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DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0023-DNA

PROJECT NAME:

Permit Renewal for livestock grazing permit #0501735 that authorizes livestock use on allotment 07068 (Morey).

Permit Renewal for livestock grazing permit #0501903 that authorizes livestock use on allotment 07251 (Clover Valley Ranch).

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

Allotment 07068 (Morey) 470 acres

T. 8 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Sections: 32 and 33.

T. 7 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Sections: 4, 6, 9 and 10.

Allotment 07251 (Clover Valley Road) 40 Acres

T. 5 N., R. 82 W., 6th P.M., Section 14

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Proposed Action would renew livestock grazing lease #0501735 for Chance Cattle and #0501903 for Miles Prentice. The grazing applicants 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 changes to the livestock grazing on any of these allotments. 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*) for allotment 07251. At the request of the permittee, allotment 07068 would have a reduction of 40 AUMs. This will change the number of livestock and also adjust the % public

land. The new permit would authorize 277 yearling cattle using 130 AUMs. The previous permit authorized 563 yearlings using 170 AUMs.

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

Allotments 07068 (Morey) and 07251 (Clover Valley Ranch) 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:

Permit #0501903

Allotment	Livestock		Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
	Number	Kind			
07251 (Clover Valley Ranch)	20	Sheep	8/15 – 10/30	100	10

Permit #0501735

Allotment	Livestock		Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
	Number	Kind			
07068 (Morey)	277	Yearling Cattle	5/16- 10/15	14	125

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. 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: *CO-KRFO-00-19EA (permit renewal for #0501903)*

Date Approved: 2000

Name of Document: *CO-KRFO-00-20EA (permit renewal for #0501735)*

Date Approved: 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, there would be no change in number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing preference for allotment 07251. Allotment 07068 would have a reduction in 40 AUMs. This was requested by the permittee. This reduction which would not impact their ability to graze and may improve other resources found on the lands</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</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, grazing is still allowed 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, 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: 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> <p>Explanation: Since grazing is still authorized in these allotments, the cumulative impacts would be the same as those analyzed in the original NEPA documents.</p>	x	
<p>7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the Proposed Action?</p> <p>Explanation: The public involvement and interagency review in the existing NEPA documents is adequate for the Proposed Action.</p>	x	

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Bill B. Wyatt	Fire Archaeologist	Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation	1-19-2010
Peter Torma	Rangeland Management	Rangeland Management,	1/20/10

	Specialist	Vegetation	
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	01/27/2010
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian	01/21/2010
Frank Rupp	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.

Native American Religious Concerns: Tribal consultation was initiated on April 10, 2009, and to date no tribe has identified any area of traditional spiritual concern. All Section 106 undertakings would initiate additional Native American Tribal consultation to identify any potential effects to 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 applies to the allotment. Changes would be made to the lease, based on monitoring, when changes are determined necessary to protect land health.

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Peter McFadden

DATE: 2/4/10

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Livestock grazing Permit # 0501735 and #0501903 with Standard Terms and Conditions
2. Map

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.

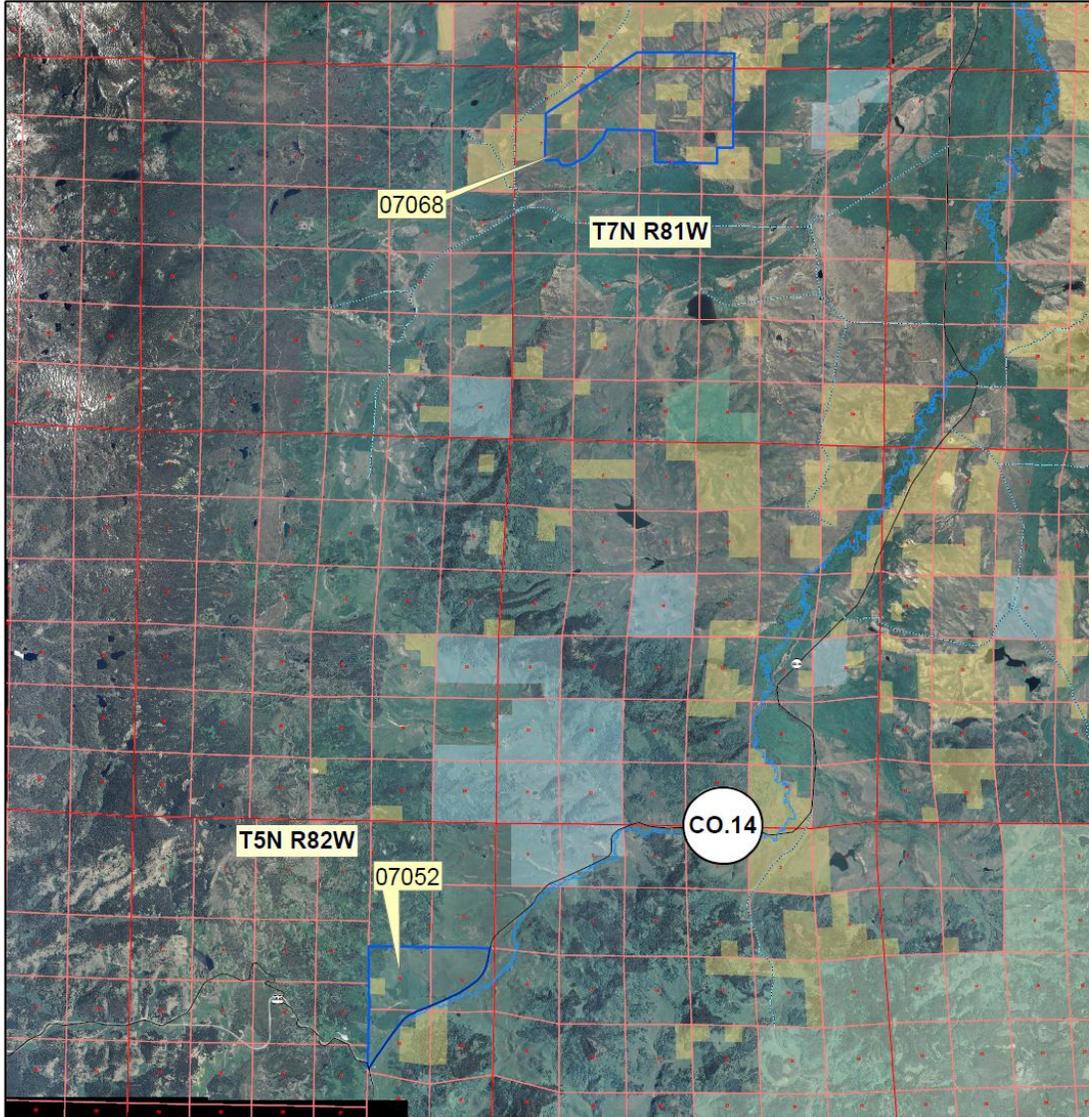
SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: /s/ Peter McFadden

DATE SIGNED: 2/4/10

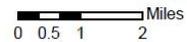
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Grazing allotment 07251 and 07068



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Reference Map
NW Colorado



Legend

- County Roads
- Major Roads
- Allotment info polygon
- Reservoirs
- Major Streams
- Bureau of Land Mgt
- Division of Wildlife
- National Park
- US Forest Service
- National Wildlife Refuge
- Private
- State
- State Forest

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