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

## Project Name
**NEPA Number** DOI- BLM-AZ-C010-2013-0011-CX

### A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

Proposed Action Title/Type: Meadview Trash Cleanup

Location of Proposed Action: T30N R17W Section 26
T30N R17WSection 34

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### B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*
Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Kingman Resource Management Plan. Date Approved: March 1995. This proposed action has been reviewed for conformances with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3) and is in conformance with the objectives of the RMP. Although there is no mention of illegal trash dump cleanups, the removal of trash on public lands does fit with the goals of the management and protection of the environment.

## 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 10. Removal of structures and materials of no historical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.

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 DM 2 apply.

I considered the proposal to clean up the three trash sites. The stipulations that are identified in the document will eliminate any potential for significant impacts to the environment.

I considered the proposal to install a Ramada kiosk. The stipulations that are identified in the document will eliminate any potential for significant impacts to the environment.

## D. Signature

Authorizing Official: Ruben A. Sanchez (Signature) Date: 01-16-2013

Name: Ruben Sanchez
Title: Kingman Field Office Manager

## Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Amanda Deeds 2755 Mission Blvd. Kingman, AZ 86409. 928-718-3700.

**Note:** A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX. See Attachment 2.

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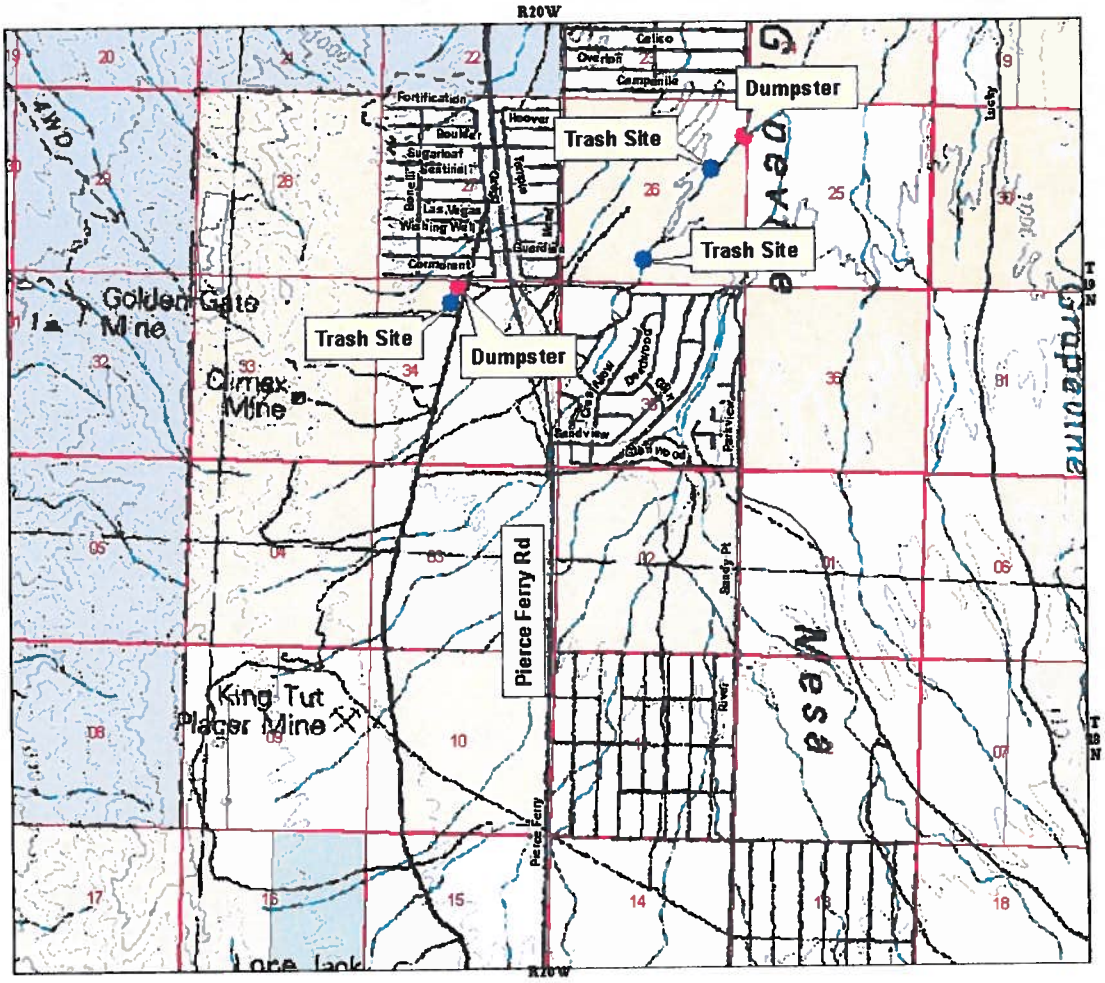


