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

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2011-0001-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Renewal of Livestock Grazing Permits # 0501786 and # 0501804 and Livestock Grazing Lease # 0501900 for Duane Deepe.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BLM administered lands include all or part of the following:

Livestock Grazing Permit # 0501786  
Allotment 07514 (Deepe): T. 1 N., R. 78 W., 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 27

Livestock Grazing Permit # 0501804  
Allotment 07559 (Reini): T. 1 N., R. 78 W., 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 20

Livestock Grazing Lease # 0501900  
Allotment 07757 (Breeze C): T. 1 N., R. 78 W., 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 27

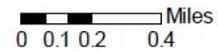
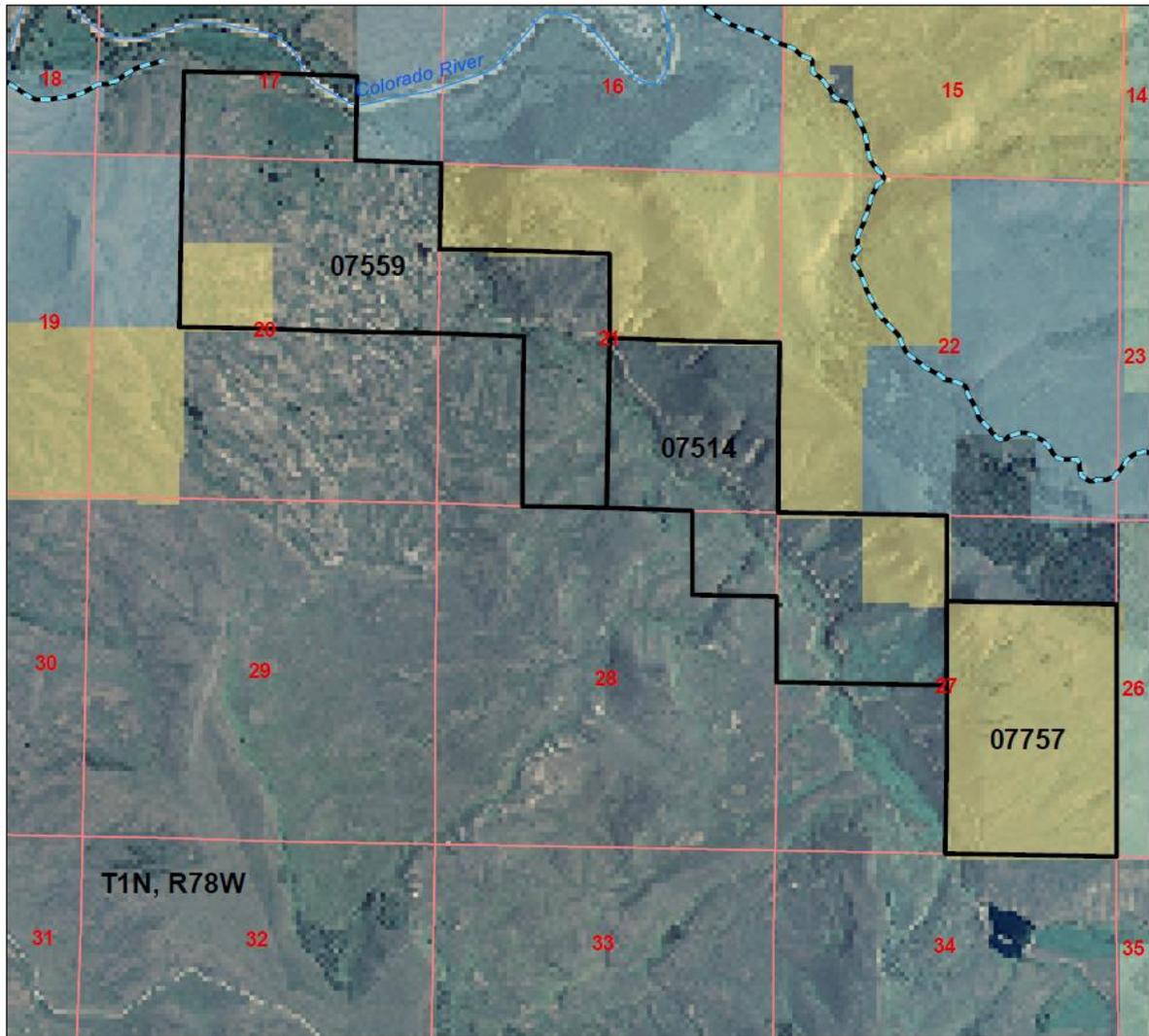
APPLICANT: Duane Deepe

