

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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### Environmental Assessment for Authorization #4904316 Ryegrass Area Grazing Allotments Range Improvement Projects and Permit Renewal EA# WY-100-EA09-19 April 29, 2009

*Location: Jewett Rye Grass (#02118), Brodie Draw (02171), East Aspen Ridge (#22006), and West Aspen Ridge (#00747) grazing allotments*

#### INTRODUCTION

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has conducted an environmental analysis (EA# WY-100-EA09-19) for a proposed action to address livestock grazing in the Ryegrass area in Sublette County, Wyoming. The project would authorize grazing for at least 10 years according to the Proposed Action described in EA# WY-100-EA09-19 (as attached). A No Action (or no change from current management) Alternative, a No Grazing Alternative, and a Proposed Action Alternative were analyzed in the EA.

#### PLAN CONFORMANCE AND CONSISTENCY

The allotments contain lands identified as suitable for domestic livestock grazing in the Pinedale Resource Management Plan (RMP), November 2008 and continued domestic livestock grazing is consistent with the management goals, objectives, and actions in the Pinedale RMP (pg 2-17 – 2-18, Pinedale RMP ROD).

The Pinedale RMP, which directs the management of lands contained within this project area, has as one its goals to “maintain and/or enhance livestock grazing opportunities and rangeland health”.

Alternative 3, the “No Grazing” alternative, is not consistent with the Pinedale RMP.

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DETERMINATION

Based upon a review of the EA and the supporting documents, I have determined that the project is not a major federal action and will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment, individually or cumulatively with other actions in the general area. No environmental effects meet the definition of significance in context or intensity as defined in 40 CFR 1508.27 and do not exceed those effects described in the Pinedale RMP/FEIS. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not needed.

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Authorized Officer

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