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## **DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY**

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0009-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Lease renewal for livestock grazing lease # 0501904 on Allotment 07751 (Murray) for C Lazy U Preserves, permit renewal for livestock grazing permit # 0501816 on Allotment 07548 (Diamond Creek) for Bear Mountain Ranch, and lease renewal for livestock grazing lease # 0501913 on Allotment 07261 (Clover Valley) for Bear Mountain Ranch. Livestock grazing lease 0501904 for C Lazy U Preserves is enclosed as Attachment 1. Livestock grazing permit # 0501816 and lease # 0501913 for Bear Mountain Ranch are enclosed as Attachments 2 and 3, respectively.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Kremmling Field Office administered public land includes all or part of the following:

Allotment 07751 (Murray) 800 acres  
T. 2 N., R. 76 W., 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 6  
T. 3 N., R. 76 W., 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 31  
T. 3 N., R. 77 W., 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 25

Allotment 07548 (Diamond Creek) 182 acres  
T. 5 N., R. 81 W., 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Sections 27, 28, 32, 33

Allotment 07261 (Clover Valley) 402 acres  
T. 5 N., R. 81 W., 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sections 7, 17-20, 30  
T. 5 N., R. 82 W., 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sections 13, 14, 23-26

APPLICANTS: C Lazy U Preserves and Bear Mountain Ranch

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Proposed Action would renew livestock grazing lease # 0501904 for C Lazy U Preserves that authorizes livestock grazing on Allotment 07751, renew livestock grazing lease # 0501913 and livestock grazing permit # 0501816 for Bear Mountain Ranch that authorize livestock grazing on allotments 07261 (Clover Valley) and 07548 (Diamond Creek), respectively. C Lazy U Preserves and Bear Mountain Ranch have

applied to have their leases and permit renewed. Livestock grazing permits and leases are subject to renewal at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior for a period of up to 10 years. Renewal of these permits and leases would allow the permittees/lessees to continue to graze on their designated allotments for a period of 10 years beginning on March 1, 2010. There would be no change to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or authorized grazing preference expressed in AUMs (animal unit months\*) on any of these allotments.

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

Allotments 07751 (Murray), 07261 (Clover Valley), and 07548 (Diamond Creek) are category C allotments where the objective is to maintain the existing allotment situation and provide management opportunities as needs arise with operators/other land use agencies. These allotments have a low forage production potential, minimal conflicting resource uses, or public lands that have been designated for disposal.

The renewed livestock grazing leases and permit would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent:

Lease # 0501904 C Lazy U Preserves

Allotment	Livestock		Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
	Number	Kind			
07751 (Murray)	30	Cattle	6/25 – 8/24	100	60

Lease # 0501913 Bear Mountain Ranch

Allotment	Livestock		Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
	Number	Kind			
07261 (Clover Valley)	494	Cattle	7/7 – 10/1	7	99

Permit # 0501816 Bear Mountain Ranch

Allotment	Livestock		Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
	Number	Kind			
07548 (Diamond Creek)	498	Cattle	6/10 – 7/15	9	53

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 07751 (Murray) was designated with no priority. Allotments 07261 (Clover Valley) and 07548 (Diamond Creek) were designated with an oil and gas priority by the RMP. Livestock grazing is compatible with these designations.

REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

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

Name of Document:

Livestock Grazing Lease # 0501904 for C Lazy U Preserves for Grazing Lease Renewal.  
CO-KRFO-00-38-EA

Date Approved: November 9, 2000

Name of Document:

Livestock Grazing Lease # 0501904 for C Lazy U Preserves for transfer of livestock grazing lease # 0501904 from David R. Cook to C Lazy U Preserves  
CO-KRFO-00-57-CER

Date Approved: October 12, 2000

Name of Document:

Livestock Grazing Lease # 0501904 for C Lazy U Preserves for change in livestock grazing system.  
CO-KRFO-02-18-EA

Date Approved: May 14, 2002

Name of Document:

Livestock Grazing Lease # 0501913 and Livestock Grazing Permit # 0501816 for Bear Mountain Ranch for lease and permit renewal  
CO-KRFO-00-21-EA

Date Approved: May 9, 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: Yes, the lease and permit renewals would not implement any changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing preference. The livestock grazing allotments are the same as in the existing documents.</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: Yes, a reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed in the original NEPA documents. Current environmental concerns, interests and resource values are the same as when the exiting NEPA documents were implemented.</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: Yes, no changes have been made to the livestock grazing in these allotments. They were all monitored in 2009 and no issues or concerns were identified.</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: Yes, there have been no changes to the methodology and analytical approach since the original NEPA documents were 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: Yes, the direct and indirect impacts remain the same as those analyzed in the original NEPA documents.</p>	X	
<p>6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?</p>		

Explanation: Yes, since no changes have been made to the grazing in these allotments, the cumulative impacts would be the same as those analyzed in the original NEPA documents.	X	
7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the Proposed Action?  Explanation: Yes, the public involvement and interagency review in the existing NEPA documents is adequate for the Proposed Action.	X	

**INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Area of Responsibility</b>	<b>Date Review Completed</b>
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	Archaeologist	Paleontology	11/13/2009

**REMARKS:**

Cultural Resources: All undertakings will require a cultural resource inventory in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Section 106 prior to implementation to determine if historic properties would be affected.