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1 inch equals 0.79 miles

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Land Status updated as of August 2010
Map created on Jan 18, 2012

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# **Attachment 1**: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

| Extraordinary Circumstances | Comment (**Yes or No with supporting Rationale**) |
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| 1. Have significant effects on public health or safety. | No. The removal of trash would improve public health and 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. See mitigation measures for cultural resources. |
| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]. | No. See mitigation measures for cultural resources. |
| 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. | No. A safety session would be conducted with volunteers prior to the project to prevent environmental damage on public lands.<br>The safety session would concentrate on the hazards of picking up sharp items such as broken glass, rusty items and needles, plus the use of a pickup truck during the cleanups. |
| 5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects. | No. Illegal trash dump cleanups have occurred by this office and other offices within the BLM in the past. |
| 6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. | No. See mitigation measures for cultural resources. |
| 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. There are no properties listed nor eligible for listing within the project area. |
| 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. There are no listings, proposed to be listed nor designated critical habitat within the project area. |
| 9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. | No. See mitigation measures for cultural resources. |
| 10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). | No. The removal of trash would have no effect. |
| 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. There have been permitted recreational activities within the project area in the past and there were no known sacred sites. |
| 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. All the participants with the project are locals from the immediate area. Vehicle travel would be restricted to roads, trails and navigable washes. |

# Approval and Decision

## Attachment 2

**Compliance and assignment of responsibility:** Recreation- Outdoor Recreation Planner

**Monitoring and assignment of responsibility:** Recreation- Outdoor Recreation Planner

**Review:** *We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.*

**Prepared by:** _____ **Date:** 1/16/13

*Amanda Deeds*
**Project Lead**

**Reviewed by:** _____ **Date:** 1/16/13

Ramone McCoy
**NEPA Coordinator**

**Reviewed by:** _____ **Date:** 01-16-2013

*Ruben Sanchez*
**Supervisor**

**Project Description:**

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**Decision:** Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed, with the following stipulations (if applicable).

**Approved By:** Ruben A. Sanchez **Date:** 01-16-2013

**Ruben Sanchez**
**Field Manager, Kingman Field Office**

**Exhibits:**

1) **Stipulations:**

- If there is a question concerning the age of an item that may be considered "recent trash" or a historic artifact; please consult with a Para-archaeologist or qualified site steward.
- If an area of interest (a potential archaeological site) is discovered that may need further investigation, please note the location and give it to BLM archaeologist.
- Although not expected it is REQUIRED: That in the event human remains are encountered during any activities associated with this clean-up that a BLM archaeologist be contacted immediately. Any additional questions can be directed to: Tim Watkins BLM/KFO Archaeologist at; 928-718-3757. It may be necessary to contact Field Manager or acting prior to contacting archaeologist.
- Hand out tortoise handling guidelines (attached) to all workers the day of the project and advise on handling procedures.
- In the event hazardous materials are encountered during any activities associated with this clean-up, all activity would cease with the hazardous material and a BLM Law Enforcement Ranger would be contacted immediately.
- No entry into mineshafts or features would be permitted. All volunteers and staff must remain at least 50 feet from any mine feature known or discovered in close proximity to the cleanup locations.

APPENDIX 1

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TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA

## GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING DESERT TORTOISE ENCOUNTERED ON ROADS AND VEHICLE WAYS

1. Stop your vehicle and allow the tortoise to move off the road.

2. If the tortoise is not moving, gently** pick up the tortoise and move it approximately 200 feet off the road to a shaded location.

   a. Do **not** turn the tortoise over.

   b. Move the tortoise in the direction it was traveling. If it was crossing the road, move it in the direction it was crossing.

   c. Keep the tortoise within 12-18 inches of the ground, move slowly so as not to cause it to become alarmed.

   d. Release the tortoise under the shade of a bush or rock.

   ** Tortoise store water in their bladder. If a tortoise becomes alarmed its defense is to void its bladder onto the captor. This could lead to dehydration of the tortoise and potentially to death.

3. Prior to moving any parked vehicles or equipment at the project site, check for tortoise under the vehicles.