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DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0005-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Lease Renewal for livestock grazing lease # 0501925 for Mike Miniati.

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

Allotment 07752 (Skylark)
T. 1 S., R. 78 W., 6th P.M., Sections 28, 31, 32
T. 2 S., R. 78 W., 6th P.M., Sections 5-8
T. 2 S., R. 79 W., 6th P.M., Sections 1, 12, 13

APPLICANT: Mike Miniati

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Proposed Action would renew livestock grazing lease # 0501925 for Mike Miniati on Allotment 07752 (Skylark). Mike Miniati has applied to have his lease renewed. The lease is subject to renewal at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior for a period of up to 10 years. Renewal of livestock grazing lease # 0501925 would allow Mike Miniati to continue grazing on his designated allotment for a period of 10 years beginning on March 1, 2010. There would be no changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing preference as expressed in AUMs (animal unit months*). A copy of the proposed livestock grazing lease # 0501925 is enclosed as Attachment 1. Allotment 07752 (Skylark) was assessed for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado on June 11, 1999 by a Kremmling Field Office interdisciplinary (ID) team. The ID team determined the allotment was in compliance with the Standards. There have been no changes to the livestock grazing since that time.

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

The renewed livestock grazing lease # 0501925 would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent:

Allotment	Livestock		Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
	Number	Kind			
07752 (SkyLark)	231	Cattle	6/15- 8/17	100	486

Allotment 07752 (Skylark) is co-administered by the Kremmling Field Office of the BLM and the USFS. The allotment has an allotment management plan (AMP) currently in place. The AMP would continue to be in effect with the renewal of livestock grazing lease # 0501925. The AMP includes a deferred rotation grazing system that includes both the BLM and USFS administered land within the allotment. A copy of the deferred rotation grazing plan is included as Attachment 2.

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: 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. Allotment 07752 (Skylark) was designated with a minerals land use priority. Livestock grazing is compatible with this designation.

REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

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

Name of Document:

Environmental Assessment for Skylark/Mule Creek Cattle and Horse Allotment.
Written by a partnership of BLM and USFS

Date Approved: December 2, 1999, Appended January 5, 2000

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: There have been no changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing preference since implementation of the Allotment Management Plan in 2000.</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 were analyzed during the 1999 lease renewal process. No changes to the grazing system have occurred since that time.</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: No changes to the livestock grazing have been implemented since the original EA was approved. Monitoring since approval of the grazing system has shown that no deterioration of the vegetation resource has occurred.</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: No changes to the methodology and analytical approach since the original NEPA analysis have been approved.</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 direct and indirect impacts would be the same under the implementation of the Proposed Action because no changes to the livestock grazing have occurred since the original NEPA documents were approved.</p>	X	
<p>6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing</p>		

NEPA document(s)? Explanation: The cumulative impacts would be the same since the livestock grazing is the same as when the original NEPA documents were approved.	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 in the existing NEPA documents is adequate for the Proposed Action.	X	

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Bill B. Wyatt	Staff Archaeologist	Archaeology/ Tribal Consultation	11/24/09
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian	12/16/2009
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	12/9/2009
Frank Rupp	Staff Archaeologist	Paleontology	11/15/2010

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 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 as necessary in accordance with National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and its implementing regulations.

Native American Religious Concerns: Native American consultation will be conducted for each Section 106 undertaking prior to implementation to identify traditional spiritual places.

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

MITIGATION: None

COMPLIANCE PLAN: Compliance with the renewed livestock grazing lease 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 lease, based on monitoring, when changes are determined necessary to protect land health.

