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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
for the
Tin Can Hill Vegetation Treatment Unit B

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NUMBER: DOI-BLM-MT-L060-2010-0035-EA

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the information contained in the environmental assessment for the Tin Can Hill Vegetation Treatment Unit B, I find that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

This finding is based on the following reasons. Known historic properties within the area of potential effects will be avoided during implementation. Protective measures including but not limited to black lining, hand removal of vegetation, etc. will be completed around known cultural sites; the permitted use for livestock grazing will not change; fuel loadings will be reduced and the potential for high severity wildfire will be lowered; changes to the visual landscape would not attract the attention of the casual observer once green up and revegetation occurs; there will be no significant or long-term effect to recreation values; and wildlife habitat will be enhanced.

Mitigation Measures

Existing noxious weed infestations will be monitored and treated using an integrated weed management approach, cooperative agreements with grazing permittees, and contracts with approved applicators may be used to control existing and new infestations. Surveys, for new infestations, will be conducted for 3 to 5 years or until the vegetation completely recovers from the treatment and provides competition from new infestations. Any new infestations will be monitored and treated as an existing infestation. Weed surveys will continue throughout the area, on a regular basis, by the BLM and grazing permittees.

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04/02/2011
Date

Area Manager, Northeast Land Office
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