

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

Project Name: Seven Sites Trash Removal
NEPA Number DOI- BLM-AZ-C010-2013-0023-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Dump Cleanups

Location of Proposed Action: Various locations in Kingman Field Office – managed lands

Description of Proposed Action: Trash will be cleaned up with pick-ups, tractor, and dump truck. The tractor will load heavy objects and gather piles. Hand tools will be used to gather small debris. Vehicles will remain on existing roads, therefore no damage or destruction of plant life is expected. Dump sites will be surveyed for the presence of cultural sites and artifacts before work begins. If any are found, these areas will be avoided. Likewise, if any hazardous materials are discovered during the project, these will be avoided until such time when they can be collected and properly disposed of by a licensed hazardous material management contractor.

See attached for photos or other descriptions.

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 LUP, but is not specifically provided for in an LUP decision. The removal of trash and debris from public lands will help conserve the natural resources of the area.

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(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 DM2 apply.

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 action will 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. The dumpsites are not near any of these features. The Colorado River is about ten miles to the west. Farmlands are an equal distance away. Other cited features are more distant. |
| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]. | No. |
| 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. No NRHP-listed sites are within the dumpsites' vicinity. |
| 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. No endangered or threatened species nor their habitat are known in the vicinity of the dumpsites. |
| 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. Fines for dumping trash on public lands may range into the hundreds or thousands of dollars per infraction. Minimum dumping fee for the landfill is about \$7.00 for 300 lbs. or about \$35 per ton. |
| 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. Stipulation 5 states: "All vehicles and equipment will be power-washed prior to entering public land to prevent the introduction, growth, or expansion of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species. |

