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

NUMBER: CO-100-2008-003 DNA

PROJECT NAME: EA-CO-100-2007-057: Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (RAMP/TMP Phase 1)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Routt County, Colorado, Sixth Principal Meridian. T.6N., R.85W., Sections 13, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and portions thereof.

APPLICANT: Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

A. Describe the Proposed Action

This DNA clarifies the language of the Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (RAMP/TMP Phase 1) EA-CO-100-2007-057 under Description of Proposed Action and Alternatives, 1) Trail Construction, and 2) Trailhead Development, and updates the Proposed Project Map to reflect those changes.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES: The proposed action is to implement the projects as described in the Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (IP) and incorporate and implement a stipulated settlement agreement between the BLM and Humble Ranch (see Attachment 1). The Settlement Agreement between Humble Ventures L.L.C. and the Bureau of Land Management was entered into on the 10th day of March, 2008. The settlement agreement was entered into for the purpose of dismissal of an appeal filed by Humble Ventures L.L.C with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, IBLA Docket No. 2007-254, from the BLM's decision for the Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (RAMP/TMP Phase 1) EA-CO-100-2007-057. The Decision appealed from is dated June 18, 2007. In the event of a conflict between the DNA and the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Agreement controls.

Specific projects and implementation considerations are described in the IP (Attachment A) and in the sections below:

1) Trail construction

The BLM would construct new trails or improve sections of existing trails in sustainable locations within the appropriate management zones. If, at a time in the future, legal public

access is acquired on adjacent non-federal lands, connecting spur trails may be developed to these public access points. BLM will only build a trail that connects to non-federal lands if (1) that trail connects with a trail which the public has a right to use at a specific and particular access point; (2) the trail across non-federal lands is in use at the time the BLM builds such a connecting trail; and (3) construction of the BLM connecting trail does not put lawful public users of the trail on non-federal lands in violation of any state laws or private property rights (see No. 2 and 3 of Settlement Agreement, page 2).

No trails will be developed on BLM land which dead end at a federal and non-federal property boundary if a public easement does not exist on the adjacent non-federal property. The zone delineation boundary between zone 1 and zone 2 may be adjusted moderately to accomplish the proposed recreational development within each zone while still maintaining the setting and objectives of each zone as described in the RMP Amendment (EA CO-100-2006-089). The trails on federal lands would be single track and cleared of trees and brush to provide sufficient visibility and passing room for trail activities. Trail signs would be posted to mark the route and provide trail regulations, safety, and etiquette messages appropriate for the management zone. No trail improvements or signage would be conducted on non-federal lands without the written approval of the landowner across which a public right of use may be secured.

The following trails have been identified in collaboration with the Emerald Mountain Partnership and the City of Steamboat Springs for designation and implementation (see Attachments A and B). These trails would be designated and available for foot and/or horseback and/or mechanized non-motorized use (i.e. mountain bikes) unless otherwise indicated.

- Agate Creek Trail on BLM property.
- An Agate Creek Connector Trail to link the trail system.
- Ridge Trail (from Blackmere Drive Trail to Cow Creek Road)
- Ridge Trail Loop (Twenty Mile Trail) (in northwest corner of Emerald Mountain Parcel)
- Moose Draw Trail (from Cow Creek Road in the southwest corner of the Emerald Mountain Parcel). This trail would be initially designed as a non-mechanized trail. Mechanized travel may be considered pending further site specific zone boundary review and adjustment consideration.
- Moose Draw Connector Trail to link the trail system.

Additional trails may be collaboratively proposed by community partners through the IP revision process. The BLM would make final decisions on collaborative recommendations by community partners and affected parties on trail locations, designations, and construction.

Any proposed trails to be constructed will consider the actions and needs which may affect adjoining land owners including the City of Steamboat Springs, Colorado Division of Wildlife, and private landowners. BLM will not make any final decisions on collaborative recommendations by community partners and affected parties that put the public in violation of state regulations or encourage trespass (see No. 4 of Settlement Agreement, page 2). Before any new trail is constructed at the common boundary where the DOW property, Humble property, and the BLM property intersect in Section 30, the BLM will conduct an official cadastral survey of this location.