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Proposed Action would renew livestock grazing permits # 0501786 and # 0501804, and livestock grazing lease # 0501900 for Duane Deepe. Permit # 0501786 authorizes livestock grazing on Allotment 07514 (Deepe) and permit # 0501804 authorized livestock grazing on Allotment 07559 (Reini). Livestock grazing lease # 0501900 authorizes livestock grazing on Allotment 07757 (Breeze C). Duane Deepe has applied to have his permits and lease 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. Approving permit/lease renewals has been designated to the local Authorized Officer. Renewal of these permits and lease would allow Duane Deepe to continue to graze on his designated allotments for a period of 10 years beginning on March 1, 2011. There would be no change to the number of kind of livestock, season of use, or authorized livestock grazing preference expressed in AUMs\* on any of the allotments.

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



### Allotments 07514, 07559, 07757



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No Warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the Accuracy, Reliability, or Completeness of this Data for Individual Use or Aggregate Use with Other Data.

Maps: Parshall, Co  
Hot Sulphur Springs, CO  
BLM, Kremming FO 10/13/2010

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. Allotments 07514, 07559, and 07757 were designated with a wildlife priority by the RMP. Livestock grazing is compatible with this designation.

REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

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

Name of Document: CO-KRFO-01-24EA

Date Approved: August 31, 2001

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, 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. The livestock grazing allotments are the same as in the existing NEPA document.</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 document. Current environmental concerns, interests and resource values are the same as when the exiting NEPA document was implemented.</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 livestock grazing in these allotments. They were monitored in 2010 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, there have been no changes to the methodology and analytical approach since the original NEPA document was approved. The allotments were and continue to be monitored according to the Kremmling Field Office Range Management Program.</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: Yes, the direct and indirect impacts remain the same as those analyzed in the original NEPA document. There will be no changes to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of livestock grazing preference. All of the allotments in this DNA were monitored in 2010 and no issues or concerns were identified. Public scoping was conducted in Spring 2010 and all comments supported renewal of the permits/leases.</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: Yes, the current information is the same as at the time of the original NAPA document. No changes to the grazing have been made on any of these allotments. There has been no development in the area. Allotment 07759 and 05714 are small 40 acre parcels that are fenced in with private property. Access to these small parcels is limited. Allotment 07757 is bounded on three sides by private land. The fourth side is bounded by USFS land. In order to access this parcel, a long walk through the USFS land is required. For these reasons, the allotments of concern receive very little public use. Therefore, the cumulative impacts would be the same as those analyzed in the original NEPA document.</p>	X	
<p>7. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the Proposed Action?</p>		

Explanation: Yes, the public involvement and interagency review in the existing NEPA documents is adequate for the Proposed Action. No issues or concerns have been identified concerning these allotments. Public scoping was conducted in Spring 2010. Scoping maps were sent to the local governments, government agencies, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties. Comments were received from the USFS and Grand County Commissioners. Both of the comments stated the importance of continued grazing on public lands and for the economic livelihood of the ranching community and they strongly supported renewing the permits/leases. No negative comments were received.	X	
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**INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Area of Responsibility</b>	<b>Date Review Completed</b>
Bill B. Wyatt	Staff Archaeologist	Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation	12/6/2010
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian	12/06/2010
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	12/16/2010
Frank Rupp	Staff 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 May 25, 2010, 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 permits and leases and their 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 permits and/or leases, based on monitoring, when changes are determined necessary to protect land health.

NAME OF PREPARER: Richard Johnson

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

DATE: 12/17/2010

ATTACHMENTS:

Livestock Grazing Permit # 0501786 with Standard Terms and Conditions  
Livestock Grazing Permit # 0501804 with Standard Terms and Conditions  
Livestock Grazing Lease # 0501900 with Standards Terms and Conditions

## **CONCLUSION**

### **DOI-BLM-CO-120-2011-0001-DNA**

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/ David Stout

DATE SIGNED: 12/28/2010

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.