

## DECISION RECORD

### Recommendation:

My recommendation is to select the Proposed Action Alternative, as found in EA # **DOI-BLM-WY-030-2012-0077-EA**, to issue cattle "Crossing Permits" for the purpose of trailing cattle using the routes and dates identified during the scoping process.

### Location:

Rawlins Field Office (See Attached Maps)

### Rationale for Recommendation:

Compared to the no action alternative, the proposed action best meets the standards and direction of the various guiding laws, regulations, and directives that apply in this matter, including the *Federal Land Policy and Management Act* (43 USC 35). The Proposed Action is in conformance with the Rawlins Field Office Resource Management Plan, Record of Decision December 24, 2008.

### Compliance and Monitoring:

Compliance and monitoring of the effects of the proposed action are described in the attached environmental assessment. These monitoring studies conform to the Rawlins Field Office Resource Area monitoring standards.

  
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Rangeland Management Specialist:

9/30/2013  
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Date

### Decision:

Based on the environmental analysis and attached Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), it is my decision to implement the proposed action for **Rawlins Field Office Cattle Trailing EA # DOI -BLM-WY-030-2012-0077-EA**.

### Authority:

As per 43 CFR 4130.6-3 "Crossing Permits" A crossing permit may be issued by the authorized officer to any applicant showing a need to cross the public land or other land under Bureau of Land Management control, or both, with livestock for proper and lawful purposes. A temporary use authorization for trailing livestock shall contain terms and conditions for the temporary grazing use that will occur as deemed necessary by the authorized officer to achieve the objectives of this part.

As per 43 CFR 4130.3-1 "Mandatory Term and Conditions"...(c) Permits and leases shall incorporate terms and conditions that ensure conformance with subpart 4180 of this part.

As per 43 CFR 4180.1 "Fundamentals of Rangeland Health" ... (a) Watersheds are in, or are making significant progress toward, properly functioning physical condition, including their upland, riparian-wetland, and aquatic components; soil and plant conditions support infiltration, soil moisture storage, and the release of water that are in balance with climate and landform and maintain or improve water quality, water quantity, and timing and duration of flow.

(b) Ecological processes, including the hydrologic cycle, nutrient cycle, and energy flow, are maintained, or there is significant progress toward their attainment, in order to support healthy biotic populations and communities.

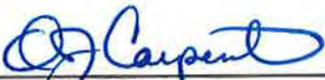
(c) Water quality complies with State water quality standards and achieves, or is making significant progress toward achieving, established BLM management objectives such as meeting wildlife needs.

(d) Habitats are, or are making significant progress toward being, restored or maintained for Federal threatened and endangered species, Federal proposed or candidate threatened and endangered species, and other special status species.

**Appeals:**

Pursuant to Section 123 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (Pub. L. 112-74), this BLM final decision is not subject to protest and/or administrative appeal under subpart E of Part 4 of Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations and subpart 4160 of part 4100 of such title.

If you have questions concerning this decision please contact Mike Murry at the BLM Rawlins Field Office at (307) 328-4253.

  
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Rawlins Field Manager: Dennis Carpenter

SEP 30 2013  
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