BLM staff and authorized contractors/cooperators would provide trail flagging, GPS/GIS records, and cultural clearances. Trail construction would be performed by the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Steamboat Springs Community Youth Corps, volunteers, City of Steamboat Springs, BLM staff and authorized contractors. BLM would provide oversight and direction on all phases of the trail construction. The trails would meet or exceed all applicable BLM trail construction standards. The standards include minimum 3-foot width cleared to dirt or surface vegetation, follows land contours at or below 10% grade, side slanted surface or water dips for drainage where needed. Trail drainage design will take advantage of rocky areas and natural drainage areas to minimize erosion and maintenance requirements. Constructed splash guards or other energy dissipaters will be utilized as required where natural features do not occur. The vegetation canopy would be cleared to minimum 4 foot width and 9 foot height. Drainage crossings would be natural or improved with rocks and gravel where needed. No bridges would be required.

2) Trailhead development

The BLM would construct parking areas and install day use shelters, picnic tables, vault toilets, directional and interpretive signing or other appropriate facilities at or near the approximate locations indicated on the attached map. The immediate area of the facilities would be cleared of vegetation and construction would meet BLM standards. Several trailhead parking areas and day use facilities have been identified and would be developed in collaboration with the Emerald Mountain Partnership, the City of Steamboat Springs, Routt County, and other partners. Plans for the parking areas, signs and facilities would be submitted to Routt County for approval through their planning process to minimize traffic safety concerns. For pipelines and buried communication lines, the “One Call” system to locate and stake the centerline of all underground facilities prior to construction activity would be employed. In addition, BLM would provide 48 hours notification to the owner/operator of any buried utilities or other facilities prior to conducting any construction work within 10 feet of the facility. The following two trailhead developments are proposed:

- The Ridge Trail parking area (NW1/4, NW1/4 Section 27) would be constructed along Cow Creek Road. It would be approximately 200' x 200' (space for 20 cars) with 6" of compacted road base surface. There would be approximately two open air accessible concrete picnic tables and two concrete picnic tables or with metal or wood weather shelters. One two-sided prefab concrete vault toilet (approximately 10' deep, 15' wide, and 30' long) would be excavated and installed. One metal or wood information kiosk would be installed (approximately 3-4 posts 4' deep).
- Moose Draw Trail parking area (SW1/4, SW1/4 Section 35) would be constructed along Cow Creek Road. It would be approximately 100' x 100' (space for 10 cars) with 6" of compacted road base surface. There would be approximately two open air accessible concrete picnic tables and two concrete picnic tables or with metal or wood weather shelters. One two sided prefab concrete vault toilet (approximately 10' deep, 15' wide, and 30' long) would be excavated and installed. One metal or wood information kiosk would be installed (approximately 3 – 4 posts 4' deep).

Additional trailhead parking areas and facilities may be proposed by the BLM or community partners through the IP revision process. The BLM would make final decisions on collaborative recommendations by community partners and affected parties on trailhead locations, facilities and construction.

3) Access Portals for foot, horse, and bicycle access

The BLM would modify the existing fence along Cow Creek to create appropriate access portals for foot and horse use along the Management Zone 2 boundary and foot, horse, and bicycle use at the trail endpoints within Management Zone 1. The portals along the Management Zone 2 boundary for access for foot and horseback day use in Management Zone 2, initiates the ability to achieve targeted recreational opportunities. These opportunities and objectives were identified in Section 9.4.3.4 Recreation Management Zone 2, to provide opportunities primarily for wildlife viewing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, and similar activities.

4) Standard operating procedures employed in project implementation:

Several operating procedures will be employed during project implementation to protect a variety of resources on Emerald Mountain. These procedures are:

Project Implementation and land uses would be managed to assure wildlife habitats meet the Colorado Public Land Health Standards and native plant communities would be maintained to provide quality habitat for a variety of species. Biological diversity and ecosystem health would be maintained in order to contribute to healthy wildlife populations. The BLM will collaborate with the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW), Routt County, and adjacent landowners and interested public concerning trail locations, designations, and construction.

Cultural resource survey will occur before construction. Impacts to cultural resources will be mitigated through a range of practices as necessary from project avoidance to research design guided cultural data recovery excavations.

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered during trail construction shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. Construction operations shall be suspended in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values.

Project activities which remove migratory bird nesting habitat will not be permitted during the months of May 15 through July 15 to prevent disturbance to nesting migratory birds.

Spring and seep sources will be avoided during construction of new trail segments. New trail segments will be located to avoid all wetland areas if possible. Site specific mitigation will be developed for areas that cannot be avoided.

Storm water permits for day use parking areas will be acquired as needed prior to construction of the parking/day use area.

