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DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0017-DNA

PROJECT NAME:

Permit renewal for livestock grazing permit # 0501832 on Allotment 07113 (Coyte Place) for Spicer Ranches LTD,

Permit renewal for livestock grazing permit #0501798 on Allotment 07185 (Murphy West) for Darl Peterson

Permit renewal for livestock grazing permit #0501800 on Allotments 07123 (6 81 7), 07124 (Indian Creek South), 07128 (Iron Clad), 07129 (West Arapaho D) and 07130 (Arapaho Scattered) for The Arapaho Ranch

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

Allotment 07113 (Coyte Place) 790 acres
T. 6 N., R. 82 W., 6th P.M., Section 12
T. 6 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Sections 7, 12, 13
T. 6 N., R. 80 W., 6th P.M., Sections 7, 8, 18, 19

Allotment 07185 (Murphy West) 200 acres
T. 6 N., R. 82 W., 6th P.M., Section 23, 34, 35

Allotment 07123 (6 81 7) 102 acres
T. 6 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Section 13, 23, 24
T. 6 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Section 19, 30

Allotment 7124 (Indian Creek South) 318 acres
T. 5 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Section 14, 21, 22

Allotment 07128 (Iron Clad) 330 acres
 T. 5 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Section 11,12,14
 T. 5 N., R. 80 W., 6th P.M., Section 7

Allotment 07129 (West Arapaho D) 180 acres
 T. 5 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Section 1, 12

Allotment 07130 (Scattered Tracts) 159 acres
 T. 5 N., R. 81 W., 6h P.M., Section 5
 T. 5 N., R. 80 W., 6h P.M., Section 7

APPLICANTS: Spicer Ranches LTD, Darl Peterson, Arapaho Ranch

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Proposed Action would renew livestock grazing lease #0501832 for Spicer Ranches LTD, #0501798 for Darl Peterson and #0501800 for The Arapaho Ranch. 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*).

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

Allotments 07185 (Murphy West), 07113 (Coyte Place), 07123 (6 81 7), 07124 (Indian Creek South), 07128 (Iron Clad), 07129 (West Arapaho D) and 07130 (Arapaho Scattered) 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 #0501798

Allotment	Livestock		Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
	Number	Kind			
07185 (Murphy West)	101	Cattle	6/15 – 10/15	5	20

Permit # 0501832 Spicer Ranches LTD

Allotment	Livestock		Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
	Number	Kind			
07113 (Coyte Place)	166	Cattle	5/16 – 11/30	21	228
	11	Horse	6/15 – 9/11	28	9
	20	Cattle	6/1 – 6/30	51	10

Permit # 0501800 The Arapaho Ranch

Allotment	Pasture	Livestock Number Kind	Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
07123 (6 81 7)		212 Cattle	5/1 - 8/30	12	102
07124 (Indian Creek South)	west	218 Cattle	6/9 – 10/7	6	52
07124 (Indian Creek South)	east	221 Cattle	6/15 – 7/10	28	53
07128 (Iron Clad)		194 Cattle	6/23 – 6/30	100	51
07129 (West Arapaho D)		220 Cattle	6/1 – 6/10	49	35
07130 (Arapaho Scattered)		216 Cattle	6/1 – 6/30	23	49

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. Within the allotments Oil and Gas and Coal were identified as a 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-00-20-EA
 Livestock grazing permits # 0501800 for The Arapaho Ranch LTD, # 0501832 Spicer Ranches LTD and # 0501798 Darl Peterson.

Date Approved: June 5, 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: 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.</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, No changes have been made to the 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, 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 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.</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	Staff Archaeologist	Archaeology and Tribal Consultation	11/23/09
Peter Torma	Rangeland Management Specialist	Rangeland Management, Vegetation	12/22/09
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	12/9/2009
Frank Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontology	11/15/2010
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian	1/20/2010

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 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, based on monitoring, when changes are determined necessary to protect land health.

NAME OF PREPARER: Peter Torma

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: /s/ Peter McFadden

DATE: 1/8/2010

ATTACHMENTS:
Allotment maps

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.