NAME OF PREPARER: Richard Johnson

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Peter McFadden

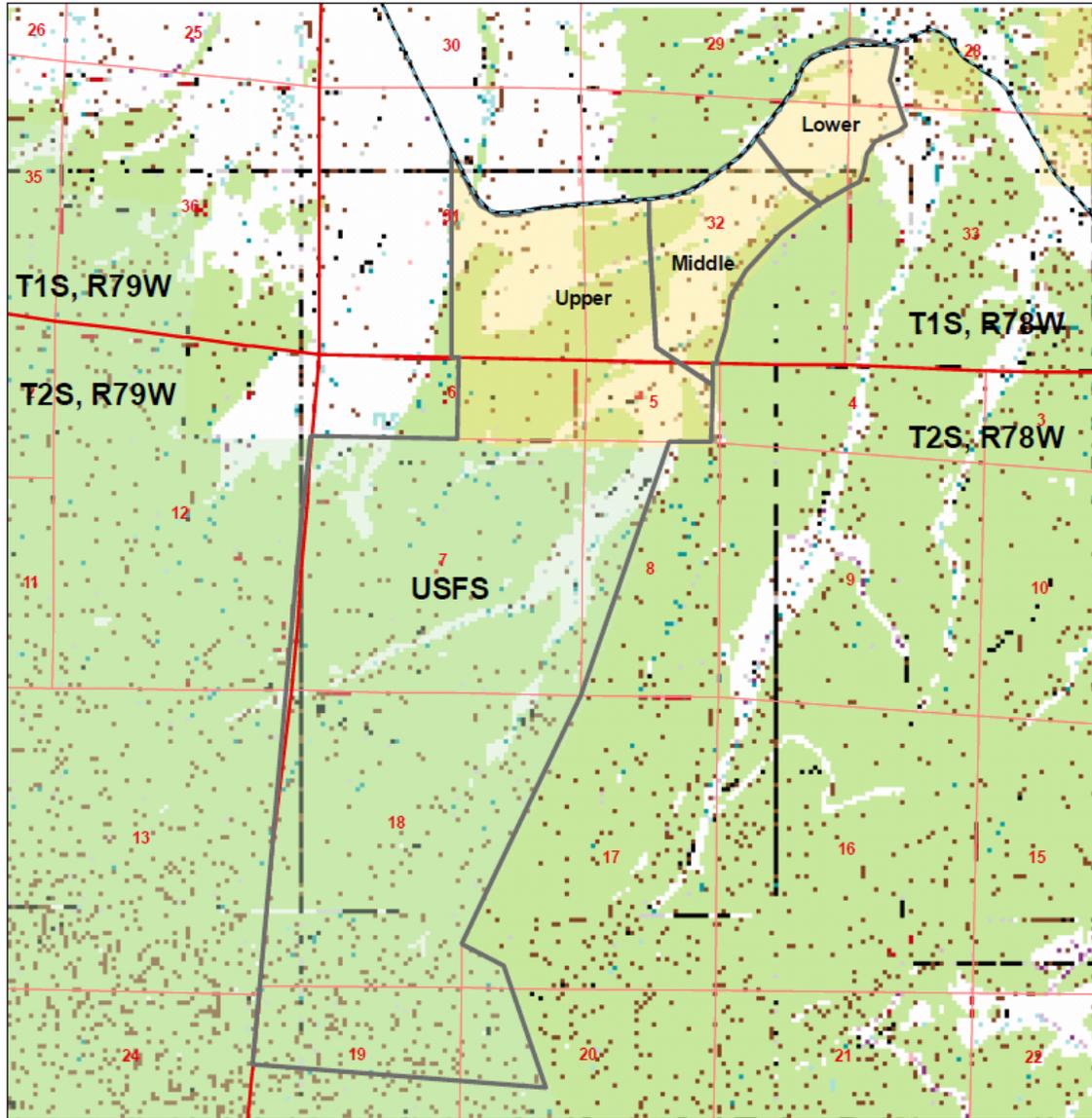
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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Livestock grazing lease # 0501925 with Standard Terms and Conditions
2. Deferred Rotation Grazing Plan



Allotment 07752 Skylark



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Reference Map
NW Colorado



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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: 1/21/10

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.