5) Compliance plan(s):

Compliance Schedule: Compliance will be conducted during the construction phase and maintenance phase to ensure that all terms and conditions specified in the Implementation Plan are followed. This will be done on a five-year compliance schedule after completion of the project.

Monitoring Plan: The Emerald Mountain use and condition of trails, trailheads and facilities will be monitored during the life of the project for compliance with all stipulations and pertinent regulations as well as achievement of identified recreation objectives within each zone. Corrective action will be identified and implemented as needed.

The BLM will also cooperate with the CDOW to monitor the impact of any such trail on wildlife and take appropriate actions to mitigate adverse impacts to wildlife or wildlife habitat.

Assignment of Responsibility: Responsibility for implementation of the compliance schedule and monitoring plan will be assigned to the Recreation staff in the Little Snake Field Office. The primary inspector will be the Recreation Specialist.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: Little Snake Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved: April 26, 1989

C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

- Emerald Mountain Land Exchange Environmental Assessment and Resource Management Plan Amendment CO-100-2006-089, October 2006.
- Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (RAMP/TMP Phase 1) CO-100-2007-057, June 2007.
- Little Snake Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (ROD), Colorado Public Land Health Standards, Decision Record & Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment, March 1997.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current proposed action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?

Yes. The current proposed actions are part of the proposed actions in the previously approved Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (RAMP/TMP Phase 1) CO-100-2007-057 that was tiered off of the approved Emerald Mountain Land Exchange Environmental

Assessment and Resource Management Plan Amendment CO-100-2006-089.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Yes. Emerald Mountain Land Exchange Environmental Assessment and Resource Management Plan Amendment CO-100-2006-089 analyzed the environmental impacts of alternatives ranging from a No Action Alternative to a Full Development Alternative. Alternative 2, Modified Use, was selected as the preferred alternative for Emerald Mountain Resource Management and approved in the Decision record signed October 4, 2006. The proposed action as re-stated and clarified in this DNA is identical to that contained in the Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (RAMP/TMP Phase 1) CO-100-2007-057, June 2007.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?

Yes. The Proposed Action would have no disproportionate impacts on minority populations or low income communities per Executive Order (EO) 12898 and would not adversely impact migratory birds per EO 13186.

Trail construction and trailhead development will continue to meet objectives and goals. The BLM will construct new or improve sections of existing trails in sustainable locations within the appropriate management zones as identified in the Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (RAMP/TMP Phase 1) CO-100-2007-057. Data reaffirm that the NEPA documentation identified all resource concerns for the affected environment. The proposed action will not adversely affect Public Land Health Standards.

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?

Yes. The Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (RAMP/TMP Phase 1) CO-100-2007-057, methodology and analytical approach are appropriate to this proposed action, as originally identified in the Emerald Mountain Land Exchange Environmental Assessment and Resource Management Plan Amendment CO-100-2006-089.

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?

Yes. Emerald Mountain Land Exchange Environmental Assessment and Resource Management Plan Amendment CO-100-2006-089 analyzed the direct, indirect, and site-specific impacts of the area covered under this present proposed action. The direct, indirect, and site-specific impacts of the proposed action were further analyzed in the Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (RAMP/TMP Phase 1) CO-100-2007-057, June 2007.

6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

Yes. Each of the alternatives analyzed in the Emerald Mountain Land Exchange Environmental Assessment and Resource Management Plan Amendment CO-100-2006-089 addressed cumulative impacts. The cumulative impacts resulting from the current proposed action are unchanged from those analyzed in the Final EA. The cumulative impacts were further analyzed in the Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (RAMP/TMP Phase 1) CO-100-2007-057, June 2007, and remain unchanged.

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Yes. All public involvement and interagency review associated with the Emerald Mountain Recreation Implementation Plan (RAMP/TMP Phase 1) CO-100-2007-057 are adequate to this proposed action. This document tiers off of the Emerald Mountain Land Exchange Environmental Assessment and Resource Management Plan Amendment CO-100-2006-089, which also involved public involvement and interagency review. This DNA integrates further public involvement by incorporating by reference the Settlement Agreement between Humble Ventures L.L.C. and the Bureau of Land Management entered into on the 10th day of March, 2008.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

