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Kremmling Field Office,
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Kremmling, CO 80459**

DETERMINATION OF NEPA ADEQUACY (DNA)

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-LLCONO20000-2014-022-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Kings Canyon Pile Burn

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T. 11 N., R. 79 W., Sections 14 and 23; 6th P.M.
Jackson County, Colorado

APPLICANT: BLM

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The proposed action is to burn a pile created by a logging operation in the Kings Canyon area. The pile is approximately 75 feet wide, 100 feet long and 10 feet tall. The pile would be burned by hand ignition devices such as, but not limited to drip torches, fusees, and UTV terra-torch. A burn plan would be written prior to ignitions and a smoke permit would be obtained from the Colorado State Air Pollution Control Division. The Kings Canyon Pile Burn is a new project within approximately 5 miles of the DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0004-EA Independence Mtn. Fuels/Forestry Project Environmental Assessment.

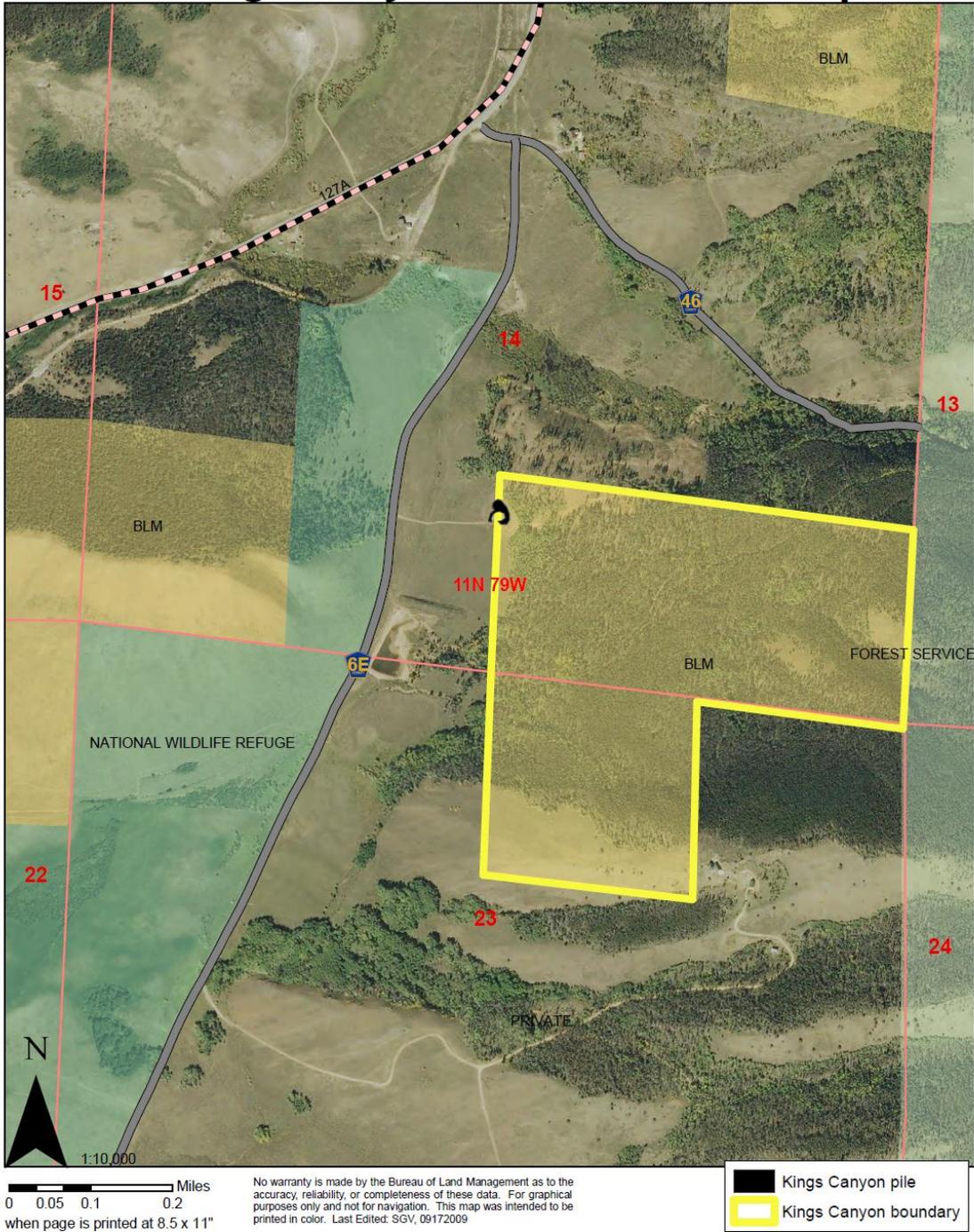
DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether or not to burn the logging pile in the Kings Canyon Area.

