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Finding of No Significant Impact

**Glade Run Recreation Area
Recreation and Travel Management Plan
NEPA No. DOI-BLM-NM-FO-2013-0197-EA**

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

I have determined that the preferred alternative, as described is Alternative A in the Environmental Assessment (EA) #DOI-BLM-NM-FO-2013-0197-EA for the Glade Run Recreation Area (GRRRA) Recreation and Travel Management Plan (R&TMP), will not have any significant impact, individually or cumulatively, on the quality of the human environment. Alternative A meets the BLM's mandate under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to manage lands under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield. Alternative A would not create any significant impact; therefore an environmental impact statement is not required.

In making this determination, I considered the following factors:

1. The activities described in the proposed action do not include any significant beneficial or adverse impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(1)). The EA includes a description of the expected environmental consequences of recreation and travel management including, designation of off-highway vehicle areas, designation of the area as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), route designation, and identification of areas for future Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP) lease(s).
2. The activities included in the proposed action would not significantly affect public health or safety (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(2)).
3. The proposed activities would not significantly affect any unique characteristics (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(3)) of the geographic area such as prime and unique farmlands, caves, wild and scenic rivers, designated wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, or areas of critical environmental concern.
4. The activities described in the proposed action do not involve effects on the human environment that are likely to be highly controversial (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(4)).
5. The activities described in the proposed action do not involve effects that are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(5)).
6. My decision to implement these activities does not establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(6)).
7. The effects of the recreation and travel management plan would not be significant, individually or cumulatively, when considered with the effects of other actions (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)). The EA discloses that there are no other connected or cumulative actions that would cause significant cumulative impacts.

8. I have determined that the activities described in the proposed action will not adversely affect or cause loss or destruction of scientific, cultural, or historical resources, including those listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(8)). Under this alternative all recreation activity would be restricted to designated roads and designated trails, except for areas identified as open to cross country travel. During route evaluations, routes found to interact with known cultural sites were closed or limited to designated use (such as administrative use). A large number of cultural sites are found along large road corridors within the GRRRA. Management and maintenance of these routes would continue at current level so as not to further impact cultural resources. This alternative would reduce the amount of new user-created routes as these routes would not be signed or placed on travel maps as a designated route effectively closing them to public use. This would reduce access and potential negative impacts (e.g. erosion, scattering) to undocumented cultural sites over the long-term.

9. The proposed activities are not likely to adversely affect any endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has been determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(9)). Closing 90 miles of roads and trail to all use and the reduction of motorized routes from 196 to 104 miles would result in moderate improvements in habitat conditions for all wildlife species including Special Management Species (SMS). These improvements would include reducing physical disturbance of habitats and populations at and in the vicinity of roads and trails, and a reduction in the amount of sediment erosion and compaction that could occur. In addition, locating these trails away from high potential habitat would reduce the disturbance of nesting birds and other SMS. Future proposed projects will continue to comply with all Federal regulations for these species.

10. The proposed activities will not threaten any violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(10)).

SIGNATURES:

Recommended By:



Victoria Barr
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5/22/15

Date

Approved By:



Aden L. Seidlitz
Acting State Director, BLM New Mexico

5/22/15

Date