

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

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2013-0027-CX

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

PROJECT NAME: Ross Richter Memorial

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T. 1 S., R. 81 W., Section 7, 6th P.M.

APPLICANT: Bureau of Land Management, Kremmling Field Office (KFO)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The KFO is proposing to install a premade memorial bench, a wood shade shelter and some landscaping in the form of shrubs at the entrance to the property known as Gore Canyon Ranch just south of the expanded campground at the Pumphouse Recreation Site (see map). At the end of the campground, there is an undeveloped trail leaving the campground and running parallel to the Colorado River. The bench would face the river and be covered by a wooden shade shelter that would include four treated posts cemented into the ground (see picture). The bench would be put on metal posts pounded into the ground.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5-3, BLM 1601.08) the following plan:

Name of Plan: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5-3, BLM 1601.08) the following plan:

Name of Plan: the Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision

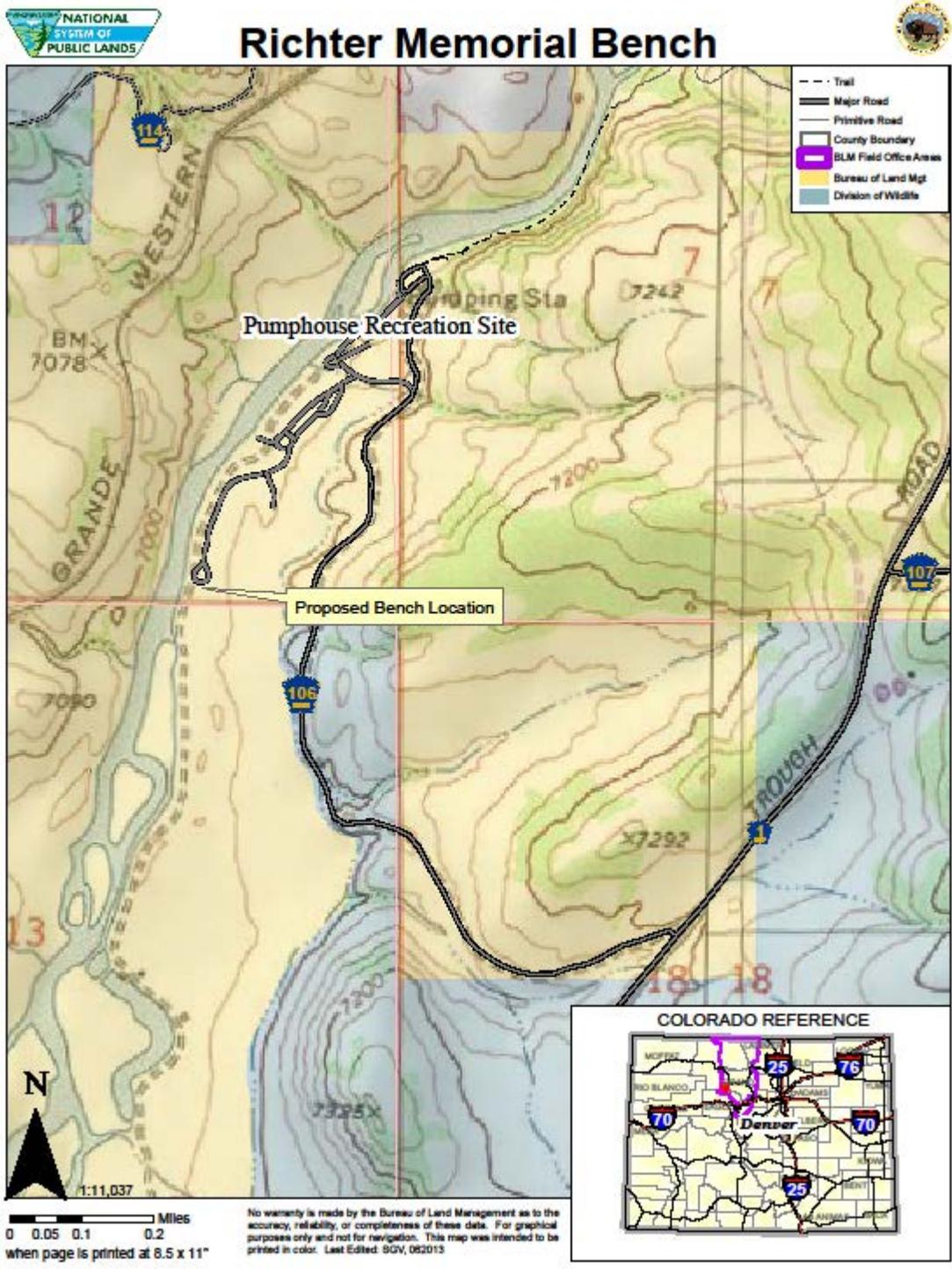
Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

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Decision Language: Provide the opportunity to utilize public lands for development of facilities which benefit the public, while considering environmental and agency concerns.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, G(4): Placement of recreational, special designation, or information signs, visitor registers, kiosks and portable sanitation devices.

Map



Wooden Shade Shelter (not exact plan, but same number of posts in the ground)



The Proposed Action has been reviewed with the list of extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) described in the table below.

Extraordinary Circumstance	YES	NO
a) Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.		X
b) Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		X
d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau of office.		X
h) Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations		X
k) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.		X
l) Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.		X

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

The Proposed Action was presented to, and reviewed by, the Kremmling Field Office interdisciplinary team on 07/10/13. A complete list of resource specialists who participated in

this review is available upon request from the Kremmling Field Office. The table below lists resource specialists who provided additional remarks concerning cultural resources and special status species.

Name	Title	Resource	Date
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Native American Religious Concerns	7/10/2013
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	Special Status Wildlife Species	06/24/2013
Hannah Schechter	Outdoor Rec. Planner	Wild and Scenic River, Visual Resource Management	06/19/2013

REMARKS:

Special Status Plant and Wildlife Species: There are no Special Status Plant Species that would be impacted by the proposed project. A bald eagle nest that was last active in 2009, is within 230m and across the river from the proposed site. However, since the proposed project site is adjacent to a developed campground, it is not expected to contribute additional impacts to nesting bald eagles if they return to this nest site.

MITIGATION: None

COMPLIANCE PLAN: On-going compliance inspections and monitoring will be conducted by the BLM Kremmling Field Office staff during and after construction. Specific mitigation developed in this document will be followed. The operator will be notified of compliance related issues in writing, and depending on the nature of the issue(s), will be provided 30 days to resolve such issues.

NAME OF PREPARER: Hannah Schechter

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

COMPLIANCE WITH NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, G(4). 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

43 CFR 46.215 apply.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: ___/s/ Susan Cassel_____ Associate Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 7/10/13

ATTACHMENTS: None

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DECISION RECORD

PROJECT NAME: ROSS RICHTER MEMORIAL

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DECISION

It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action, as mitigated in DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2013-027 CX, authorizing the installation of a premade bench and shade shelter on the property known as the Gore Canyon Ranch, just outside the expanded campground at the Pumphouse Recreation Site.

Mitigation Measures: None

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS & CONFORMANCE WITH THE LAND USE PLAN

This decision is in compliance with the Federal Land Management and Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. It is also in conformance with the December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999 Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: The CX will be available for a formal 30-day public comment period when posted on the Kremmling Field Office's internet website.

RATIONALE

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ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days

after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 151, Lakewood, CO 80215.

The effective date of this decision (and the date initiating the appeal period) will be the date this notice of decision is posted on BLM's Kremmling Field Office internet website.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Susan Cassel_____
Associate Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 7/10/13