

# **Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and Fire Rehabilitation Actions**

## **2013 Abandoned Mine Lands Program, Kingman Field Office Installation of Bat Gates and Grates Serial No. DOI-BLM-AZ-CO10-2013-0003-CX**

### **A. Background**

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type:

Installation of bat gates and grates on abandoned mine workings.

Location of Proposed Action:

Public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office (KFO).

Description of Proposed Action:

Fabrication and erection of bat gates and grates for permanent closure of abandoned mine workings in fiscal years 2013 – 2015. Access roads may require minor maintenance with no new disturbance – the footprint of any access roads will not be expanded. Access roads will be returned to their original condition after the closures are completed, by restricting or blocking traffic.

### **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

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

On page 20, it states:

“Arizona state law requires mining claimants to keep mining property in a nonhazardous condition. The State Mine Inspector’s Office is responsible for enforcing this law. The BLM will cooperate to ensure that identified mine hazards are brought into compliance with the law.”

### **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, J. Other, 8. Installation of minor devices to protect human life (e.g., grates across mines).

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 (See Attachment 1), and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

I considered the impacts of installing bat gates and grates over abandoned mine workings and determined that there is no potential for significant negative impacts to the natural resources on public lands managed by the Kingman Field Office.

**D. Signature**

Authorizing Official: \_\_\_\_\_ / s / Ruben A. Sánchez \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 11/19/2012  
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**Note:** A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX. See Attachment 2.

## Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment ( <b>Yes or No with supporting Rationale</b> )
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No. Protects public safety.
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.	No. Protects cultural artifacts found in abandoned mine workings.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No, Conserves bat colonies and their habitat.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No.
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	No.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No.
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.	No.
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.	No.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No.
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No.
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.
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.

