FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

WY-090-EA09-123

Authorization of Livestock Grazing: Underwood Allotment (#21027)

INTRODUCTION

Based on analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached Environmental Assessment (EA) WY-090-EA09-123, I find that the Proposed Action to issue grazing permits on the Underwood allotment with modified terms and conditions will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and therefore conclude that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

RATIONALE

The Proposed Action is in conformance with applicable land use plans, namely the Kemmerer Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement approved on April 29, 1986, which provides management objectives for the Kemmerer Field Office Area. The Proposed Action also conforms with applicable laws and regulations, such as the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 4100. The Proposed Action follows the principles of multiple use and sustained yield by authorizing livestock grazing, but establishing terms and conditions that will minimize impacts to the human environment.

APPROVAL:

John R. Christensen Date: August 17, 2009

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