Kings Canyon Pile Burn Map



Kings Canyon Pile Burn DNA Map



PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW:

Name of Plan: Kremmling Resource Management Plan

Date Approved: 12/19/1984

Decision Number/Page: Decision 6, Page 9, sections b. and c.

Decision Language: : b. “ The planned actions will emphasize improving forest vigor and growth as well as minimizing losses caused by insects disease, or fire.”
“Intensive management activities could include timber harvesting techniques, artificial regeneration, stand conversion, stand improvement, pre-commercial thinning, and commercial thinning. Limited management activities will involve primarily custodial practices such as fire protection and salvage.”

c. Special Implementation Needs: “Fire management support is needed for management of natural and prescribed fire.”

REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

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

Name of Document: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0004-EA Independence Mtn. Fuels/Forestry Project Environmental Assessment

Date Approved: 8/25/2010

Name of Document: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2013-0014-EA Kremmling Timber Sanitation Burn Piles

Date Approved: 6/10/2013

NEPA ADEQUACY CRITERIA:

1. Is the new proposed Action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

The Kings Canyon Pile Burn project is essentially similar to the Independence Mountain Fuels Forestry Project. The Kings Canyon Pile Burn is one mechanical pile to be burned, which is a feature in the DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0004-EA Independence Mtn. Fuels/Forestry Project Environmental Assessment. The DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0004-EA Independence Mtn. Fuels/Forestry Project Environmental Assessment on pg. 2 and 3 outlines 500 acres of pile burning.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document appropriate with respect to the new Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Two alternatives (Proposed Action and No Action Alternative) were analyzed in DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0004-EA Independence Mtn. Fuels/Forestry Project. No issues were identified to trigger analysis of additional alternatives and these alternatives are considered to be adequate and valid for the Proposed Action.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, and updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new Proposed Action?

There is no new information and no new circumstances since the previous environmental assessment. Thus the analysis from the Independence Mountain Fuels/Forestry Project is still valid.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new Proposed Action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

The Kings Canyon Pile Burn is one pile and would have little to no effect on the indirect, indirect and cumulative effects of the DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0004-EA Independence Mtn. Fuels/Forestry Project Environmental Assessment.

5. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA documents adequate for the current Proposed Action?

Public involvement and interagency review were adequately addressed in the DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0004-EA Independence Mtn. Fuels/Forestry Project Environmental Assessment. All agency and adjacent private landowners in the area were notified by a scoping letter during those project timeframes. Both NEPA documents were posted on the Kremmling Field Office Internet NEPA register and public room NEPA board for public review and comment. Two comments were received from the two previous scoping letters and both were positive comments for the projects. Also under the DOI-BLM-CO-120-2009-0004-EA Independence Mtn. Fuels/Forestry Project Environmental Assessment design feature 16 states: Adjacent landowners and holders of ROWs in the vicinity of a proposed prescribed fire would be notified prior to burning and design feature 18 states: 18. Signs informing the public when timber harvesting, hauling or prescribed fire is taking place would be posted at major access points to the project area.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

The Proposed Action was presented to, and reviewed by the Kremmling Field Office interdisciplinary team on 01/07/2013. 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	9/9/2014
Darren Long	Wildlife Biologist	Special Status Plant and Wildlife Species	8/28/2014

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: A Class III cultural resource inventory (BLM #CR-10-10) was completed for the timber sale undertaking activities including pile burning. The project is a no effect, there are no historic properties affected.

Native American Religious Concerns: Tribal consultation for the undertaking was initiated on February 23, 2009, and to date no tribe has identified any spiritual or cultural concerns.

Threatened and Endangered Plant and Wildlife Species: There are no known Threatened or Endangered species within the footprint of the proposed action.

MITIGATION: None

NAME OF PREPARER: Kevin Thompson

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWER: Susan Valente

CONCLUSION

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes the BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Stephanie Odell
Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 9/15/2014

Note: The signed Conclusion in this DNA Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

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DECISION RECORD

PROJECT NAME: KINGS CANYON PILE BURN

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-20124-022 -DNA

DECISION: It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action, as mitigated in DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2014-022 -DNA, authorizing the burning of a pile created by a logging operation in the Kings Canyon area.

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

RATIONALE: Based on information in the DNA, the project record, and consultation with my staff, I have decided to implement the proposed action as described in the DNA. The project is not expected to adversely impact any resources with the stipulations and monitoring measures required by project.

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.

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Field Manager

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