Native American Religious Concerns: Native American consultation will be conducted for each 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 permit and leases 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 and/or leases, based on monitoring, when changes are determined necessary to protect land health.

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NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

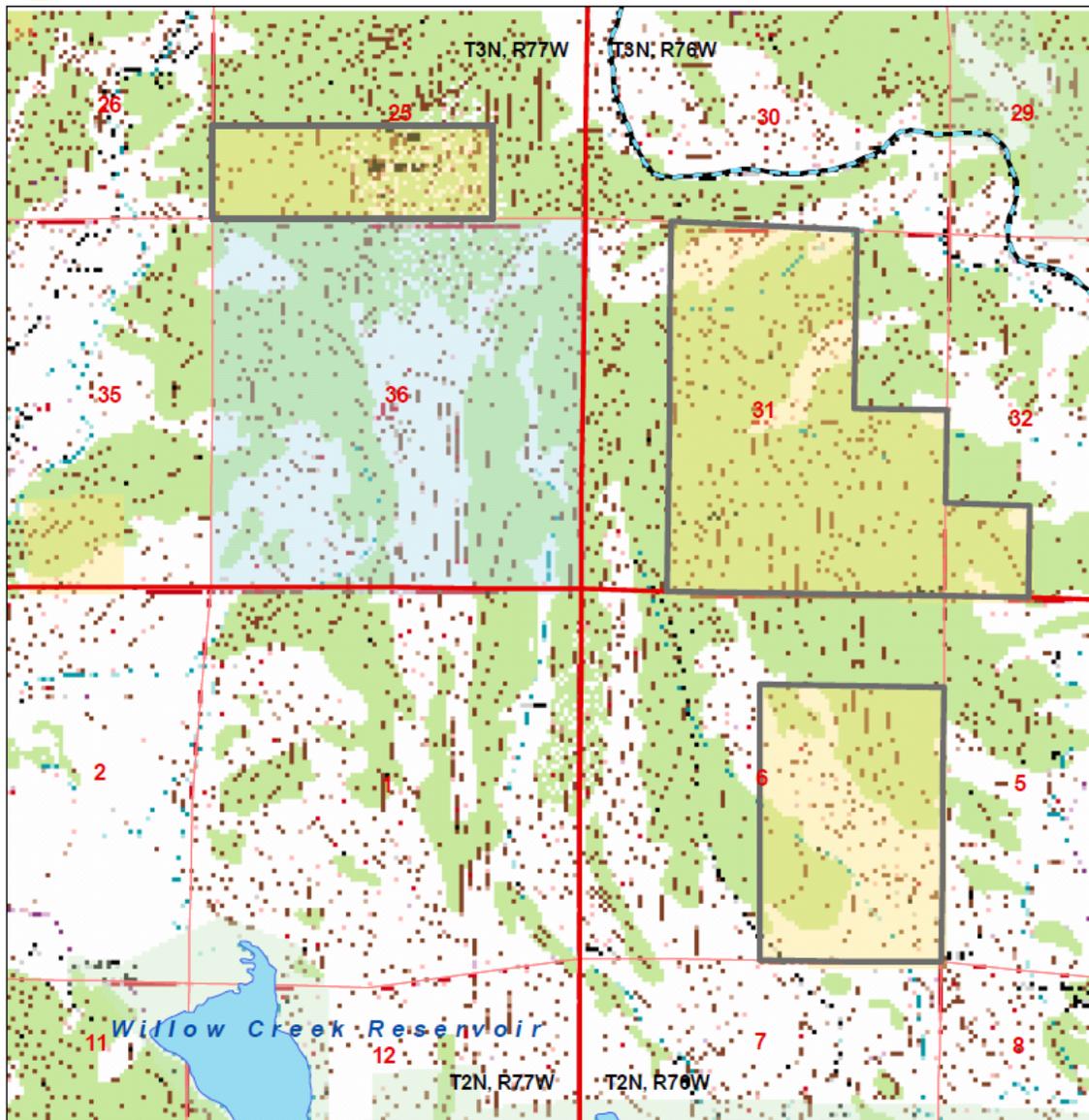
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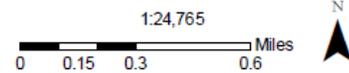
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2. Livestock grazing permit # 0501816 for Bear Mountain Ranch
3. Livestock grazing lease # 0501913 for Bear Mountain Ranch



