

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)

PROJECT NAME:

Transfer of grazing preference and the issuance of a Grazing Permit to the Thomas H. Carlson (10 year) which is sole owner of base property, the result of an expired lease of base property (Kurt Bird), on the Leadore Hill Allotment (06225)

APPLICANT:

Thomas H. Carlson

PROJECT LEAD:

Wendy Jo Hoffman

NEPA (CX) NUMBER:

DOI-BLM-ID-I040-2012-0038-CX

PROPOSED ACTION:

Transfer of grazing preference and the issuance of grazing permit to Thomas H. Carlson (1104295) due to the expiration of the lease of base property between Carlson and Bird.

CONSULTATION and COORDINATION:

Tom Carlson, ranch owner/permittee; Kurt Bird, expired lessee/permittee and Craig Nemeth, Supervisory NRS

FINDING or RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed action is categorically excluded as outlined in 516 DM 11.9 D (1), which states approval of *transfer of grazing preference*, CFR 4110.2-3 and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply.

DECISION: *Transfer of grazing preference* and the issuance of a 10 year grazing permit (03/10/2005 to 02/28/2015) to the Thomas H. Carlson #1104295 on the Leadore Hill Allotment #06225 due to the expiration of the lease of base property with Leadore Hill preference.

NEW TERM: 03/01/2005 to 02/28/2015

Mandatory Terms and Conditions:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>#/kind</u>	<u>on/off dates</u>	<u>% P.L.</u>	<u>Type Use</u>	<u>AUMs</u>
Leadore Hill #06225	39 cattle	05/16-07/31	94%	Active	93

Other Terms and Conditions:

- © BLM management of the Leadore Hill Allotment will continue to emphasize maintenance or improvement of riparian communities.

- Ⓢ 21 AUMs will be held in temporary suspension due to the conversion from sheep to cattle. These AUMs may be adjusted to active if it is deemed appropriate by authorized officer after three years.
- Ⓢ In accordance with Section 415, H.R. 2055 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012), this permit or lease is issued with the same terms and conditions as the expired or transferred permit or lease. This permit or lease may be canceled, suspended, or modified, in whole or in part to meet the requirements or applicable laws and regulations.
- Ⓢ As provided in 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 4130.3-2(d), you are hereby required to submit a certified actual use report within 15 days after completion of your annual grazing use. Failure to comply could result in the cancellation of your permit in whole or part.

<u>Allotment Summary (AUMs)</u>	<u>Active</u>	<u>Suspended</u>	<u>Total AUMs</u>
Leadore Hill #06225	132	39	93



RATIONALE FOR THE DECISION:

-Land Use Plan Conformance - Livestock grazing has been identified in the Lemhi Resource Management Plan (1987), as amended, as an appropriate land use on the Leadore Hill Allotment.

-Notice of Field Manager's Proposed Grazing Decision, dated 05/07/05 for grazing permit renewal for the Leadore Hill Allotment and EA #ID-340-05-07.

LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE STATEMENT:

Livestock grazing has been identified in the Lemhi Resource Management Plan (RMP), September 1987.

APPEALS INFORMATION:

Refer to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 4 for appeals information.

/s/ Wendy Jo Hoffman 5/23/2013 _____
Preparer signature and Date

/s/ A. Scott Feldhausen 5/24/2013 _____
NEPA Reviewer signature and Date

/s/ Linda R. Price 6/19/2013 _____
Field Manager signature and Date

Extraordinary Circumstances Requiring Preparation of an EA or EIS

(516 DM 2, Appendix 2)

The action described in categorical exclusion # DOI-BLM-ID-1040-2013-0038-CX has been reviewed to determine that none of the extraordinary circumstances listed below pertain to the proposed action.

DM #	Extraordinary Circumstance
2.1	Have significant impacts on public health or safety
2.2	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 (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)].
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.
2.5	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.
2.6	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.
2.7	Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.
2.8	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.
2.9	Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.
2.10	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).
2.11	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).
2.12	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

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	Control Act and Executive Order 13112).