

Posted: _____

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Kremmling Field Office
P.O. Box 68
Kremmling, CO 80459**

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

A. Background

BLM Office: ___ Kremmling _____ Lease/Serial/Case File No.: N/A _____

Number: DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2012-025-CX

Proposed Action Title/Type: Transfer of base property and livestock grazing Allotment 07034 (Chandler) from Todd Bruteig to Cody Resources LP.

Location of Proposed Action:

Allotment 07034 (Chandler)
T. 11 N., R. 79 W., Sec 27, 6th P.M.

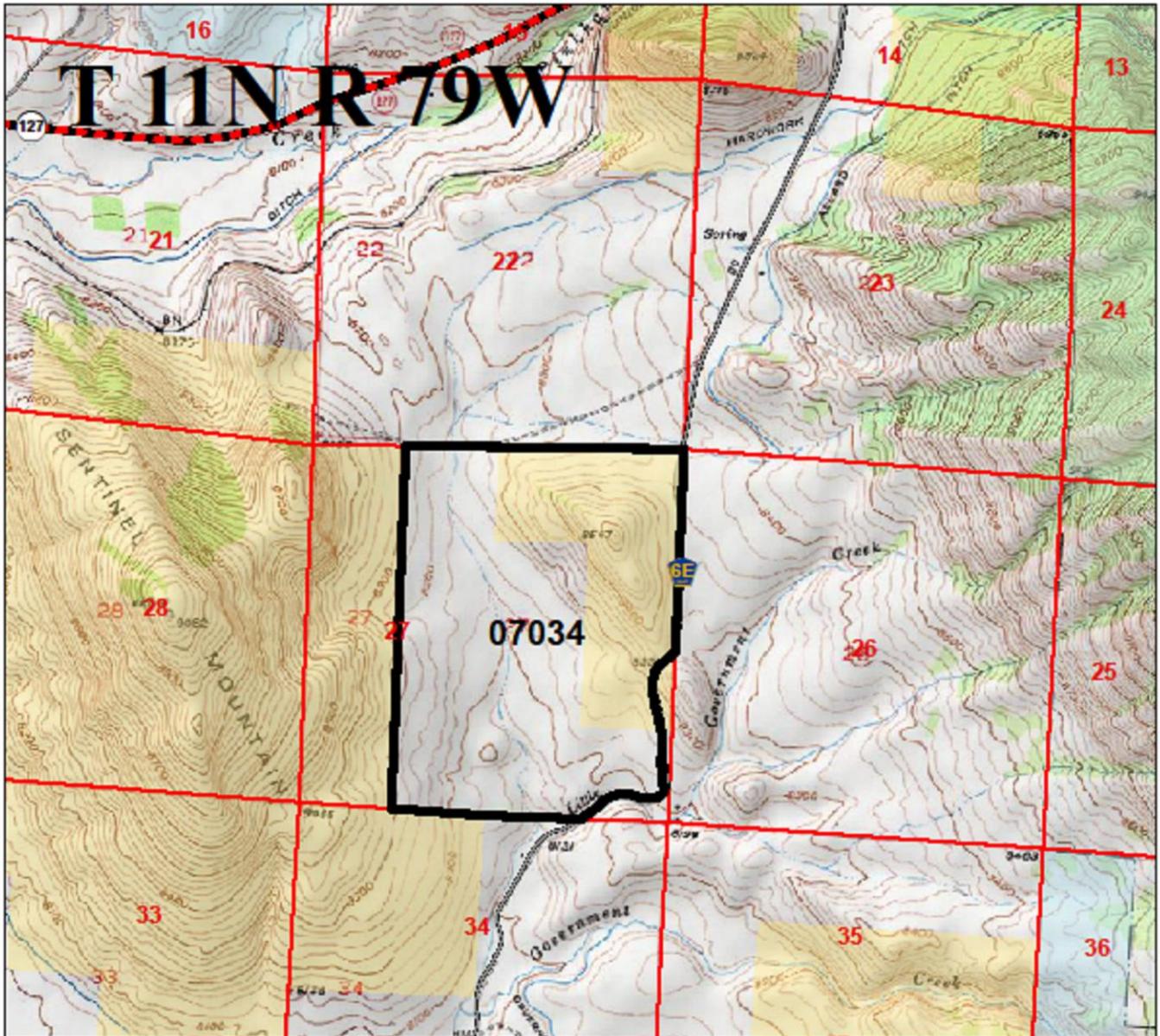
Description of Proposed Action: The Proposed Action would transfer the base property and livestock grazing preference on Allotments 07034 (Chandler) from Todd Bruteig to Cody Resources LP. There would be no change to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock preference as expressed in AUMs*.

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

Grazing Preference would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent:

Allotment	Livestock Number Kind	Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
07034	200 Cattle	06/24 – 10/19	12	25

Allotment 07034 Chandler



- 7034 for transfer
- County Roads
- U.S./State
- Bureau of Land Mgt
- Division of Wildlife
- National Park
- US Forest Service
- National Wildlife Refuge
- State
- State Forest



1:24,000

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.



BLM, Kremmling FO 2010

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved/Amended: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

Decision Number/Page: Livestock grazing pages 6 through 8, as revised

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.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.0, D (1): “Approval of transfers of grazing preference”.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Bill Wyatt	Archeologist	Cultural/Archeological/Paleo	2/13/2012
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil/Water/Air/Riparian	2/13/2012
Susan Cassel	Associate FO Manager	NEPA	2/27/2012
Neilie Tibbs	Rangeland Manager	Veg/Grazing/Weeds	02/10/2012
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	2/23/2012
Monkouski	Recreation Planner	Recreation/Wilderness/TTM	2/23/2012

DECISION RECORD
DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2012-025-CX

DECISION: It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action as described in the attached CX.

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act. This decision is also in conformance with the LUP and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action and have determined that it does not represent an extraordinary circumstance and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

RATIONALE: The existing permit for grazing is in good standing. There would be no change to the number or kind of livestock, season of use, or amount of authorized livestock preference as expressed in AUMs with the new permittee.

The livestock producer benefits from a renewed livestock grazing permit/lease to graze forage on BLM administered land. Livestock grazing on BLM administered land is an integral part of the livestock producer's operation, and an important part of local rural economies.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Susan Cassel

DATE SIGNED: 2/27/2012