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

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0030-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Livestock grazing permit renewal for Grizzly Land LLC #0504033

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Allotment 7192 (Baker Draw): T8N, R81W, Part of sections: 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34 & 35 (2436 BLM acres).

Allotment 7193 (Upper Meadow): T8N, R81W, Part of sections: 34 & 35  
T7N, R81W, Part of sections: 3 & 12 (344 BLM acres).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Proposed Action would renew livestock grazing permit #0504033 for Grizzly Land LLC. The grazing applicant has applied to have their 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 allotments 07193 or 07192.

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

Allotment 07193 (Upper Meadow) is a category C allotment 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. Allotment 07192 (Baker Draw) was assessed for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado on June 15, 2006 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 completion of Standards.

The Proposed Action would authorize livestock grazing on the following BLM Allotments as follows:

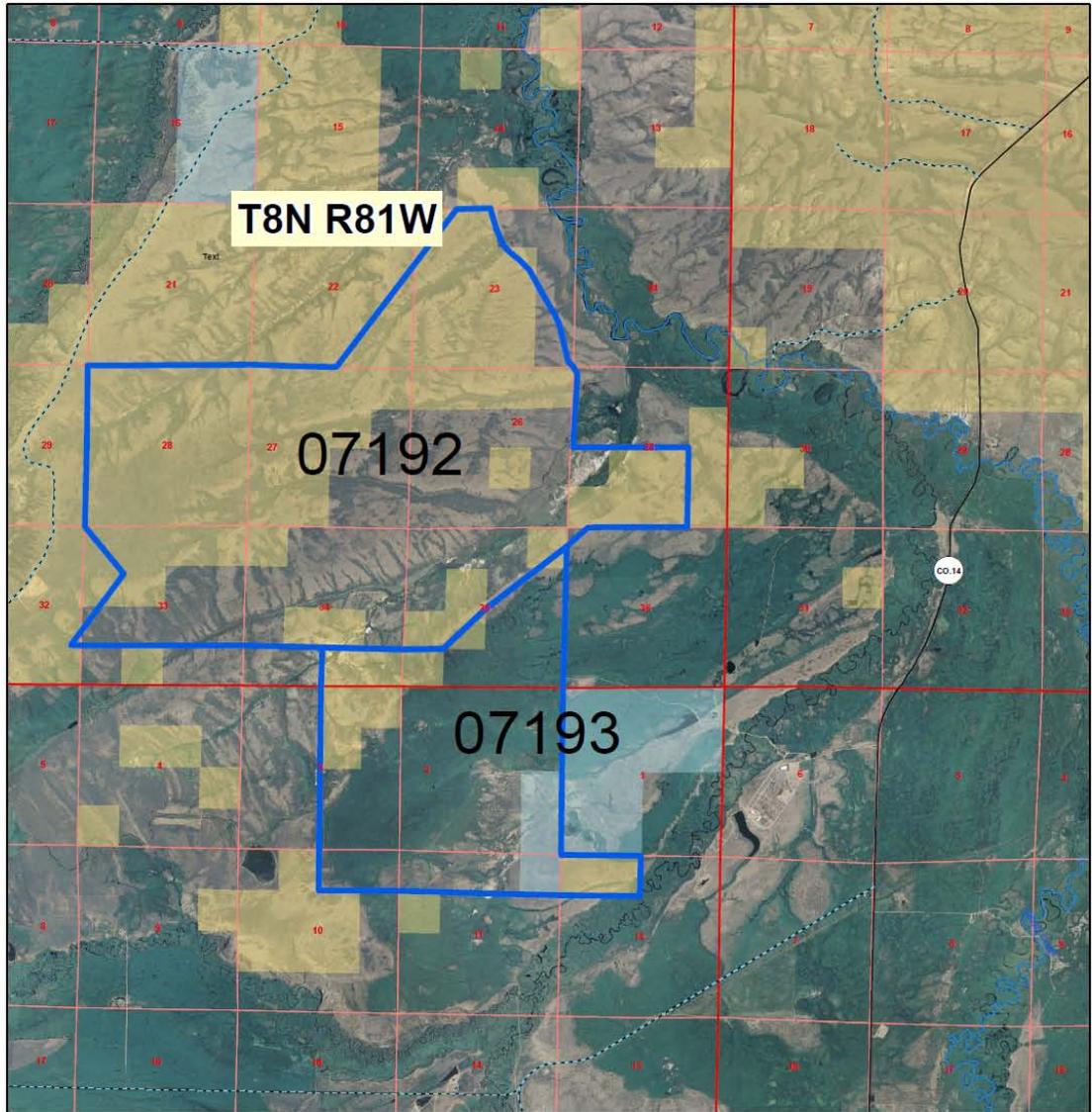
<b>Allotment Number</b>	<b>Number of Livestock</b>	<b>Kind of Livestock</b>	<b>Grazing Season Start</b>	<b>Grazing Season End</b>	<b>% Public Land*</b>	<b>Type of Use</b>	<b>AUMs</b>
07192	238	cattle	6/1	8/30	64	Active	456
07193	300	cattle	8/20	10/18	17	Active	101

\*% Public Land is the percentage of forage within the public land (BLM) portion of the allotment

Yearlings use is authorized at a rate not to exceed 1.5 yearlings/cow.



# Allotments 07193 and 07192



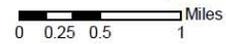
Reference Map  
NW Colorado



### Legend

- County Roads
- Major Roads
- Allotment Info Polygon
- Reservoirs
- Major Streams
- Wilderness Study Area
- ACEC
- Bureau of Land Mgt
- Division of Wildlife
- National Park
- US Forest Service
- National Wildlife Refuge
- Private
- State
- State Forest

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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

X 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-018-99-37

Date Approved: 1999

NEPA Adequacy Criteria	Yes	No
1. Is the Proposed Action substantially the same action and at the site specifically analyzed in an existing document?  Explanation: Yes, there would be no change in number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing preference for both allotments.	x	
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?  Explanation: Yes, a reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed in the original NEPA documents	x	
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?	x	

Explanation: Yes, grazing is still allowed in these allotments. They were all monitored in 2009 and no issues or concerns were identified.		
4. Does the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the Proposed Action?  Explanation: Yes, No changes to the methodology and analytical approach since the original NEPA documents were approved.	x	
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?  Explanation: The direct and indirect impacts remain the same as those analyzed in the original NEPA documents.	x	
6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the Proposed Action unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?  Explanation: Since grazing is still authorized 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: 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	Fire Archaeologist	Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation	3/9/2010
Peter Torma	Rangeland Management Specialist	Rangeland Management, Vegetation	4/13/2010
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	3/10/2010
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian	4/5/2010
Frank Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontology	3/9/2010

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 14, 2008, 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 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 ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: /s/ Peter McFadden

DATE: 8/12/2010

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Livestock grazing Permit # 0504033 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/ Peter McFadden

DATE SIGNED: 8/12/2010

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.