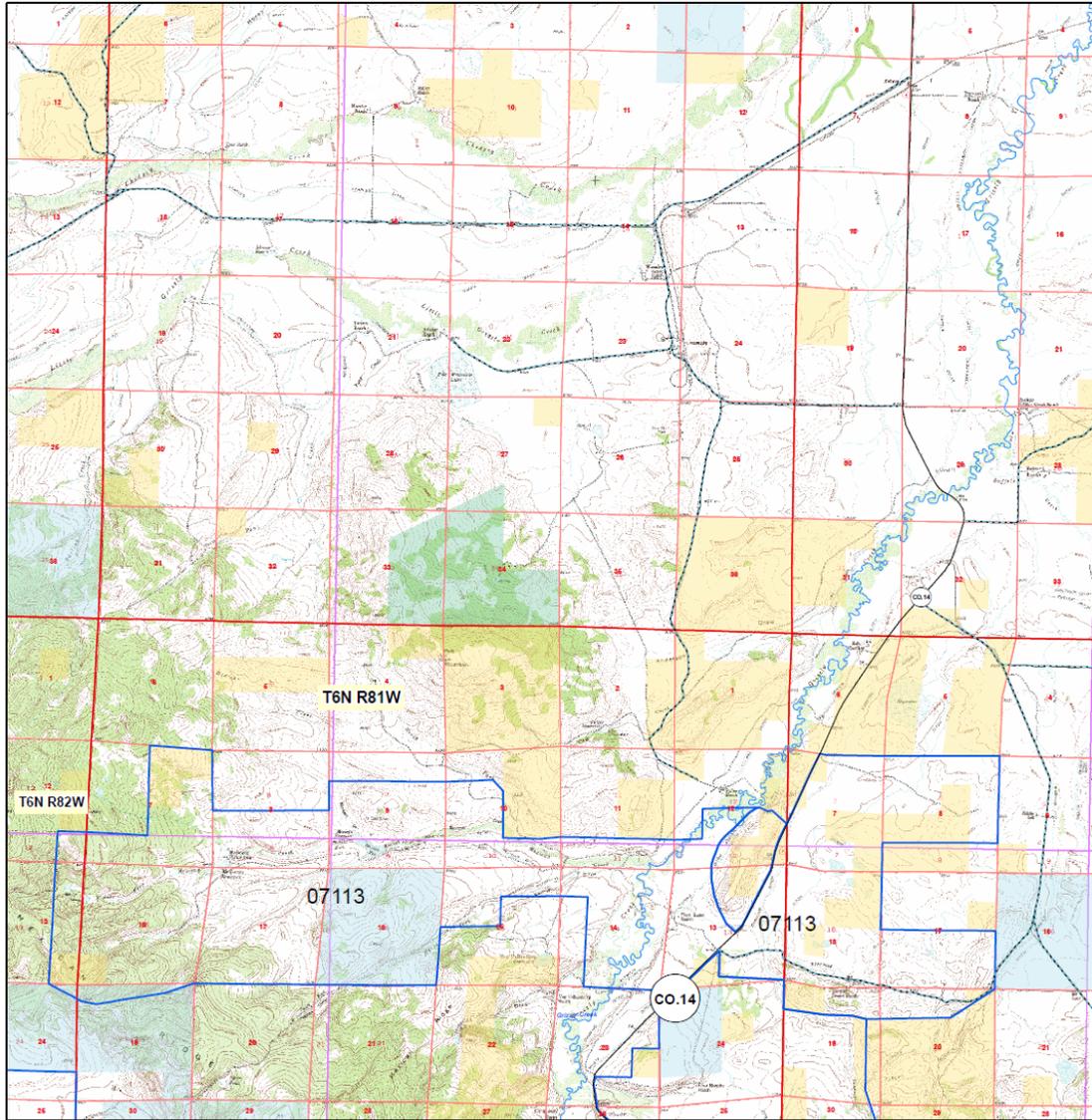
SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: /s/ Peter McFadden

DATE SIGNED: 1/8/2010

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.



