

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

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW**

**CX No.** DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2012-0025-CX

**A. BACKGROUND**

**BLM Office:** Four Rivers Field Office

**Lease/Serial/Case File No.:** IDI-37050

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Apiary Permit near Pioneerville

**Location of Proposed Action:** T. 7 N., R. 5 E., Section 3, Boise Meridian, Boise County, Idaho  
(See attached Exhibit A)

**Description of Proposed Action:**

The Proposed Action would be to authorize a short term (3-year) land use permit for the placement of an apiary (beehives) on public lands. The placement would occur within the area of an active placer mining operation. The individual who is requesting the authorization for the beehives is the owner and operator of the unpatented mining claim. The bees would be placed from approximately April through October annually depending on when the temperature range is within tolerance for the bees. The surface area on which the bee colony may be placed are limited to a maximum of 100 ft. x 100 ft. by BLM policy but are substantially smaller in most cases. Generally, a colony site would be approximately 10 ft. x 10 ft. with some minor disturbance from the placement of the hive(s). For the purpose of this analysis, it is assumed that the maximum area would be impacted. This would amount to 0.23 acres of total disturbance.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is authorized under Title III of the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (FLPMA) of October 21, 1976: 43 CFR § 2920 to authorized permits for the use, development, and occupancy of the public lands. This grant will be subject to the terms and conditions found at 43 CFR § 2920, as well as those stipulations attached as Exhibit B, dated April 18, 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:**

*“Land use permits under Section 302 of FLPMA may be used for one time uses of short duration.”*(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:

**516 DM 11.9E (19)** *“Issuance of short-term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations for such uses as storage sites, apiary sites, and construction sites where the proposal includes rehabilitation to restore the land to its natural or original condition.”*





anticipated from the apiary. Therefore, it would be reasonable to anticipate that no impacts to aquatic, riparian, or fisheries would occur from the proposed action.

Riparian Specialist Signature/Date:  /s/ James A. Tarter 10/06/2004

**9. Violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.**

NO, does not apply.

*Comments/Explanation:* The proposed action would be in compliance with all laws and requirements that pertain to environmental protection in the area.

Specialist Signature/Date:  /s/ Seth L. Flanigan 5/9/2012

**10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).**

NO, does not apply.

*Comments/Explanation:* The area of this proposed renewal is in a rural location that is sparsely populated with no particular low income or minority population areas. As such, it would be unreasonable to believe that low income or minority populations living in or passing through the area would be affected disproportionately than any other citizen by the placement of an apiary.

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

**11. 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 (Executive Order 13007).**

NO, does not apply.

*Comments/Explanation:* Access and use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands would not be impeded by the placement of an apiary at this location. Furthermore, no adverse impacts are anticipated to occur to Indian ceremonial or sacred sites by the proposed action.

Specialist Signature/Date:  /s/ Dean C. Shaw 9/23/2004

**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 in August 2011 and no populations of noxious weeds were located in the area where the apiary would be placed or the surrounding vicinity. Under the approved mining plan, the mining operator would be required to treat, monitor, and retreat as necessary to prevent infestations from establishing and spreading in the project area. This is consistent with established BLM procedures and would also be required within the apiary site if approved.

Specialist Signature/Date:  /s/ Lonnie 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: 11/08/2012

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Four Rivers Field Manager

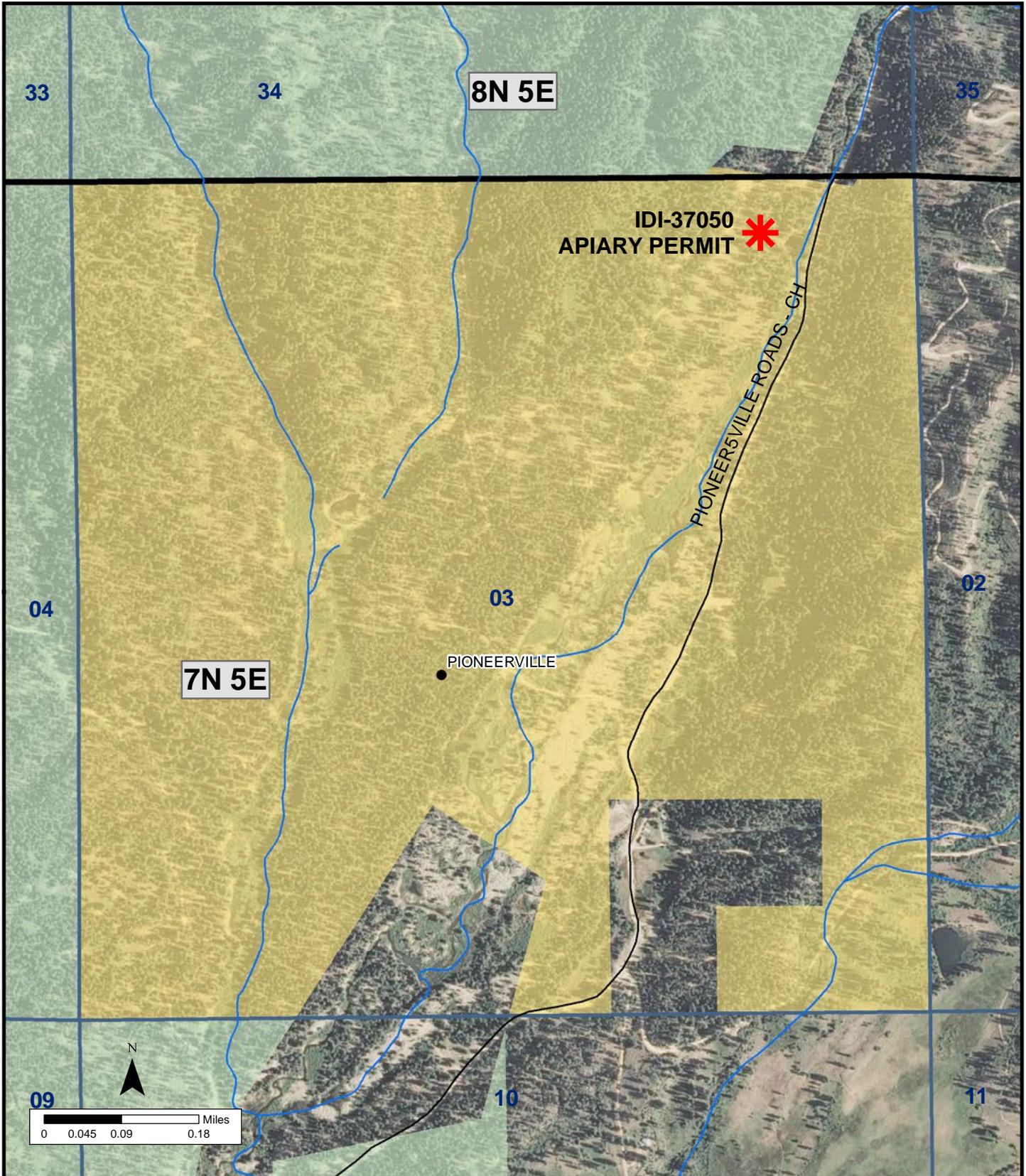
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# EXHIBIT A IDI-37050 PROPOSED APIARY LOCATION



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