allotments would be assessed according to the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado. The proposed permit renewal was also posted on the Kremmling Field Office Internet NEPA register.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW: See IDT-RRC in Appendix 1.

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Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, and considering the significance criteria in 40 CFR 1508.27, I have determined that the Proposed Action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

DECISION RECORD

DECISION: It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action as described in the attached EA and renew livestock grazing permit # 051793 to be in effect from March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2019. This decision is contingent on meeting all mitigation measures and monitoring requirements listed below.

RATIONALE: When a livestock grazing permit expires, it is subject to renewal at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior for a period of up to ten years. Livestock grazing when properly managed in accordance with good rangeland ecology practices, has been proven to result in improved land health. The public benefits from public lands which are maintained in a healthy condition and are able to produce sustainable resources for a variety of uses.

The livestock producer benefits from a renewed livestock grazing permit/lease to graze forage on BLM managed land. Livestock grazing on BLM managed land is an integral part of the livestock producer's operation, and an important part of local rural economies.

MITIGATION MEASURES:

-A Class III field inventory will be completed within the ten-year expiration period of the grazing permit. Mitigation would be identified and implemented in consultation with the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) if historic properties are located during the subsequent field inventory and if BLM determines that grazing activities would adversely impact the properties.

COMPLIANCE/MONITORING: 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: Richard Johnson

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

DATE: 3/24/09

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Peter McFadden

DATE SIGNED: 3/31/09

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Livestock Grazing Permit # 051793 with standard terms and conditions
- 2) Map of Woford Mountain Area Designated Travel Routes
- 3) Map of Woford Mountain Area Winter Travel Restrictions

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Interdisciplinary Team Analysis Review Record and Checklist

Appendix 1

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM ANALYSIS REVIEW RECORD AND CHECKLIST:

Project Title: Renewal of Livestock Grazing Permit # 051793 for Mike Ritschard

Project Leader: Richard Johnson

Date Submitted for Comment: 12/4/08

Due Date for Comments: 1/31/09

Consultation/Permit Requirements:

Consultation	Date Initiated	Date Completed	Responsible Specialist/ Contractor	Comments
Cultural/Archeological Clearance/SHPO	1/20/2009	1/20/2009	BBW	Past actions have resulted in a cultural resource inventory to determine if those actions would cause potential adverse affects to known and unknown cultural resources 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	1/20/2009	1/20/2009	BBW	Consultation was done for the initial allotment renewal and is done on project specific undertakings.
T&E Species/FWS	N/A	1/21/2009	MM	
Permits Needed (i.e. Air or Water)	N/A	2/2/2009	PB	The permit renewal would not require any air or water permits.

(NP) = Not Present

(NI) = Resource/Use Present but Not Impacted

(PI) = Potentially Impacted and Brought Forward for Analysis.

