

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Kremmling Field Office
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2014-024-CX

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

PROJECT NAME: State Bridge Village Erosion Control

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T. 2 S., R. 83 W., Section 25; 6th P.M., Eagle County, CO.

APPLICANT: BLM

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The BLM is proposing to conduct soil stabilization work at the State Bridge Village camping sites and access road to reduce erosion and resource damage from storm runoff events, especially the high intensity rainstorms common to the area. Periodic maintenance of the parking lots, roads, trails, and camping areas may be done, depending on the actual storms experienced. Maintenance could consist of: blading of existing roads, improving site drainage with water bars or dips or other erosion control best management practices (BMPs), broadcast seeding of native species, and addition of gravel to existing roads. The proposed work would be done by a designated contractor administered by the BLM or by BLM employees. The initial work is planned for spring 2014 to prevent further gullying of the east and west parking lots by constructing berms at the upper end of the lots and diverting runoff around the lots.

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: Record of Decision for the Kremmling Resource Management Plan

Date Approved: 1984 and updated in 1999

Decision Number/Page: Decision Number II B 7a/page 9

Decision Language: "...ensuring the continued availability of outdoor recreational opportunities which the public seeks and which are not readily available from other sources, to reduce the impacts of recreational use on fragile and unique resource values, and to provide for visitor safety, and resource interpretation."

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, I:

1. “Planned actions in response to wildfires, floods, weather events, earthquakes, or landslips that threaten public health or safety, property, and/or natural and cultural resources, and that are necessary to repair or improve lands unlikely to recover to a management-approved condition as a result of the event. Such activities shall be limited to: repair and installation of essential erosion control structures; replacement or repair of existing culverts, roads, trails, fences, and minor facilities; construction of protection fences; planting, seeding, and mulching; and removal of hazard trees, rocks, soil, and other mobile debris from, on, or along roads, trails, campgrounds, and watercourses.”

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		X

Extraordinary Circumstance	YES	NO
area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.		

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

The Proposed Action was presented to, and reviewed by, the Kremmling Field Office interdisciplinary team on 05/05/2014. 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 B. Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Native American Religious Concerns, Paleontology	03/21/2014
Darren Long	Wildlife Biologist	Special Status Species	05/09/2014
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian resources	05/09/2014

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: A Class I Literature Review (CR-14-19) was conducted. The proposed action is a no effect, there are no historic properties affected.

Native American Religious Concerns: Tribal consultation was initiated in March 2014, and to date no tribe has identified any area of traditional cultural or spiritual concern.

Paleontology: The geologic formation consists of basalt flows and associated tuff and Breccia and conglomerate. There are no known fossils in a Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) of 1 with a condition 3. Geologic formations sensitive for fossil resources are present, but would not be impacted by the proposed project. BLM standard “discovery” stipulation is part of the environmental assessment and is to be attached to any authorization allowing project to proceed.

Special Status Species: The proposed actions are benign in nature and are not expected to cause negative impacts to any sensitive plant or animal species.

MITIGATION: None

COMPLIANCE PLAN: On-going compliance inspections and monitoring would be conducted by the BLM Kremmling Field Office staff during and after construction.

NAME OF PREPARER: Zach Hughes

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, I. 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: 5/15/14

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1: Project Map
- 2: Project map imagery

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DECISION RECORD

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DECISION

It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action, as mitigated in: DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2014-024-CX, authorizing to conduct soil stabilization work at the State Bridge Village camping sites and access road to reduce erosion and resource damage from storm runoff events.

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:

RATIONALE

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

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.

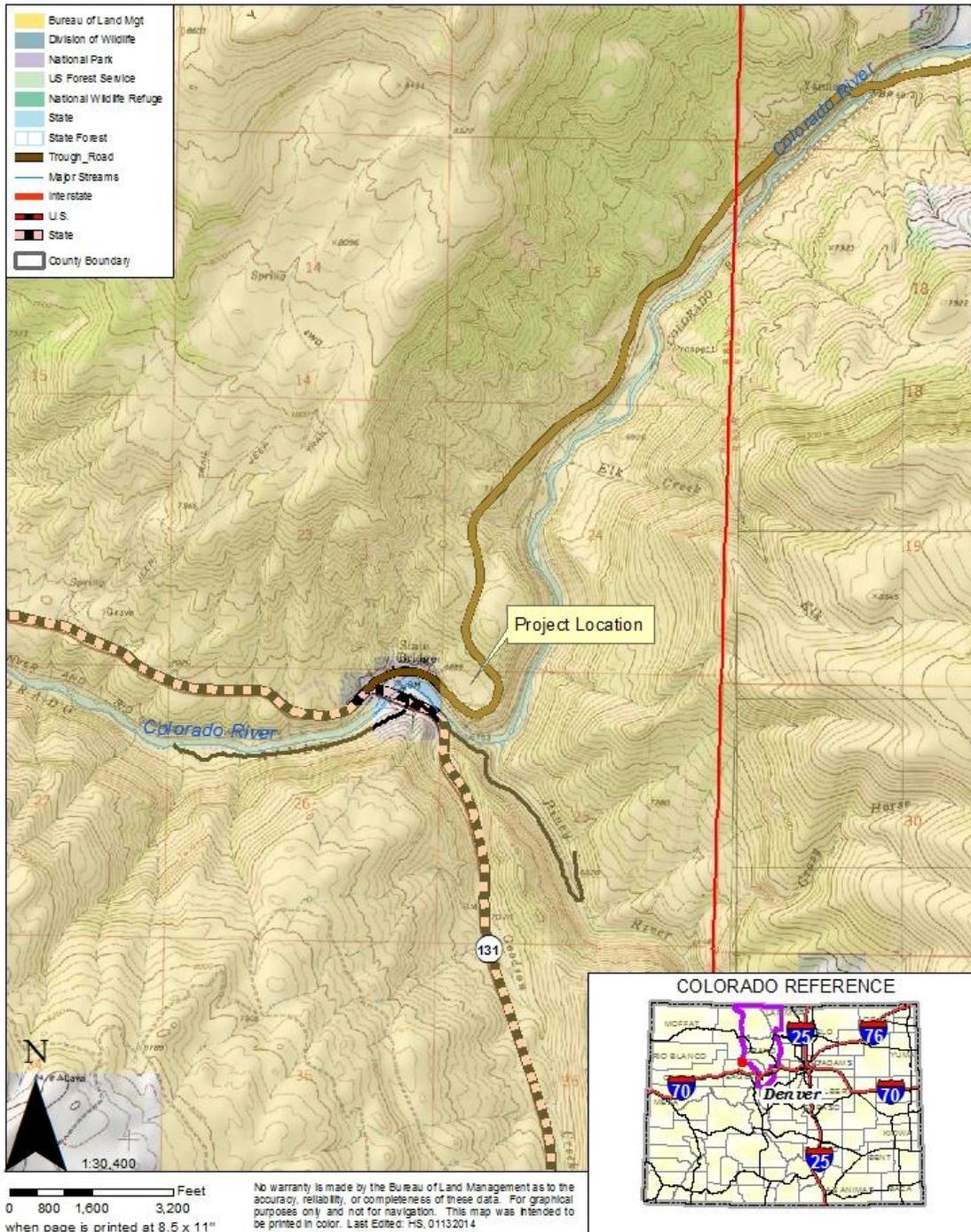
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Susan Cassel _____
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DATE SIGNED: 5/15/14

Attachment #1 (Project Map)



State Bridge Village Erosion Control



Attachment #2 (Project Location (Imagery))



State Bridge Village Erosion Control Imagery

