

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Twin Falls District  
Shoshone Field Office  
400 West F Street  
Shoshone, ID 83352

**Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format When Using Categorical Exclusions Not  
Established by Statute**

**NEPA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T030-2012-0023-CX**

**A. Background**

BLM Office: Shoshone Field Office. Lease/Serial/Case File No.: N/A

Proposed Action Title/Type: Kinzie Butte Center Cattle Guards.

Location of Proposed Action: T.4S, R. 17E, Section 13, NE4NE4; T.4S, R. 18E, Section 6, SE4SE4.

Description of Proposed Action: Install cattle guards at two locations on the old Burmah Highway, Shoshone Highway District maintained, in existing pasture boundary fences. The installation would require the digging of a shallow pit in the existing road bed and placing metal grates on precast concrete bases. In most cases the area disturbed during installation would be less than .01 acre per cattle guard. The project would also incorporate an additional gate to one side where livestock, wide loads and metal tracked equipment could pass. Occasionally, minor additional excavation would be needed to provide for adequate drainage and maintenance. The work would take place within the county road, right-of-way (R.O.W.).

**B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name: Shoshone Grazing Environmental Statement. Date Approved/Amended: 1979.

\_\_\_\_\_ The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

\_\_yes\_ The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): The proposed action is in conformance with the Proposed Range Improvements, Section 1-25. The Shoshone Grazing Environmental Statement states; "Construction or installation of nine different types of range facilities would be required to implement the proposal." Cattle guards are included in this list. Section 1-33 of the plan states, "These cattle guards are considered essential to maintain convenient public access on roads which would be intersected by proposed allotment or pasture fences." The proposed cattle guards are not only essential to maintain convenient public access but also serve the public safety and maintain the integrity of grazing management plans.

**C. Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, G #2, Appendix 4-153. “Installation of routine signs, markers, culverts, ditches, water-bars, gates, or **cattle guards** on/or adjacent to roads and trails identified in any land use or transportation plan, or eligible for incorporation in such plan.”

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply. Attached is the Categorical Exclusion Review Sheet, Consideration of Extraordinary Circumstances.

#### **D. Signature**

Authorizing Official: /s/ Brandon Brown Date: April 18, 2013

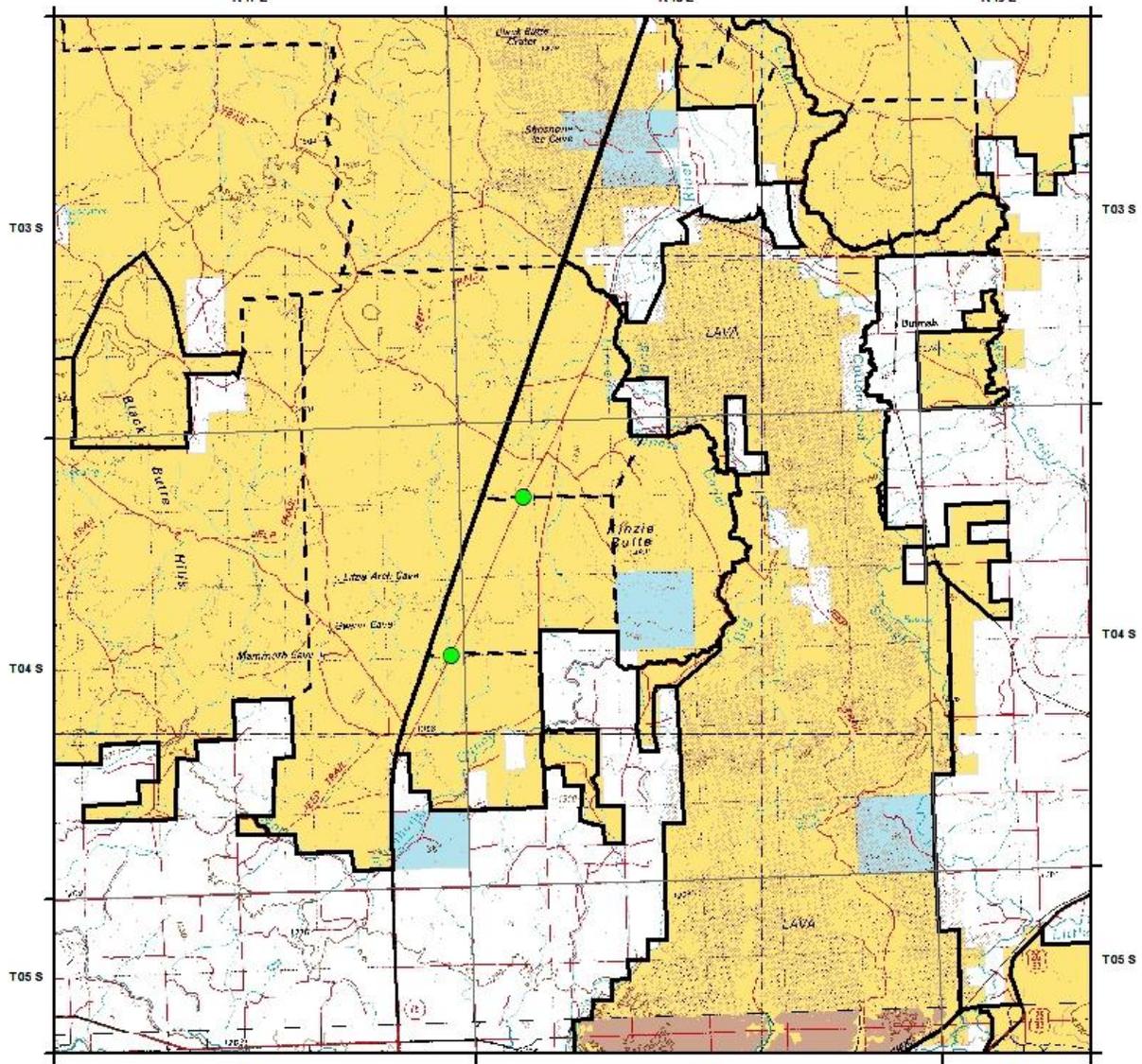
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#### **Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Ray Pease, Rangeland Management Specialist, (208) 732-7266 at address listed in heading.

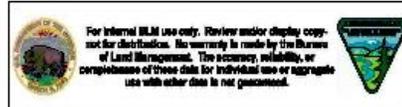
# KINZIE BUTTE CENTER CATTLEGUARDS



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## Legend

- Kinzie Butte Cattleguards
- Range Allotment
- Pasture
- Bureau of Land Management
- Private; other
- State



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