NP NI PI	Discipline/Name	Date Review Comp.	Initials	Review Comments (required for Critical Element NIs, and for elements that require a finding but are not carried forward for analysis.)
CRITICAL ELEMENTS				
NI	Air Quality Belcher	2/2/09	PB	The renewal of the permit would not affect air quality.
NP	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Cassel	3-5-09	SC	There are no Areas of Critical Environmental Concern in the proximity of the proposed project area.
PI	Cultural Resources Wyatt	1/20/2009	BBW	Past actions have resulted in a cultural resource inventory to determine if those actions would cause potential adverse affects to known and unknown cultural resources 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.
NP	Environmental Justice	Cassel	3-5-09	SC	According to the most recent Census Bureau statistics (2000), there are no minority or low income communities within the Kremmling Planning Area.
NP	Farmlands, Prime and Unique	Belcher	2/2/09	PB	There are no farmlands, prime or unique, in the proximity of the proposed project area. The permit renewal would not affect the farmlands of state and local importance on private lands within and adjacent to the allotment.
NI	Floodplains	Belcher	2/2/09	PB	Allotment 7560 includes some of the Colorado River floodplain. The grazing permit does not affect the functionality of the floodplain.
PI	Invasive, Non-native Species	Johnson Torma Scott	1/5/09	RJ	See analysis in EA
NI	Migratory Birds	McGuire	1/21/2009	MM	The allotments are currently in good condition. Since there are no changes proposed to the existing permit, impacts would not occur.
NI	Native American Religious Concerns	Wyatt	1/20/2009	BBW	Consultation was done for the initial allotment renewal and is done on project specific undertakings.
NI	T/E, and Sensitive Species (Finding on Standard 4)	McGuire	1/21/2009	MM	No T/E species. Greater sage-grouse, a BLM sensitive species, occur in the allotments. The allotments are currently in good condition. Since there are no changes proposed to the existing permit, impacts would not occur.
NP	Wastes, Hazardous and Solid	Hodgson	1/7/09	KH	There are no quantities of wastes, hazardous or solid, located on BLM-administered lands in the proposed project area, and there would be no wastes generated as a result of the Proposed Action or No Action alternative.
NI	Water Quality, Surface and Ground (Finding on Standard 5)	Belcher	2/5/09	PB	There were no identified water quality concerns for the allotment in 1999, (see EA CO-018-99-20), nor are there any currently. The allotments are meeting the Standard.
NI	Wetlands & Riparian Zones (Finding on Standard 2)	Belcher	2/5/09	PB	Allotment 7560 has wetland values that are meeting the standard- no impacts from the Proposed Action.
NP	Wild and Scenic Rivers	Windsor	3/24/09	AW	There are no eligible Wild and Scenic River segments in the proposed project area.
NP	Wilderness	Monkouski	3/5/09	JJM	There is no designated Wilderness or Wilderness Study Areas in the proximity of the proposed project area.
NON-CRITICAL ELEMENTS (A finding must be made for these elements)					
NI	Soils (Finding on Standard 1)	Belcher	2/5/09	PB	The Proposed Action is a continuation of the present management, no impacts. Allotments are meeting the Standard.
PI	Vegetation (Finding on Standard 3)	Johnson Torma Scott	1/5/09	RJ	See write up in EA
NI	Wildlife, Aquatic (Finding on Standard 3)	McGuire	1/21/2009	MM	The allotments are currently in good condition. Since there are no changes proposed to the existing permit, impacts would not occur.
NI	Wildlife, Terrestrial (Finding on Standard 3)	McGuire	1/21/2009	MM	The allotments are currently in good condition. Since there are no changes proposed to the

					existing permit, impacts would not occur.
OTHER NON-CRITICAL ELEMENTS					
NI	Access/Transportation	Monkouski	3/2/09	JJM	No change in access. No impacts. Allotment 07503 is within the Wolford Mountain Travel Management Area. Motorized and mechanized travel is restricted to designated routes with no cross country permitted. The permittee is allowed to travel on designated open routes with the corresponding mode of travel and routes designated for administrative use. Cross country travel is only permitted by foot or horseback. No motorized travel is permitted during the winter seasonal closure between December 15 and April 15 with the exception of snowmobiles on winter designated routes when there is a minimum of 12 inches of snow.
NP	Forest Management	K. Belcher	1/30/2009	KB	No forest resources present.
NI	Geology and Minerals	Hodgson	1/7/09	KH	No impacts.
NP	Fire	Wyatt	1/20/2009	BBW	Grazing will help flashy fuels.
NI	Hydrology/Water Rights	Belcher	2/2/09	PB	There are no impacts to water rights. Hydrology issues are considered in the water quality and wetland sections.
NI	Paleontology	Rupp	1/16/2009	FGR	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.
NI	Noise	Monkouski	3/2/09	JJM	No impacts.
PI	Range Management	Johnson Torma Scott	1/5/09	RJ	See write up in EA
NI	Lands/ Realty Authorizations	Cassel	12/18/08	SC	There are no leases or permits in the location of the proposed action. There are several ROWs: COC-10533, COC-23293 & COC-8296 to Public Service; COD-51744 to WAPA, COD-12512 to Mountain Parks Elec; and COC-71048 to Grand County for County Road 33. These ROW's will not affect the proposed action or the no action alternative.
NI	Recreation	Monkouski Windsor	3/2/09	JJM	Under the proposed action no impacts would occur to recreational opportunities that include Off Highway Vehicle use, camping, hunting, hiking, and watching wildlife.
NI	Socio-Economics	Cassel	3/5/09	SC	Since there would be no change in use, there would be no socio-economic impacts.
NI	Visual Resources	Windsor	3/6/09	AW	The Proposed Action and No Action Alternative would not impact visual resources.
PI	Cumulative Impact Summary	Cassel	3/20/09	SC	See Analysis
FINAL REVIEW					
	P&E Coordinator				