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INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM ANALYSIS RECORD CHECKLIST

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-ID-T030-2012-0033-CX  
Project Name: Treasure Vault Mine Decline Closure  
Applicant: N/A  
Project/Case File Number (if appropriate): ID0054-00022  
Lead Specialist: Tom Askew – Physical Scientist

**Legal Description:**

UTM Coord: 481157 North 705976 East; Zone 11  
T1N R17E Section 8 NW/SE  
Boise Meridian  
Blaine County, Idaho

**Total Area of Impact:** 0.5 acres                      **County:** Blaine

**Description of Proposed Action:** Closure of an open abandoned mine decline with an engineered plugging material and on site rock dump materials.

**USGS 7 ½ minute Quad Name(s):** Richardson Summit

**Grazing Allotment:** Croy Creek

**Date when project area will be flagged or delineated:**  
**Construction Date:** June 2013

**Requested by:** Tom Askew                      **Date Requested:** April 29, 2013

**DETERMINATION:** (Choose one of the following abbreviated options for the left column)

NP = not present in the area impacted by the proposed or alternative actions

NI = present, but not affected or effects cannot be meaningfully analyzed

PI = present with potential for impact analyzed in detail in the NEPA document, or identified in a DNA as requiring further analysis

NC = (DNAs only) actions and impacts not changed from those disclosed in the existing NEPA documents

NA = Not Applicable

Determination	Element	Rationale for Determination	Initials	Date	Estimated Time
NI	Air Quality (Clean Air Act)	The proposed projects would have no or minimal impact concerning air quality.	TEA	4-29-13	0
NI	Cultural Resources (National Historic Preservation Act) (Cresswell)	Cultural resource assessment has been done for the historic structures on site and the project has been designed to preserve and stabilize those structures. There will be no adverse effect to cultural resources.	LTC	5/31/13	20
NP	Fish Habitat (Wright)	The project site contains no suitable aquatic habitat for native or introduced fishes.	GW	7/17/13	0
PI	Migratory Birds (Migratory Bird Treaty Act, E.O. 13186) (Wright)	Habitat on the proposed project area and adjacent lands likely provides habitat for four bird species of conservation concern that are not listed as BLM Sensitive species. The four migratory landbird species are: golden eagle; mountain bluebird; lesser goldfinch; sage thrasher.	GW	7/17/13	4
NP	Native American Religious Concerns (American Indian Religious Freedom Act) (Cresswell)	The proposed project would not limit Tribal access in any way to public lands. There should be no effect to sacred sites or religious concerns.	LTC	5/31/13	0
NP	Threatened or Endangered Plant Species (Endangered Species Act) (Nance)	The project site contains no threatened or endangered plant species.	JD	11/18/13	0
PI	Threatened or Endangered Animal Species (Endangered Species Act) (Wright)	The listed, proposed or candidate species that may occur in the proposed project area is the wolverine and greater sage-grouse. The wolverine is currently proposed to be listed as Threatened animal species and the greater sage-grouse is a Candidate species. The wolverine is a habitat generalist that may occur on occasion in the project area. The proposed project occurs in sage-grouse preliminary priority habitat.	GW	7/17/13	6
NP	Threatened or Endangered Aquatic Species (Endangered Species Act) (Wright)	The project site contains no suitable aquatic habitat for currently listed Threatened, Endangered or Candidate aquatic animal species.	GW	7/17/13	0
NI	Wastes (hazardous or solid) (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act) (Askew)	Waste Rock dumps located on site determined not to be hazardous waste, but would be considered solid waste under the Bevill Amendment to 40 CFR 261.4(b)(7) .	TEA	4/29/13	0
NI	Water Quality (drinking/ground) (Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act) (Askew)	There are no conditions at this site that would affect either groundwater or municipal/domestic drinking water systems. The Treasure Vault site is located on an ephemeral tributary of Hatty Creek which flows into Rock Creek which is 303d listed for sediment impairment and has a developed TMDL (Big Wood River Basin). +There are no concerns for this project to impact surface waters due to the minimal disturbance from the plugging activities. .	TEA	4/29/13	0
NP	Wild and Scenic Rivers (Wild and Scenic Rivers Act) (Freiberg)	No wild and scenic rivers within or near the project area.	DF	11/07/13	0
NP	Wilderness (Wilderness Act, Federal Land Policy and Management Act) (Freiberg)	No Wilderness within the project area.	DF	11/07/13	0
NI	Environmental Justice (E.O. 12898) (Askew)	This proposal would not disproportionately affect low income or minority populations because those portions of populations will still have access to all public lands.	TEA	11/12/13	0
NP	Farmlands, Prime and Unique (ESM 94-7) (Askew)	No Farmlands, Prime, and Unique are within or near the project areas.	TEA	11/12/13	0
NI	Floodplains (E.O. 11988) (Askew)	No floodplains exist that will be impacted within or near the project areas.	TEA	11/12/13	0

