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Bureau of Land Management  
Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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**Project Creator:** Chelsy Simerson, RMS

**Field Office:** Stillwater

**Lead Office:** Stillwater

**Case File/Project Number:** Range Job File 5099 Buckbrush Spring Pipeline

**Applicable Categorical Exclusion**

516 DM 11.5 (H) 9: Construction of small protective enclosures including those to protect reservoirs and springs and those to protect small study areas.

**NEPA Number:** DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2012-0038-CX

**Project Name:** Buckbrush Spring Pipeline and Fence Maintenance

**Project Description:**

The proposed action will consist of basic maintenance of the Buckbrush Spring Pipeline and Fence Enclosure. Approximately 150 feet of 3 string barbed wire and 1 strand of smooth wire would be replaced with a welded pipe fence. This fence would be built in the same location as the existing fence. The only change would be the materials in which it is built.

With multiple wild horse (horse) bands coming to drink at this location, the studs tend to fight with one another. The close proximity of the fence to the water trough makes it difficult for horses to maneuver around fighting horses. Horses can become tangled and injured on the wire.

To prevent further injury to the horses, the wire would be removed, and replaced with a solid welded pipe fence. Also the inside corner brace located closest to the trough would be modified to round out the corner and allow for an easy escape.

**Applicant Name:** Bureau of Land Management, Stillwater Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701

**Project Location:** UTM's 11 S 0335822 4298680

**BLM Acres for the Project Area:** Less than 1 acre

**Land Use Plan Conformance:** The proposed action described above is consistent with the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001) page LSG-5 number 5. Range Improvements. Range Improvements will be developed to meet identified management objectives. Fencing and water developments improve livestock distribution, especially when developed in conjunction with a grazing management plan.

**Name of Plan:** Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001)

**Screening of Extraordinary Circumstances:** The following extraordinary circumstances apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (43 CFR 46.215). The BLM has considered the following criteria: (Specialist review: initial in appropriate box)

<i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i>	YES	NO
1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (Range-Jill Devaurs)		gd
2. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (EO 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas? (Archeology, Recreation, Wilderness, Wildlife, Range by allotment, Water Quality)		R SP ✓ see 2/27/12
3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (PEC)		M Z
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (PEC)		M Z
5. Would the Proposed Action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? (PEC)		M Z
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (PEC)		M Z
7. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP as determined by the bureau or office? (Archeology)		M Z
8. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the list of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species? (Wildlife)		A
9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (PEC and Archeology)		M Z M Z
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? ((PEC)		M Z
11. Would the Proposed Action limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)? (Archeology)		M Z
12. Would the Proposed Action contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112)? (Range-Jill Devaurs)		gd

**SPECIALISTS' REVIEW:**

During ID Team review of the above Proposed Action and extraordinary circumstances, the following specialists reviewed this CX:

