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DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0028-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Lease Renewal # 0501922 for Needmore Land and Cattle Corp. and TY Cattle Co. that authorizes livestock grazing on Allotment 07258 (Red Mountain).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BLM administered land includes all or part of the following:

Allotment 07258 (Red Mountain) 2501 acres
T. 12 N., R. 76 W., Sections 19-23, 27-30, 6th P.M.

APPLICANT: Needmore Land & Cattle Corp. and TY Cattle Co.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Needmore Land and Cattle Corp. and TY Cattle Co. have applied to renew their livestock grazing lease # 0501922 with Red Mountain Ranch LLC for 3 years from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013. There would be no changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing expressed in AUMs *.

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

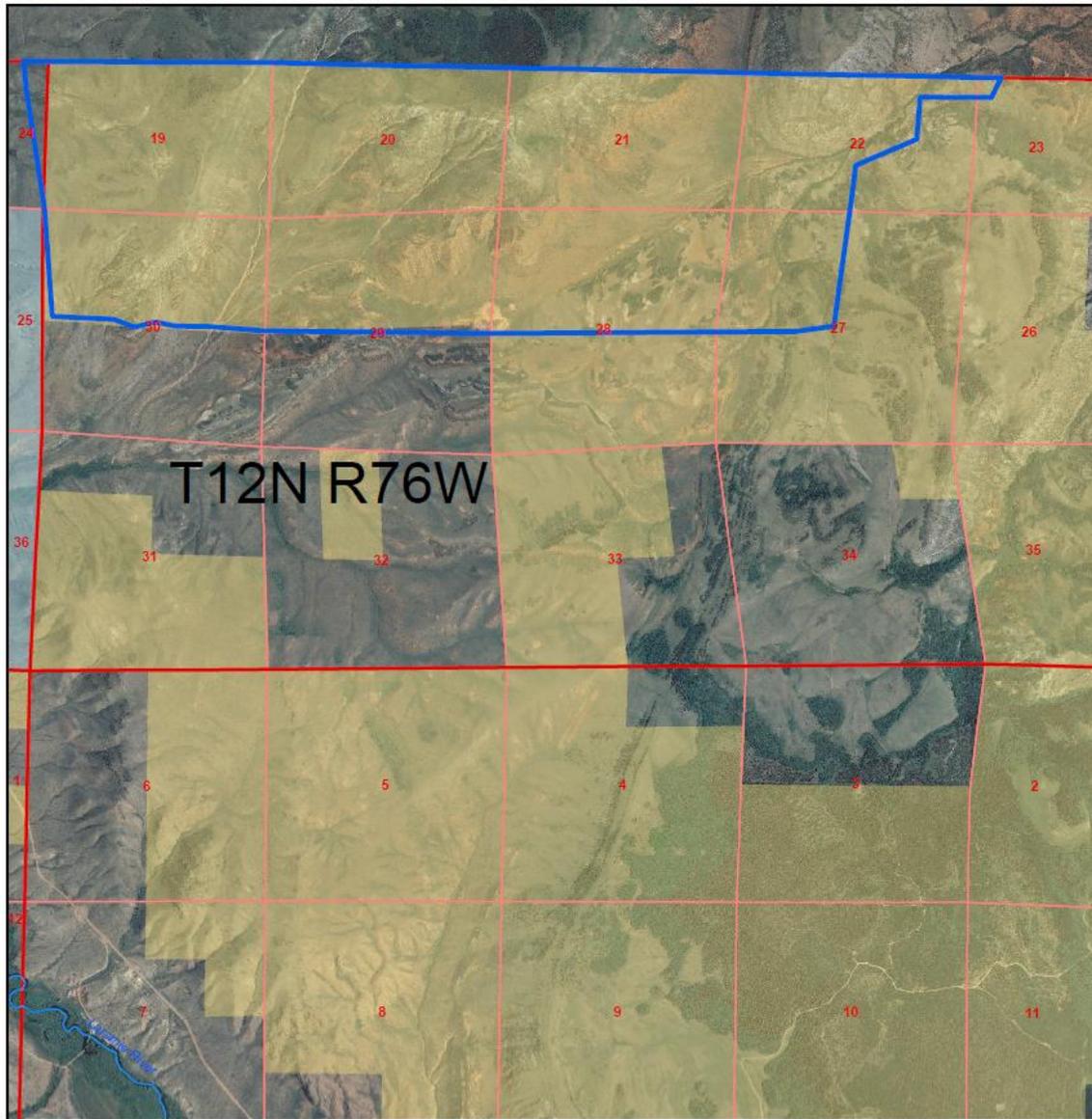
Livestock Grazing Lease # 0501922 would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent:

Allotment	Livestock		Grazing Season		Percent Public Land	AUMs
	Number	Kind	Begin	End		
07258 Red Mtn	29	Cattle	05/01	11/30	100	204

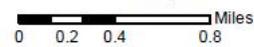
The Lessee would follow the authorized livestock grazing plan included in the approved Red Mountain Allotment Management Plan.



07258 Red Mountain



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Reference Map
NW Colorado



Legend

- County Roads
- Major Roads
- allotment_mfo 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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FILE LOCATION

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 07258 (Red Mountain) was designated with a livestock grazing priority.

REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

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

Name of Document: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0006-EA
Grazing Season Adjustment

Date Approved: February 24, 2009

Name of Document: CO-120-2004-05-EA
Grazing Permit Renewal for Permit # 051922

Date Approved: May 7, 2004

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.</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 was analyzed during</p>	X	

<p>the 2004 grazing lease renewal and 2009 grazing season adjustment. No changes to the grazing system have occurred since that time.</p>		
<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 existing NEPA documents were approved. Monitoring since the approval of the grazing system has confirmed 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: There have been no changes to the methodology and analytical approach since the existing 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 would be the same with implementation of the Proposed Action because no changes to the livestock grazing have occurred since the existing 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 NEPA document(s)?</p> <p>Explanation: The cumulative impacts would be the same since the livestock grazing is the same as when the existing NEPA documents were approved.</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: Since no changes to the livestock grazing has occurred, 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
Frank Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontology	3/9/2010
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	3/10/2010
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian	4/5/2010
Bill B. Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation	4/21/2010

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 for any ground disturbing activities that may affect cultural resources a cultural inventory will be conducted under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities.

Native American Religious Concerns: Because this action is a renewal of an existing livestock grazing lease and does not involve any ground disturbance, no tribal consultation is necessary. Any future actions that would potentially affect known or unknown cultural resources would require tribal consultation.

Threatened and Endangered Species: The proposed livestock grazing lease 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: Susan Cassel

DATE:

ATTACHMENT: Livestock Grazing Lease # 0501922 with Standard Terms and Conditions

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 Cassel

DATE SIGNED: 4/22/10

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.