

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
FOUR RIVERS FIELD OFFICE

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION**

**CX No. DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2012-0023-CX**

**A. BACKGROUND**

**BLM Office:** Four Rivers Field Office

**Lease/Serial/Case File No.:** IDI-20018

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Power line right-of-way renewal for Payette County Motorcycle Park

**Location of Proposed Action:** T. 8 N., R. 5 W., Section 1 & 12, Boise Meridian, Payette County, Idaho  
(See attached Exhibit A)

**Description of Proposed Action:**

The Proposed Action is for a 30-year renewal of 7,371 linear feet of power line right-of-way (ROW). The existing ROW is 20-feet in width and has been in place since 1982 (30 years). The location of the renewal is approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Payette, Idaho and encompasses approximately 3.4 acres of public lands managed by the BLM. The renewal would authorize the continued use of a 34.5 kV transmission line and the ancillary service road associated with the original grant. The majority of the transmission line is accessed via an access road that is directly associated with the recreation and public purpose (R&PP) grant that has been issued to Payette County for the Clay Peak Motorcycle Park (IDI-14463). Therefore, an unsubstantial amount of operations and maintenance would occur off of this improved R&PP road.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is authorized under Title V of the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (FLPMA) of October 21, 1976: 43 CFR § 2802 to issue a FLPMA ROW grant. This grant will be subject to the terms and conditions found at 43 CFR § 2800, as well as those stipulations attached as Exhibit B, dated April 16, 2012

**B. LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE**

**Land Use Plan Name:** Cascade Resource Management Plan

**Date Approved or Amended:** July 1988

**The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, and is specifically provided for within the following LUP decision:**

*“Rights-of-way, under Title V of FLPMA, will be considered in the Cascade Resource Area except where specifically identified in the RMP for avoidance. (Page 43)*

**C: COMPLIANCE WITH NEPA:**

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with:







Specialist Signature/Date:                     /s/ Jeremy Bluma                    4/18/2012

**12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive 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 Executive Order 13112).**

NO, does not apply.

*Comments/Explanation:* A site visit to the project area was performed on November 18, 2011 and no populations of noxious weeds were located in the ROW. According to the BLM's Master Agreement with Idaho Power vehicle undercarriages will be washed between field visits to new locations. If noxious or invasive weed species are located within the ROW, the grant holder would be required to treat, monitor, and retreat as necessary to prevent infestations from establishing and spreading in the project area.

Specialist Signature/Date:                     /s/ Lonnie R. Huter                    5/3/2012

**D: SIGNATURE**

I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions (Extraordinary Circumstances) listed in the above Part II (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action; therefore, this categorical exclusion is appropriate for this situation.

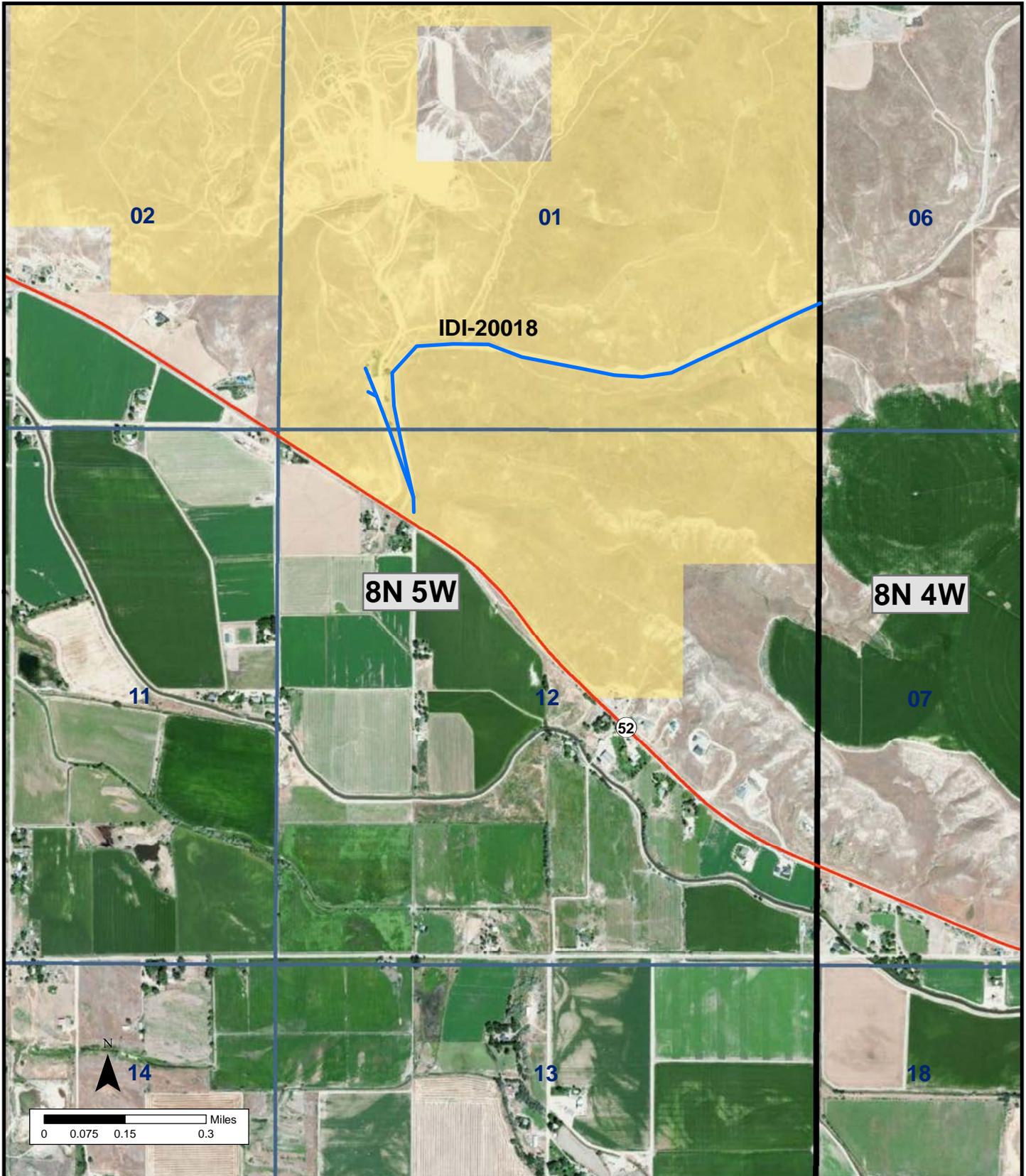
Authorizing Official: */s/ Terry A. Humphrey                    Date: 5/23/2012*

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EXHIBIT A  
IDI-20018 Idaho Power ROW Renewal



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Boise District  
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