

**United States Department of the Interior
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**Categorical Exclusion
DOI-BLM-CO-SO50-2014-0029 CX**

May 2014

Hwy 90 and Hole in the Rock Trash Clean-up

Location: Montrose County, CO

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PLANNING UNIT: Uncompahgre Basin Resource Management Area

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T.48N., R.10W., Sec. 8

APPLICANT: Montrose Rod and Gun Club

BACKGROUND: The Montrose Rod and Gun Club has approached the BLM to clean up trash from an area located off of Hwy 90 (map). The site over several years has accumulated a large amount of trash, which will require heavy equipment to assist with the clean-up.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed action is to clean up trash within the site (map). Smaller trash would be cleaned up by hand. The Rod and Gun Club would use backhoes and dump trucks for larger trash. Dumpsters would be allowed on site during cleanup and would be hauled away as soon as possible upon completion. The trash clean-up would occur in May or June 2014.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with the following plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3):

Name of Plan: Uncompahgre Basin Resource Management Plan (RMP)

Date Approved: July 1989

Decision Language: Even though the proposal is not specifically provided for in the RMP, it is not restricted by any RMP decisions, and is consistent with the RMP decision to maintain visual quality (page 11).

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, Number J.10, which allows "Removal of structures and materials of no historical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved". This project is to remove materials of no historical value.

None of the following exceptions in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Exclusion	YES	NO
1. Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.	___	<u>X</u>
2. Have adverse effects 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.	___	<u>X</u>
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.	___	<u>X</u>
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	___	<u>X</u>
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	___	<u>X</u>
6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	___	<u>X</u>
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places.	___	<u>X</u>
8. 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.	___	<u>X</u>
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	___	<u>X</u>
10. Have disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.	___	<u>X</u>
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.	___	<u>X</u>
12. 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.	___	<u>X</u>

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Area of Responsibility</u>
Missy Siders/Ken Holsinger	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife and T&E Species
Glade Hadden	Archeologist	Cultural/Native American Concerns

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: The proposed cleanup area has been previously inventoried for cultural resources (79UN-12). There are no known or anticipated National Register or otherwise eligible historic properties in the area and no further work is required.

Native American Religious Concerns: There are none known or anticipated for this area.

Threatened and Endangered Species: There will be no impacts to federally listed species.

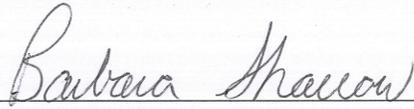
NAME OF PREPARER: Julie Jackson

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: 
Bruce Krickbaum

DATE: May 21, 2014

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, J.10. 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 DM 2 apply.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: 
Barbara Sharrow,
Uncompahgre Field Office, Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 5-21-14

Attachments: Map

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Decision Record

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PROJECT NAME: Hwy 90 and Hole in the Rock Clean-up

DECISION: It is my decision to allow the Rod and Gun Club to clean up trash within the proposed site. Smaller trash will be cleaned up by hand. The Rod and Gun Club will use backhoes and dump trucks for larger trash. Dumpsters will be allowed on the site during cleanup and will be hauled away as soon as possible upon completion. The trash clean-up will occur in May or June 2014.

MITIGATION MEASURES: None are needed.

RATIONALE: The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, J.10. 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 DM 2 apply.

COMPLIANCE WITH MAJOR LAWS and CONFORMANCE WITH LAND USE PLAN:
The decision is in compliance with applicable laws, regulations and policy, including the Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act and National Historic Preservation Act. It is also in conformance with the Uncompahgre Basin RMP.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The BLM informed the public about this project by listing it on the online Uncompahgre NEPA Register and a copy of the completed Categorical Exclusion will be posted on the NEPA website.

ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES: If you are adversely affected by this decision, within 30 days of receipt of this decision you have the right of appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR §4.400.

