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

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0041-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Transfer of grazing from Charles and Barbra Fuller to Clinton Russell for grazing allotment # 07067

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T. 7 N., R. 81 W. Sec 36; T. 7 N., R.80 W., Sec. 31; T. 6 N., R. 80 W., Sec. 6, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

APPLICANT: Clinton Russell

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Proposed Action would transfer BLM livestock grazing permit # 0517386 including the base property and grazing preference on allotment # 07067 (Section 36) from Charles and Barbara Fuller to Clinton Russell.

The transfer includes the BLM grazing preference of 155 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) on Allotment # 07067(Section 36) as follows:

<b>Allotment</b>	<b>Active AUMs*</b>	<b>Suspended AUMs</b>	<b>Total AUMs</b>
07067 (Sec. 36)	155	0	155

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

The Proposed Action would authorize livestock grazing on BLM Allotment # 07067 in the following manner:

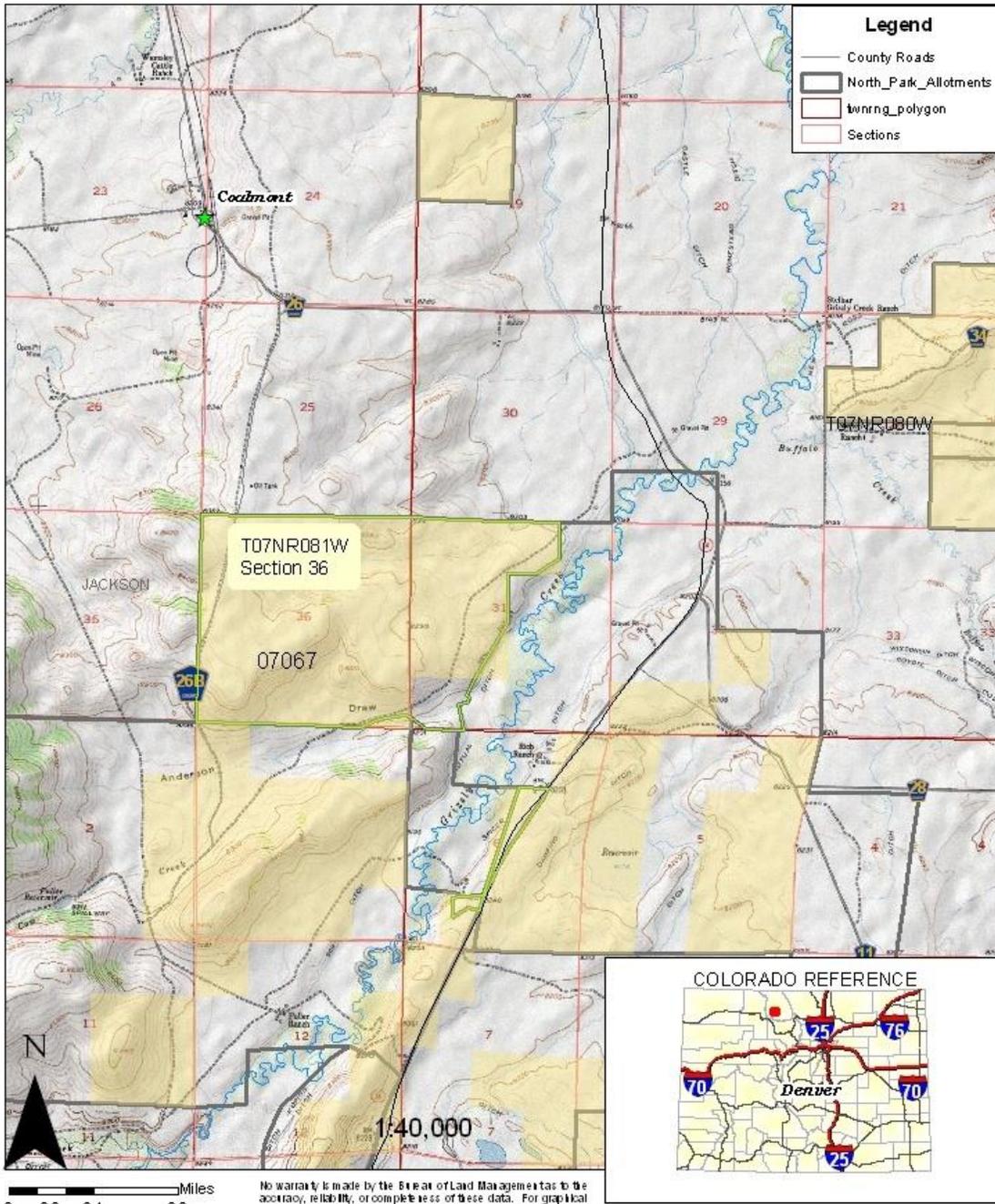
<b>Number of Livestock</b>	<b>Kind of Livestock</b>	<b>Grazing Season Start</b>	<b>Grazing Season End</b>	<b>% Public Land*</b>	<b>Type of Use</b>	<b>AUMs</b>
42	Cattle	06/01	08/30	96	Active	121
135	Cattle	04/01	04/30	26	Active	35

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

No changes would be made to the amount of authorized livestock grazing preference as a result of this transfer.



# Allotment 07067



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 forage production and condition in areas where livestock grazing is a priority or is compatible with the land use priority. The RMP designated the project areas with a livestock grazing and wildlife priority. The proposed action 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: Renewal of Livestock Grazing permits#0501738 for Clinton Russell on Allotment 07067(Section 36) CO-018-99-041-EA

Date Approved: 6-4-99

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 the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock grazing preference for allotment 07067.</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 were 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 this allotment. The allotment is categorized as a “C” allotment which consists of a very small percentage of public land. This allotment has not been assessed for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado, however it was monitored in 2008 in which no issues or concerns were indentified.</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</p>	X	

existing NEPA documents is adequate for the Proposed Action.		
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INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Area of Responsibility</b>	<b>Date Review Completed</b>
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	5/18/2010
Bill B. Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation	5/18/2010
Frank G. Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontology	5/18/2010

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: 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.

MITIGATION: None

COMPLIANCE PLAN (optional): 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

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NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

DATE: 05/04/10

## **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 (Acting)

DATE SIGNED: 5-26-10

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.