| Name | Title | Resource Represented | Initials/Date |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Gina Robison | Outdoor Recreation Planner | Recreation/Travel Management | GMR 3-24-08 |
| Robyn Morris | Archaeologist | Cultural Resources, Native American Concerns | Rwm 3-5-2008 |
| Mike Andrews | Realty Specialist | Environmental Justice | MAA 02/26/08 |
| Ole Olsen | Natural Resource Specialist | Invasive Non-native Species | OO 2/29/08 |
| Tim Novotny | Wildlife Biologist | Migratory Birds | TMN 3/5/08 |
| Ole Olsen | Natural Resource Specialist | Wetlands/Riparian Zones | OO 2/29/08 |
| Ole Olsen | Natural Resource Specialist | Water and Soils Quality - Surface | OO 2/29/08 |
| Hunter Seim | Rangeland Management Specialist | Range Management and Upland Vegetation | JHS 3/3/08 |
| Jennifer Maiolo | Mining Engineer | Paleontology | JAM 3/25/08 |
| Mike Andrews | Realty Specialist | Realty Authorizations | MAA 02/26/08 |
| Tim Novotny | Wildlife Biologist | Wildlife, Aquatic and Terrestrial | TMN 3/5/08 |

STANDARDS:

| Name | Title | Standard | Initials/Date |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Tim Novotny | Wildlife Biologist | Animal Community | TMN 3/5/08 |
| Hunter Seim | Rangeland Management Specialist | Plant Community | JHS 3/3/08 |
| Tim Novotny | Wildlife Biologist | Special Status, T&E Species – Animals | TMN 3/5/08 |

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| Hunter Seim | Rangeland Management Specialist | Special Status, T&E Species – Plants | JHS 3/3/08 |
| Ole Olsen | Natural Resource Specialist | Riparian Systems | OO 2/29/08 |
| Ole Olsen | Natural Resource Specialist | Water Quality | OO 2/29/08 |
| Ole Olsen | Natural Resource Specialist | Upland Soils | OO 2/29/08 |

Land Health Assessment

This action has been reviewed for conformance with the BLM’s Public Land Health Standards adopted February 12, 1997. This action will not adversely affect achievement of the Public Land Health Standards. An interdisciplinary team of resource specialists conducted a land health assessment on September 1, 2005.

Conclusion

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

Signature of Lead Specialist _____ Date _____

Signature of NEPA Coordinator _____ Date _____

Signature of the Authorizing Official _____ Date _____

Note: The signed Conclusion on this document is part of an interim step in the BLM’s internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision.

Attachment A

Emerald Mountain Implementation Plan

The following Implementation Plan (IP) incorporates requirements for the Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) and Travel Management Plan (TMP) identified in the Little Snake Emerald Mountain Land Exchange and Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment Environmental Assessment (EA CO-100-2006-089) for Emerald Mountain.

The RMP stipulates that the IP will continue to be collaboratively developed with community partners. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been developed to identify the roles and responsibilities of the BLM and community partners in developing and carrying out the IP.

The IP is a dynamic document intended to address all recreation and travel management actions and needs for the BLM Emerald Mountain Parcel through the collaborative process. It will be reviewed and updated with community partners annually, or more frequently if needed.

The intention of the RMP and IP is to phase-in specific projects and facilities as partners, funding, and other resources become available. It considers and includes actions and needs which may affect adjoining land owners including the City of Steamboat Springs, Colorado Division of Wildlife, and private landowners.

RMP maintenance adjustments will be also addressed as needed. This provides a mechanism for minor changes and corrections in the RMP document which do not change the overall objectives of the RMP. Examples of RMP maintenance items include mapping adjustments and wording changes to reflect current policy.

The BLM will make final decisions on collaborative recommendations by community partners and affected parties on trail locations, designations, and construction. BLM reserves the right to make different decisions based on its own decision rational and policies.