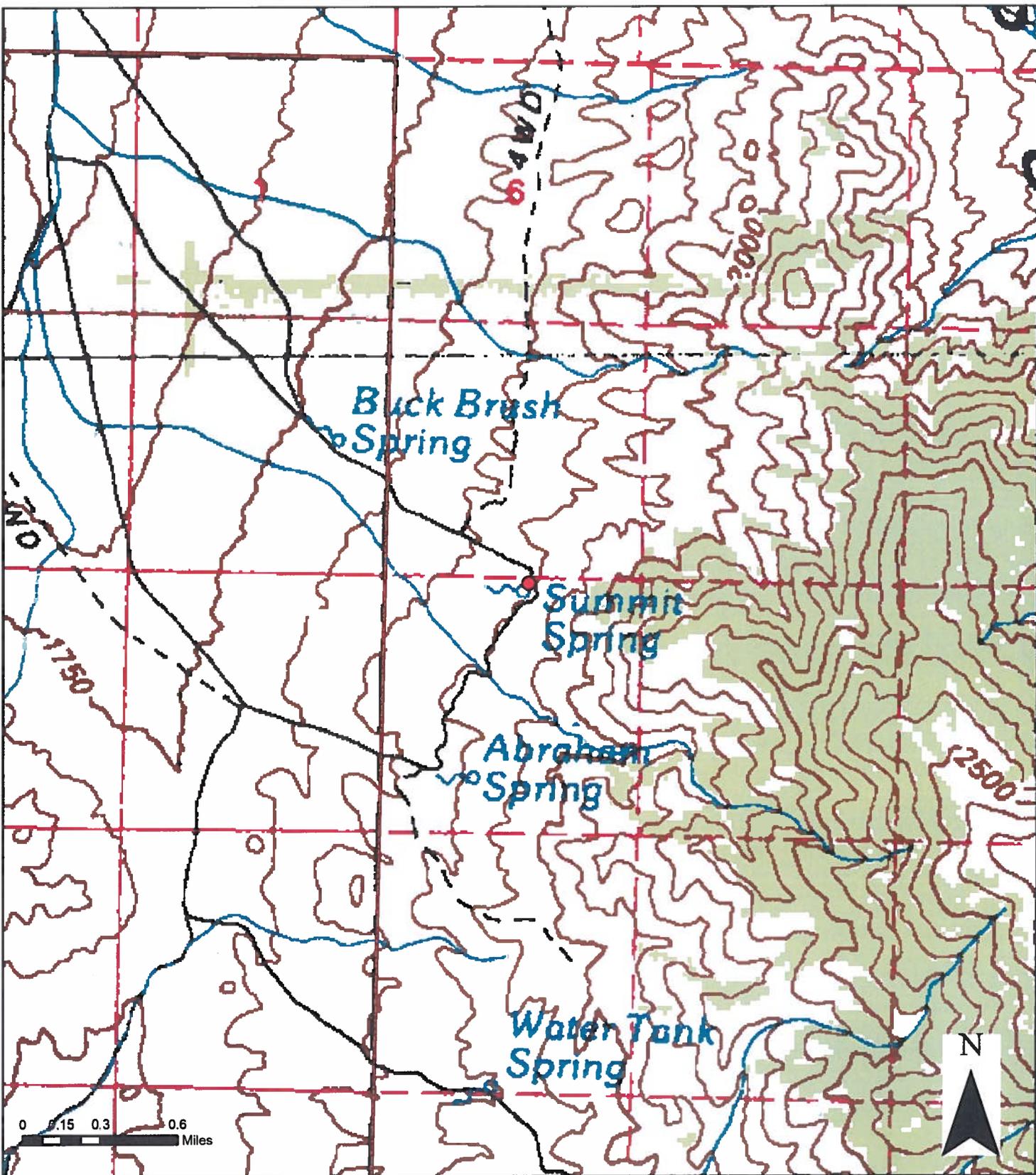
Planning Environmental Coordinator, Steve Kramer: *[Signature]* 2/23/2012  
Public Health and Safety/Grazing/Noxious Weeds, Jill Devaurs: *[Signature]* 2-27-12  
Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC, Dan Westermeyer: *[Signature]* 2/27/12  
Wildlife/T&E (BLM Sensitive Species), John Wilson: *[Signature]* 2-27-12  
Archeology, Susan McCabe: *[Signature]* SPA Appendix C.2 - 3/14/12  
Water Quality, Gabe Venegas: *[Signature]* 3/11/12  
Soils, Jill Devaurs/Linda Appel/Chelsy Simerson: *[Signature]* 3/11/12

**CONCLUSION:** Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS. A categorical exclusion is not subject to protest or appeal.

Approved by:

*Teresa J. Knutson*  
Teresa J. Knutson  
Field Manager  
Stillwater Field Office

*3/14/2012*  
(date)



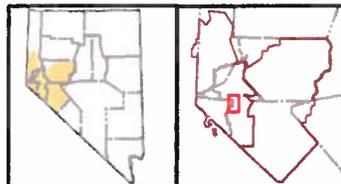
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● Project Location

## Buck Brush Exclosure Fence At Summit Spring

Buck Brush 7.5 min Map  
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