Spicer Ranches LTD



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Reference Map
NW Colorado



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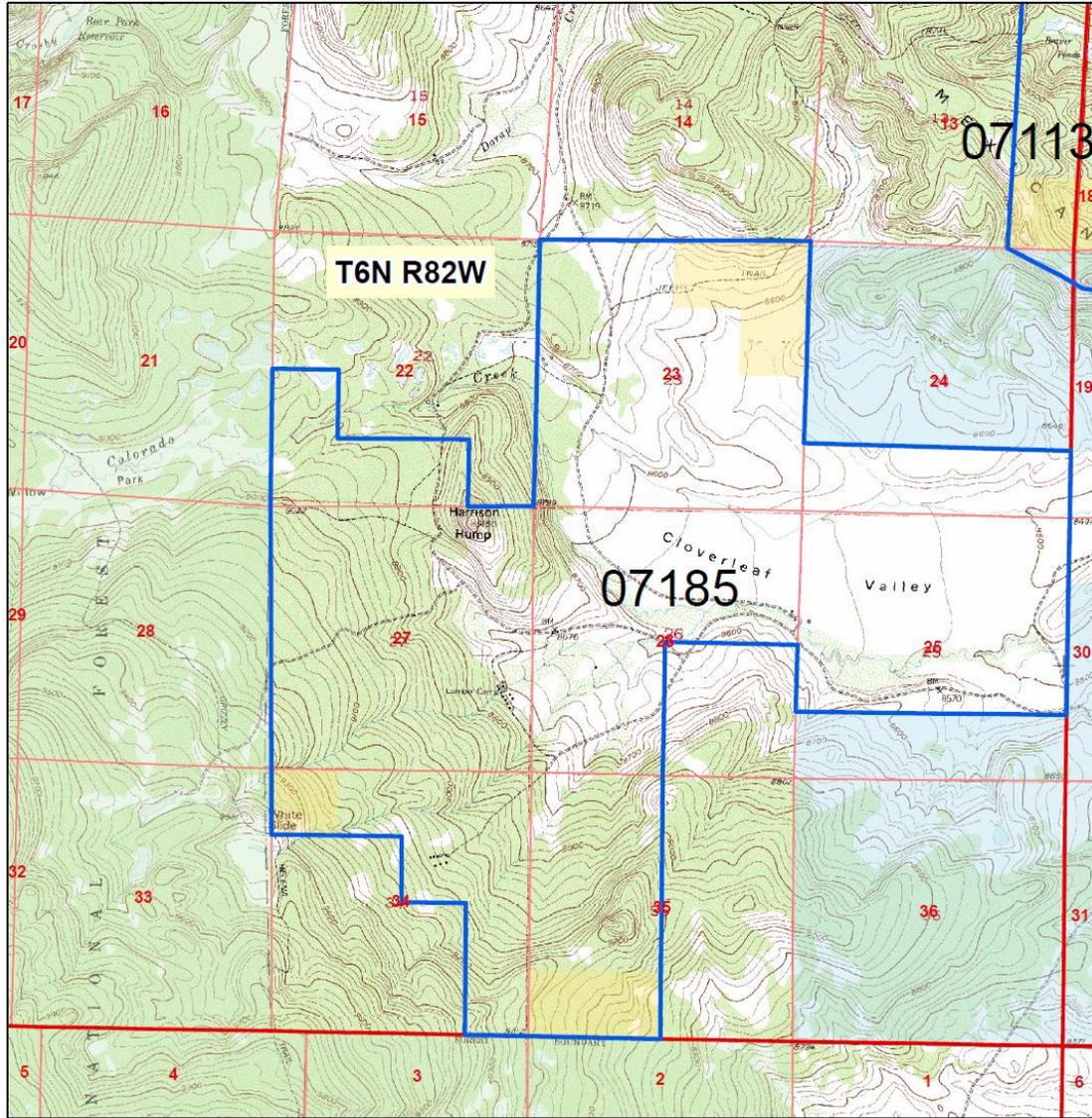
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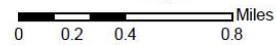
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Darl Peterson