Recreation Management Zone 1 - Mountain Ridge

| <i>PHYSICAL SETTING =</i> | | <i>Prescribes the character of the LAND and FACILITIES including remoteness, degree of naturalness, and the type and amount of facilities present.</i> | | | | | |
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| Zone 1 | Allow a few modifications in an otherwise naturally appearing landscape with existing primitive roads. Retain the existing characteristic landscape. Develop and maintain a few non-motorized multi-use primitive trails with trail signs and erosion controls. Install interpretive sign at/near trailheads. Provide basic facilities such as parking areas, pit toilets, picnic tables, and day use shelters along Cow Creek Road. | | | | | | |
| Management Actions: | Priority | Where | How (Critical Steps) | When | Who | Other | Costs |
| Designate, construct and maintain routes open for sustainable, non-motorized, multi-use recreation. | | | | | | | |
| Agate Creek Trail: construct alternative single track route west of the DOW property. Install trail signing and improve existing trail. | A | | Trail flagging GPS map Cultural Analysis. BLM recreation planner OK required before construction. | When funding and resources are available. | EMP, COSS, BLM, RMYC, volunteers | - Collaboration with community partners - Environmental Assessment (EA) | \$10,000 |
| Ridge Trail: construct alternative single track route off of the existing two track road as needed. Install trail signing and improve existing trail. | A | | Trail flagging GPS map Cultural Analysis. BLM recreation planner OK required before construction. | When funding and resources are available. | EMP, COSS, BLM, RMYC, volunteers | - Collaboration with community partners - Environmental Assessment (EA) | \$30,000 |
| Agate Creek Connector Trail to link the trail system. Construct new segments and improve existing trail, provide trail signing | B | | Trail flagging GPS map Cultural Analysis. BLM recreation planner OK required before construction. | When funding and resources are available. | EMP, COSS, BLM, RMYC, volunteers | - Collaboration with community partners - Environmental Assessment (EA) | \$10,000 |
| Twenty Mile Trail (Ridge Loop Trail) (from County Road 33, a.k.a. Twenty Mile Road, to the Ridge Trail): construct new segments and improve existing trail, provide trail signing | B | | Trail flagging GPS map Cultural Analysis. BLM recreation planner OK required before construction. | When funding and resources are available. | EMP, COSS, BLM, RMYC, volunteers | - Collaboration with community partners - Environmental Assessment (EA) | |
| Construct Ridge Trail parking area/trailhead, day shelter, picnic tables, vault toilet, interpretive signing | B | | Trail flagging GPS map Cultural Analysis. BLM recreation planner OK required before construction. | When funding and resources are available. | EMP, COSS, BLM, RMYC, volunteers | - Collaboration with community partners - Environmental Assessment (EA) | \$120,000 |

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| <i>SOCIAL SETTING =</i> | <i>Prescribes the character of HUMAN USE and OCCUPANCY including the amount of contact with other people and evidence of their having been present.</i> | | | | | | |
| Zone 1 | Visitors can expect a moderate amount of contacts with others and group sizes averaging up to 12 people per group. Some evidence of visitor use, vehicle tracks, and worn vegetation likely. | | | | | | |
| Management Actions: | Priority | Where | How (Critical Steps) | When | Who | Other | Costs |
| The management of the area will focus on meeting the above social target, even though increasing use of the area could make this target difficult to maintain. | B | Entire Zone | If monitoring, via user survey & patrols indicates that an increase in people is negatively affecting the achievement of benefits or management objectives, then indirect management actions (i.e. signing and public education) could be taken to reduce the number of encounters. | feedback from visitors and patrols | BLM, EMP, volunteers | Indirect methods (i.e. signing and public education) to maintain social setting will be utilized in conjunction with recommendations from the EMP before direct visitor limitations would be considered. | |
| Conduct periodic visitor survey's and maintain a public input process to achieve regular feedback on the "desire for" and "achievement of" the identified management objectives. | B | Area-wide | BLM & EMP Council to begin planning in 2007 to get funding & researcher to perform surveys beginning in 2008. | When funding and resources are available. | To be determined | To be determined | \$50,000 |

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| <i>ADMINISTRATIVE SETTING =</i> | <i>Prescribes the character of the SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM including the degree of management control, regulation, and visitor services provided by collaborating partners..</i> | | | | | | |
| Zone 1 | Mechanized and non-mechanized travel allowed on trails. Specially authorized motorized use (permittee, admin., emergency) acceptable. Brochures, maps and some BLM staff/volunteers occasionally available to assist visitors. Periodic enforcement presence. Occasional signing with rules clearly posted at access points. Domestic animals present, non-working dogs must be on a leash. Individual user fees possible. | | | | | | |
| Management Actions: | Priority | Where | How (Critical Steps) | When | Who | Other | Costs |
| Ensure that Emerald Mountain is managed in accordance with BLM Special Recreation Management area (SRMA) policy where recreation is the principal management focus | A | Entire Zone | BLM will coordinate with partners on management issues within the Zone | | BLM | RMP revised by plan maintenance or amendment | None |
| Monitoring strategy for physical, biological and social objectives. | Ongoing | Entire Zone | Develop monitoring plan (see attached) | | BLM, EMP, Volunteers | | \$10,000 |
| Develop Annual Budget | Ongoing | N/A | Utilize implementation plan and other information | Annually | EMP, COSS, BLM | | None |
| Secure Funding for Projects and Operations | Ongoing | N/A | Determine grant application deadlines and budget deadlines. | Ongoing | EMP, COSS, BLM | | Unknown |

