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Bureau of Land Management
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Decision Record

Project Name: NIC Signs

Office: Coeur d'Alene Field Office, Idaho

Case File No.: IDI-37440

Location: Kootenai County, Idaho; within the abandoned BNRD corridor.

Boise Meridian, T. 50 N., R. 4 W., section 14 tract 44.

Description of the Project and the Purpose and Need for Action

Northern Idaho College has submitted an application to install 3 monument signs within the abandoned BNRD corridor. Two at the corner of River Ave & NW Blvd (one on each side of River Ave.) and a V-shaped sign slightly west of Hubbard St, where the retaining wall is located. Retaining wall would be removed and the hill would be sloped. None of the trees will be removed and signs currently located within the corridor would be removed.

Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under NEPA in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, CX No. 12, which is for "Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way". Application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, exist. (DOI-BLM-ID-C010-2013-0001CX).

Persons and Agencies Consulted

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BLM Interdisciplinary Team

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DECISION

It is my decision to grant a lease to North Idaho College for three signs within the abandoned BNRR corridor.

All activities utilize previously disturbed areas.

Rationale

The proposed action meets the criteria for categorical exclusion in 516 DM 11.9, E. 12. None of the exceptions in 43 CFR 46.215 applies.

Approval

This project is approved for implementation.

/s/ Kurt Pavlat
Kurt Pavlat, Field Manager

November 30, 2012
Date

Administrative Review Procedures

This decision may be appealed under the regulations found at 43 CFR Part 4. In accordance with the right-of-way regulations found at 43 CFR 2801.10(a) and (b), all BLM right-of-way decisions remain in effect pending appeal unless the Secretary of the Interior rules otherwise, or as noted in this part. A petition for a stay of a BLM decision under this part of the regulations may be filed with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Interior.

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this decision, contact Janna Paronto in writing at the above address or by calling (208) 769-5037.