

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

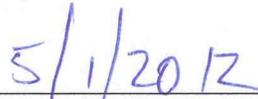
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DOI-BLM-MT-L070-2012-0004-EA**

Finding of No Significant Impact: Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, and considering the significance criteria in 40 CFR §1508.27, I find that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

This finding is based on the following reasons. There are no significant effects to paleontological, cultural, climate, wildlife, T&E species, or visual resources.



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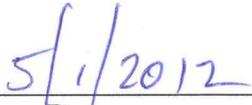
Decision: It is my decision to authorize the acquisition of the privately owned parcels as described in the Proposed Action of EA # DOI-BLM-MT-L070-2012-0004. Upon acquisition of title the following management guidelines will be in place for these parcels.

1. Will be reserved as part of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.
2. Visual Resource Management Classification will be Class I.
3. Motorized travel on these parcels will be restricted to existing roads and ways.
4. The acquisition lands will not be open to mineral entry.
5. The parcels are within the boundaries of the PN Sag Allotment and will be available for prescription livestock grazing to meet specific resource objectives as determined through a site-specific planning process.
6. Vegetation management on the acquired lands will emphasize maintaining and restoring healthy, diverse, and productive native plant communities. The acquired forest and rangeland ecological types will be added to the surrounding public land for management purposes.
7. The acquisition lands will be included in the surrounding public lands weed management plan and managed accordingly.
8. Soils will be managed to maintain or improve soil health and productivity to provide an ecosystem supporting plant and animal species.

Rationale for Decision: This action does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation and is in conformance with the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Resource Management Plan (December, 2008).



Monument Manager



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