# Allotment 07751 Murray



Legend	
	County Roads
	Major Roads
	07751 Murray
	Reservoirs
	Major Streams
Land Status	
	Bureau of Land Mgt
	Division of Wildlife
	National Park
	US Forest Service
	National Wildlife Refuge
	Private
	State
	State Forest

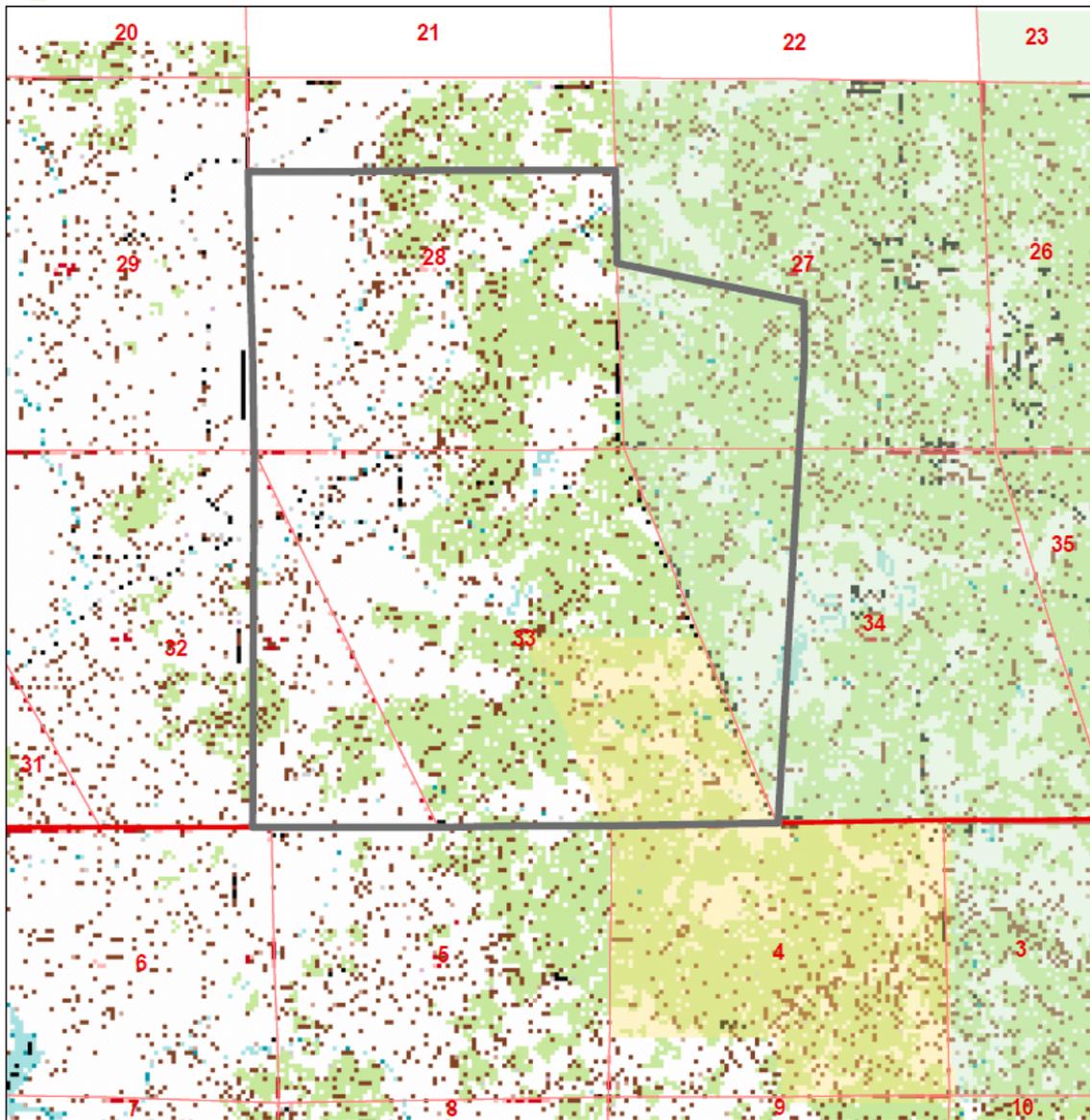


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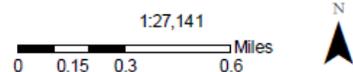
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# Allotment 07548 Diamond Creek



Legend	
Black square	Map Feature
Blue square	Water
Blue line	Map Boundary
Land Status	
Green	National Forest
Yellow	BLM Land
Light Green	Open Land
Light Blue	Water
Dark Blue	Water
Light Yellow	BLM Land
Light Green	National Forest
Light Blue	Water
Dark Blue	Water
Light Yellow	BLM Land
Light Green	National Forest
Light Blue	Water
Dark Blue	Water



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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/ Susan L. Cassel (Acting)

DATE SIGNED: 2/24/2010

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.