

**NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)**

Tucson Field Office

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0002-CX  
Serial/Case File No. Sands Investment #5277

Proposed Action Title/Type: **Transfer grazing lease from Sands Properties, L.L.ZC. to L.S Cattle, L.L.C. on the Sands Investment Allotment #5277**

Location of Proposed Action (include name of 7.5 topographic map):

Sands Investment #5277

Cochise County

Quads: Mustang Mountains, Apache Peak, McGrew Spring and Huachuca City.

Description of Proposed Action:

Transfer grazing lease from Sands Properties, L.L.C. to L.S Cattle, L.L.C. on the Sands Investment Allotment #5277.

Applicant (if any): L.S. Cattle, L.L.C.

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW. This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Phoenix Resource Management Plan.

H-1790-1 National Environmental Policy Act Handbook, Appendix 4- BLM Categorical Exclusions, D- Rangeland Management, 1. "Approval of transfers of grazing preference"

The proposed action has been reviewed and determined to be in conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

Specialist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_/S/\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 11/19/12

Eric Baker

Rangeland Management Specialist

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**PART II: CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW**

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**ASSIGNMENT AND REVIEW**

Subactivity: 1110

Project Name: Transfer grazing lease from Sands Properties, L.L.C. to L.S Cattle, L.L.C.

Location (legal description): Sands Investment #5277

Quad Name: Mustang Mountains, Apache Peak, McGrew Spring and Huachuca City

Project Lead: Eric Baker

Technical Review:

Applies?	NAME	EXCEPTION	SIGNATURE	DATE
NO		(1) Have Significant adverse effects on public health or safety?	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012
NO		(2) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains or ecologically significant or critical areas including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012
NO		(3) Have highly controversial environmental effects	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012
NO		(4) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012
NO		(5) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012
NO		(6) Individually Insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012
NO		(7) Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012
NO		(8) Have adverse effects on species listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012
NO		(9) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012
NO		(10) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012
NO		(11) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners.	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012
NO		(12) Contribute to the introduction, continuation existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.	NEPA TEAM	11/19/2012



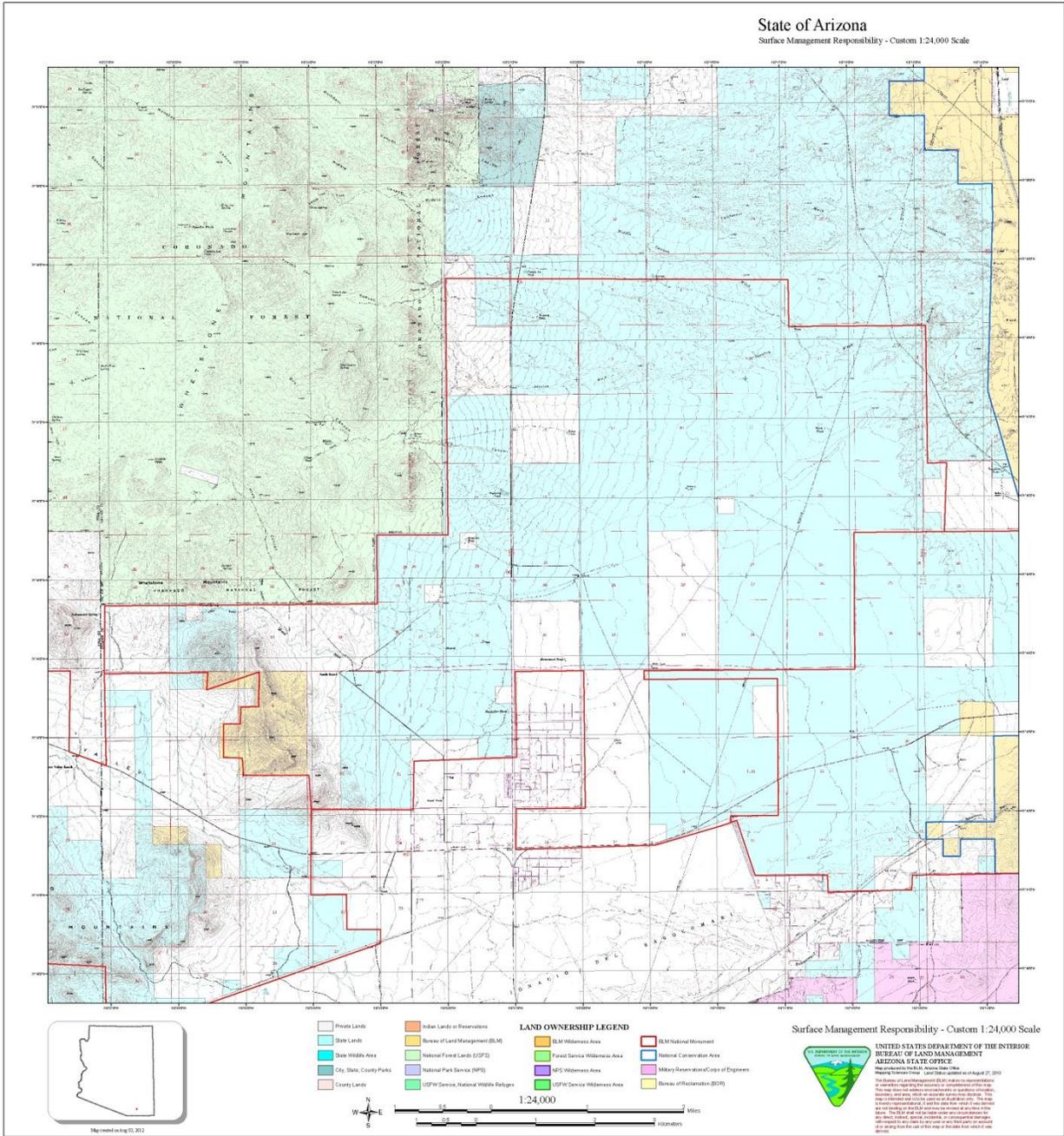
The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with the Phoenix Resource Management Plan. H-1790-1 National Environmental Policy Act Handbook, Appendix 4- BLM Categorical Exclusions, D- Rangeland Management, 1. "Approval of transfers of grazing preference"

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. It has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

The action does not have significant adverse effects on public health and safety nor does the action adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. The action does not have highly controversial environmental effects nor have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk nor does it adversely affect a species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered or threatened species. It does not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration with significant environmental effects or related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. The proposed action does not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment or which require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

**Part III: DECISION.** I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed action does not conflict with major land-use-plans and will not have any major adverse impacts on other resources. Therefore, it does not represent an exception, and is categorically excluded from further environmental review. It is my decision to implement the project as described.

Authorized Official: /S/ (Karen Simms for Brian Bellew)      Date: 11/19/2012  
Brian B. Bellew  
Tucson Field Office Manager



Map of Sands Investments Allotment #5277