Zone 2 - East Cow Creek

| <i>PHYSICAL SETTING =</i> | <i>Prescribes the character of the LAND and FACILITIES including remoteness, degree of naturalness, and the type and amount of facilities present.</i> | | | | | | |
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| Zone 2 | The area would generally retain its existing remoteness and naturally appearing landscape. Some trails would be marked and maintained. Trailheads with basic toilets would be provided. | | | | | | |
| Management Actions: | Priority | Where | How (Critical Steps) | When | Who | Other | Costs |
| Designate, construct and maintain routes open for non-motorized, non-mechanized use. | | | | | | | |
| Moose Draw Trail. Construct new single track or improve existing connector trail (Moose Draw Connector Trail to link trail system), provide trail signing | B | | Trail flagging GPS map Cultural Analysis. BLM recreation planner OK required before construction. | When funding and resources are available. | EMP, COSS, BLM, RMYC, volunteers | - Collaboration with community partners - Environmental Assessment (EA) | 10,000 |
| Moose Draw Trail trailhead and parking area (10 cars), day shelter (1), picnic tables (2), vault toilet, interpretive signing | B | | Trail flagging GPS map Cultural Analysis. BLM recreation planner OK required before construction. | When funding and resources are available. | EMP, COSS, BLM, RMYC, volunteers | - Collaboration with community partners - Environmental Assessment (EA) | 90,000 |

| <i>SOCIAL SETTING =</i> | <i>Prescribes the character of HUMAN USE and OCCUPANCY including the amount of contact with other people and evidence of their having been present.</i> | | | | | | |
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| Zone 2 | Visitors would have few encounters with other groups that average 4-6 people per group. Some evidence of visitor use, specially authorized motor vehicle tracks and worn vegetation likely. | | | | | | |
| Management Actions: | Priority | Where | How (Critical Steps) | When | Who | Other | Costs |
| The management of the area will focus on meeting the above social target, even though increasing use of the area could make this target difficult to maintain. | B | Entire Zone | If monitoring, via user survey & patrols indicates that an increase in people is negatively affecting the achievement of benefits or management objectives, then indirect management actions (ie. signing and public education) could be taken to reduce the number of encounters. | on-going feedback from visitors and patrols | | Indirect methods (i.e. signing and public education) to maintain social setting will be utilized in conjunction with recommendations from the EMP before direct visitor limitations would be considered. | |
| Conduct periodic visitor survey's and maintain a public input process to achieve regular feedback on the "desire for" and "achievement of" the identified management objectives. | B | Area-wide | BLM & EMP Council to begin planning in 2007 to get funding & researcher to perform a survey in 2008. | 2008 implementation | BLM, EMP, volunteers | To be determined | \$50,000 |

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| ADMINISTRATIVE SETTING = | <i>Prescribes the character of the SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM including the degree of management control, regulation, and visitor services provided by collaborating partners..</i> | | | | | | |
| Zone 2 | Non- mechanized use allowed. Specially authorized motorized use (permittee, admin., emergency) acceptable. Brochures, maps and some BLM staff/volunteer occasionally available to assist visitors. Periodic enforcement presence. Occasional signing with rules clearly posted at access points. Domestic animals present, non-working dogs must be on a leash. Individual user fees possible. | | | | | | |
| Management Actions: | Priority | Where | How (Critical Steps) | When | Who | Other | Costs |
| Ensure that Emerald Mountain is managed in accordance with BLM Special Recreation Management area (SRMA) policy where recreation is the principal management focus | A | Entire Zone | BLM will coordinate with partners on management issues within the Zone | | BLM | RMP revised by plan maintenance or amendment | None |
| Monitoring strategy for physical, biological and social objectives. | Ongoing | Entire Zone | Develop monitoring plan | | BLM, EMP, Volunteers | | \$10000 |
| Develop Annual Budget | Ongoing | N/A | Utilize implementation plan and other information | Annually | EMP, COSS, BLM | | None |
| Secure Funding for Projects and Operations | Ongoing | N/A | Determine grant application deadlines and budget deadlines. | Ongoing | EMP, COSS, BLM | | Unknown |

Attachment B

Emerald Mountain Proposed Projects Map