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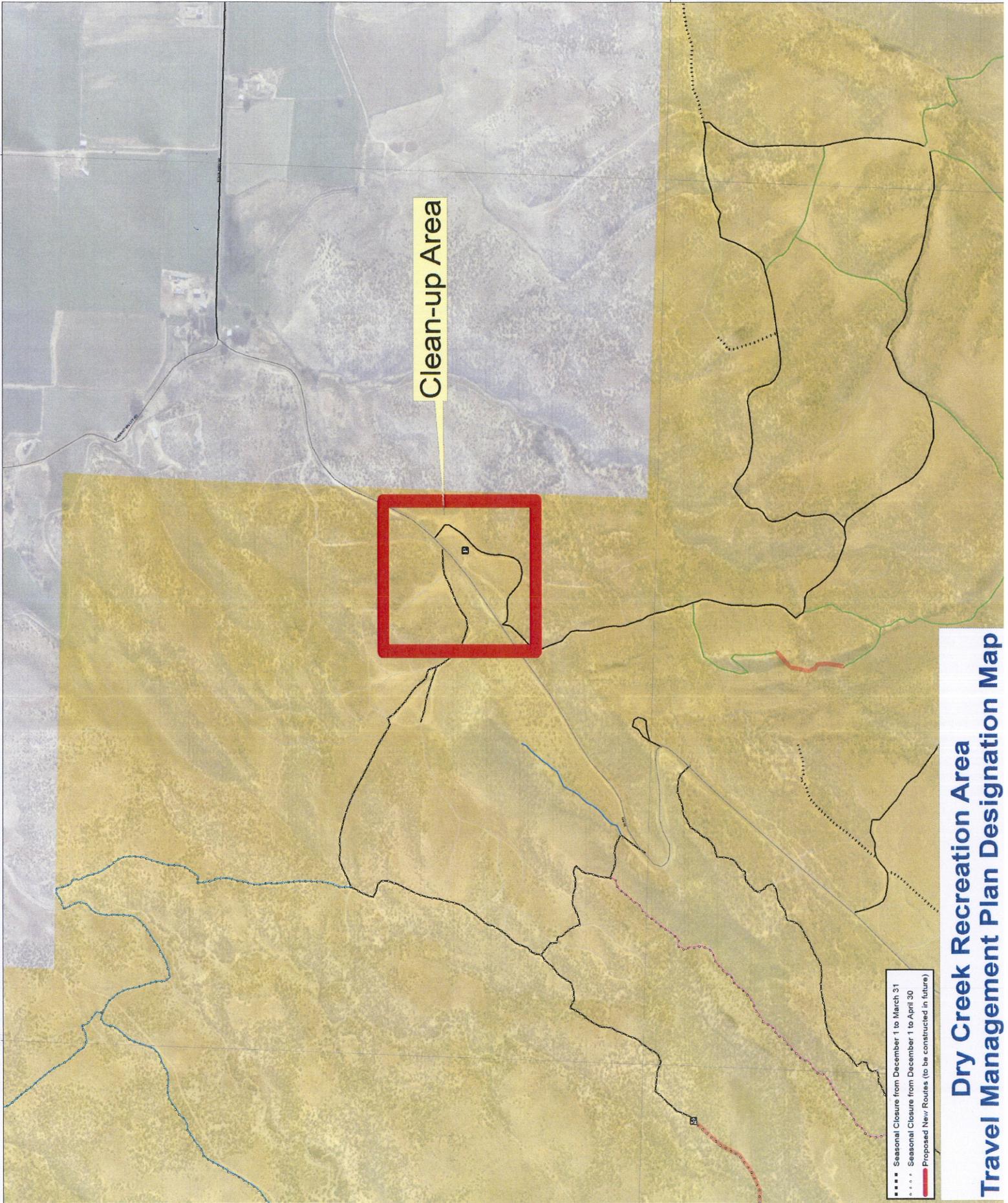
NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Bruce Krickbaum DATE May 21, 2014

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL _____

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Field Manager, Uncompahgre Field Office

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Clean-up Area

- Seasonal Closure from December 1 to March 31
- ... Seasonal Closure from December 1 to April 30
- Proposed New Routes (to be constructed in future)

Dry Creek Recreation Area Travel Management Plan Designation Map