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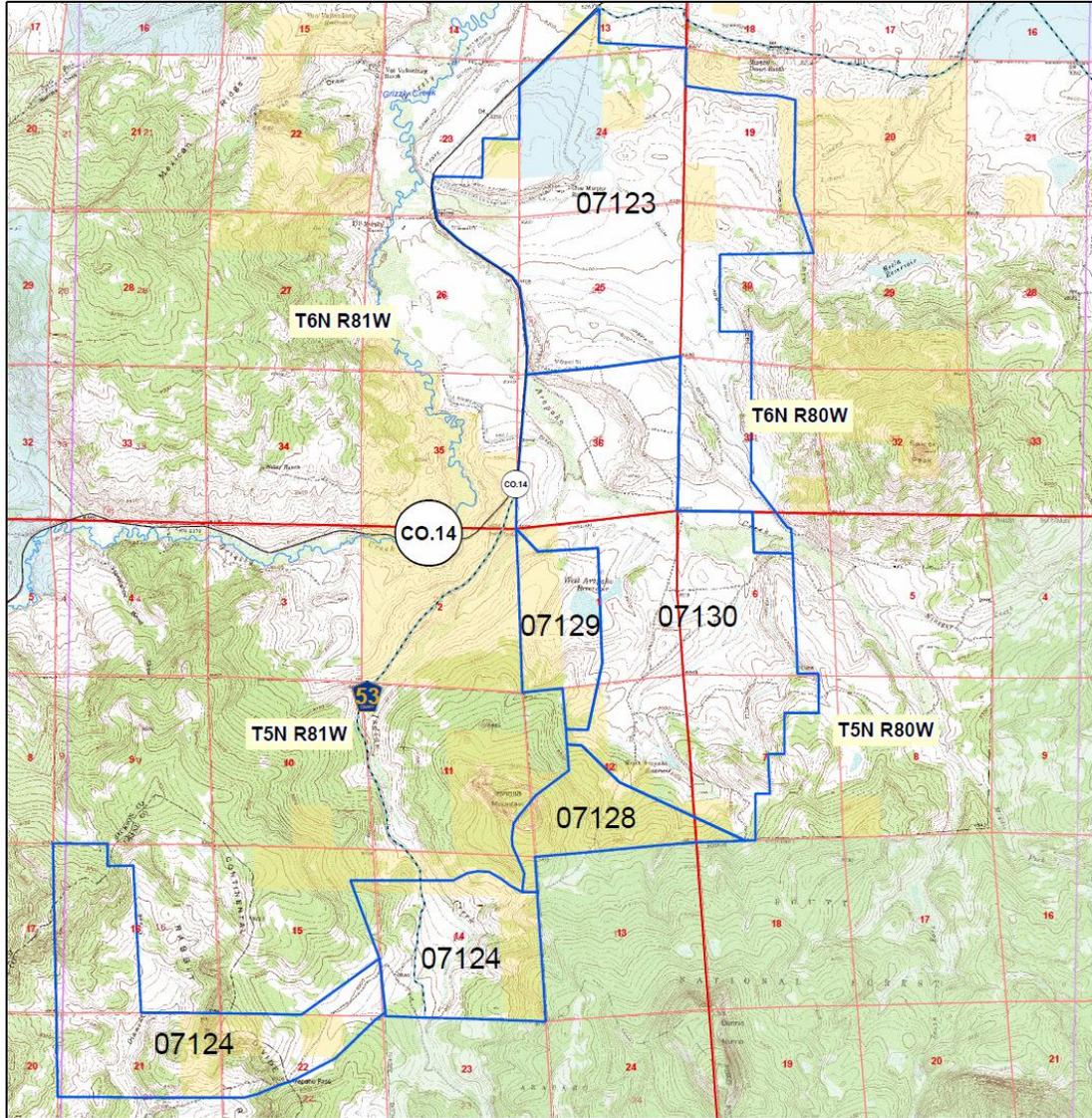
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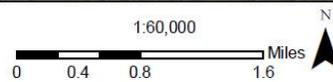
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The Arapaho Ranch



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NW Colorado



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