

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT/ DECISION RECORD

Roswell Field Office Saltcedar and Russian-olive Control/Eradication

EA No. NM-060-2004-159

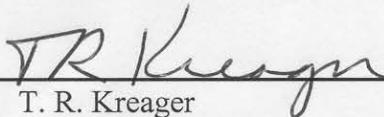
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined the proposed action is not expected to have significant impacts on the environment and that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted.

DECISION: It is my decision to authorize the extrication and subsequent herbicide treatment of salt cedar and Russian-olive to improve the ecological condition of the land within the Roswell Field Office. Salt cedar and Russian-olive will be treated on public and private land as part of this project. In addition, authorization is extended to subsequent prescribed fire treatments within the project area to include spot treatments and large scale burns. Location of the project is found on the map in the Environmental Assessment:

Actual salt cedar and Russian-olive mechanical removal will be done by BLM personnel and/or contract. Herbicide treatments and prescribed fire will also be conducted by the BLM personnel and/or contract. The surface protection procedures set forth in the proposed action have been incorporated into the Environmental Assessment. Any comments made to this proposed action were considered and addressed.

Rationale for Recommendations: The decision to authorize the proposed action does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation. The action is consistent with planned actions presented in the Roswell Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision, October 1997.

In accordance with 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4100, Sec 4160.2 any applicant, permittee, lessee or other affected interests may protest this proposed decision in person or in writing to the authorized officer, within 15 days after receipt of this decision. Please be specific in your points of protest. In the absence of a protest, this proposed decision will become the final decision without further notice. Any person who is adversely affected by a final decision of the authorized officer may file a written appeal to the Final Decision for the purpose of a hearing before an administrative law judge under 43 CFR 4.470. A period of 30 days after the decision becomes final is provided in which to file an appeal and a petition for stay of the decision in this office (43 CFR '4160.3 [c] and '4160.4).



T. R. Kreager
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Date