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NI	Wetlands/Riparian Zones (E.O. 11990) (Askew)	No recognized wetlands or riparian zones will be impacted within or near the project areas.	TEA	11/12/13	0
NI	Invasive, Non-native Species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act, E.O. 13112) (Nance)	Potential for invasive, non-native species but would be minimal to no effect.	JB	11/18/13	0
NP	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) (Askew)	No known ACECs will be affected by the projects as proposed.	TEA	11/12/13	0
NP	Cave Resources (Freiberg)	No known cave resources in the project area	DF	11/07/13	0
	Engineering (N/A)				0
NI	Fuels / Fire Management (N/A)				0
NP	Geology / Mineral Resources/Energy Production (Garth)	There are no active or proposed locatable, leasable, or salable minerals projects on the land where this proposed action is to take place.	JSG	11/15/13	¼ hrs
NP	Lands / Access (Prestwich)	There are no rights-of-way authorized or pending within the project area.	Kcp	5/30/13	0 hrs.
NI	Livestock Grazing	The proposed projects would have no or minimal impact on livestock activities.	JB	11/18/13	0
NP	Paleontology (Cresswell)	There are no known high potential, fossil bearing geologic units in the project area. There would be no effect to paleontological resources.	LTC	5/31/13	0
NI	Rangeland Health Standards & Guidelines	The proposed projects would have no or minimal impact on rangeland health standards and guidelines.	JB	11/18/13	0
NI	Recreation (Kurtz)	The project falls within an Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA). ERMAs are identified areas where recreation is planned for and actively managed on an interdisciplinary-basis in concert with other resources/resource programs. ERMAs offer recreation opportunities that facilitate visitors' freedom to pursue a variety of outdoor recreation activities and attain a variety of outcomes. Based on field observations and professional knowledge hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, driving for pleasure and hunting are the primary activities that occurs or may occur within the project area. This proposal allows those recreation opportunities to continue to be available. There are also no known use/user conflicts or recreation related impacts on cultural and natural resources however there are visitor health and safety issues associated with open abandoned mines. Making them not available to the public reduces the primary safety issues.	JK	11/18/13	0
NI	Socio-economics (Askew)	The proposed projects would have no or minimal impact on activities that support socio-economic functions.	TEA	11/12/13	0
NI	Soils (Askew)	The projects as propose will result in minimal soil disturbance. The disturbed areas will be reseeded with an appropriate seed mix in order to stabilize and reduce any long term potential erosion impacts.	TEA	11/12/13	0
NI	Vegetation including Special Status Plant Species (Nance)	The proposed projects would have no or minimal impact on vegetation including special status plant species.	JB	11/18/13	0
NI	Visual Resources (Freiberg)	Project meets VRM objectives.	DF	11/07/13	0
NI	Water Rights (Askew)	Water rights are not applicable to the proposed projects as written.	TEA	11/12/13	0
NP	Wilderness Study Areas and/or lands with wilderness characteristics (Freiberg)	Area does not meet criteria of naturalness due to numerous constructed and maintained roads, trails and facilities, and so does not contain wilderness characteristics.	DF	11/07/13	0
PI	Wildlife Including Special Status Species	Habitat on the proposed project area and adjacent lands may provide habitat for: gray wolf; Townsend's big-eared bat; fringed myotis; prairie falcon;	GW	7/17/13	4

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	(Wright)	Brewer's sparrow.			

Reviewer Title	Signature	Date	Comments
NEPA / Environmental Coordinator	/s/ Lisa Cresswell	11/19/13	None
Authorized Officer	/s/ Elizabeth Maclean	11/19/13	none