

KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SCOPING FORM

Proposal:

DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2013-0025CX RR08/V S:/BLMshare:/nepa/ea_eis/Trash Cleanups/2013 Mount Tipton
 NEPA Document Number RMP Implementation No. Document Location

Land Description: T26N R18W Section 28,33; T25N R18W Section 4,5,6,17,18

Applicant: Dolan Springs Boy Scouts

Authorization:

INVOLVEMENT: Indicate in the left column which disciplines need to provide information into the EA.

Needed Input (X)	Discipline	Signature
	Lands	
	Minerals	
X	Range	/s/ Celeste Mimnaugh 9/16/2013
X	Wild Horse and Burro	/s/ Chad Benson 9/16/2013
	General Recreation	
X	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	/s/ Tim Watkins 9/16/2013
	Wilderness	
	Soils	
	Surface and Groundwater Quality/Water Rights	
	Air Quality	
X	Wildlife	/s/ Rebecca L. Peck 9/16/2013
X	Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals	/s/ Rebecca L. Peck 9/16/2013
X	Migratory Birds	/s/ Rebecca L. Peck 9/16/2013
	Surface Protection	
	Hazardous Materials	
	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	
X	Visual Resources	/s/ Len Marceau 9/16/2013
	Socio-Economics/Environmental Justice	
	General Botany/Noxious Weeds	
	Energy Policy	

Writer: /s/ Ramone B. McCoy

Date: 4/09/2013

Environmental Coordinator: /s/ Ramone B. McCoy

Date: 4/09/2013

Field Manager: /s/ Ruben A. Sánchez

Date: 4/09/2013

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

Project Name

NEPA Number DOI- BLM-AZ-C010-2013-0025-CX

A. Background

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

Proposed Action Title/Type: Mount Tipton Trash Cleanup

Location of Proposed Action: T26N R18W Section 28,33
T25N R18W Section 4,5,6,17,18

Utilize volunteer assistance to clean up three sites on public lands in the Mount Tipton Wilderness area. Also planned is the installation of a visitor register and information kiosk at the Pine Canyon Trailhead. The Dolan Springs Boy Scouts would organize the events with other troops. The cleanups would occur during 2013 and 2014. Sites contain abandoned pipeline from past cattle watering projects. The pipeline was either plastic or metal and was buried in places probably by washout events. Cleanup would be accomplished using hand tools as all areas are in Wilderness. Pipe will be cut into manageable pieces and carried by hand to the trailhead and loaded into pickups and hauled to a dumpster. BLM staff would be present on the days of the events to monitor trash collection and the stipulations listed in this CX.

Dolan Springs Boy Scouts propose to clean-up abandoned water pipeline from three washes in Mount Tipton Wilderness, Antelope Springs Canyon, Pine Canyon, and Indian Springs Canyon. These pipelines are either plastic or metal and are buried in places probably by washout events.

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.

G. Transportation 4. Placement of recreational, special designation, or information signs, visitor registers, kiosks, and portable sanitation devices.

These categorical exclusions are 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 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 visitor register and informational kiosk. The stipulations that are identified in the document will eliminate any potential for significant impacts to the environment.

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: _____ Date: _____
(Signature)

Name: Ruben Sanchez
Title: Kingman Field Office Manager

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Ramone McCoy 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.

Mount Tipton Clean-Up DOI- BLM-AZ-C010-2013-25-CX



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|  Mount Tipton Wilderness |  BLM |
|  State |  Private |

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Arizona State Office

Land Status updated as of August, 2010
Map created on April 1, 2013



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Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances Review

Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting Rationale)
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No. The removal of trash would improve public health and safety. Installation of information kiosk would improve 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. 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. The safety session would concentrate on the hazards of picking up sharp items such as broken glass and rusty items 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. Wilderness areas clean-up 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 is prohibited in Wilderness areas.

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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**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.



PROJECT COORDINATION

Agenda

10:30 a.m.

4-02-2013

Facilitator: Andy Whitefield

Recorder: Ammon Wilhelm Timekeeper: Bill Boyett

Agenda Items: Brief description, legal description, general location, name of presenter, time needed.

Rules: 90 minute meetings

No side conversations

Stick to time limits

Additional agenda items added at end of meeting if time permits

PAST DUE CLEARANCES:

1. 2012 Ghost Town Jamboree SRP comments and Scoping signature are needed by Wilhelm, Blanton, and Mimnaugh. **Past due 11/16/12.** DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2013-0007-EA can be found at NEPA/ea_eis/SRP/2012 Ghost Town Jamboree EA. (Driscoll) **Event is taking place APRIL 12 -14**

DECISION RECORDS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Music Mountain fuels treatment project Decision Record is ready to be reviewed by the Field Manager. # AZC010-2012-0044-EA

PROJECT:

1. Mount Tipton Clean-up project. The Dolan Springs boy scouts propose to clean up abandoned pipe along Pine Canyon, Antelope Canyon, and Indian Springs Canyon as part of their merit badge projects. This pipe is either plastic or metal and is buried in places. They propose conducting the clean-up over the next two years. BLM-CX-J-10 Removal of structures and materials (junk) with no value. BLM CX G-4 Installation of visitor register and kiosk at pine canyon trailhead. (R.McCoy 15 min.) Need to check with the Ranchers (Dolan Springs and Mt. Tipton allotments). ID team includes: McCoy, Mimnaugh, Blanton, Watkins, Wilhelm, Driscoll, Marceau, and Benson. Ramone Check Land Status for Kiosk to ensure that the kiosk will be on public and land off of wilderness.
2. Kingman Wild Horse and Burro Facility dismantling/decommissioning. The BLM is proposing to dismantle the wild horse and burro facility located off Shinarump road in Golden Valley, AZ. Corrals will be removed and transferred to Arizona Department of Corrections in Florence AZ. It is unclear what all will be transferred to the prison at this time. A dismantling plan will need to be developed. Some of the corrals may be left on site for future holding needs during local gathers.

Roger visited with June and Chris Horyza about the NEPA. They agreed that a CX under BLM Categorical Exclusions, J. 10. Removal of structures and materials... would be sufficient. Benson (15 Min)

The AGFD representative asked several questions about this proposal. What is the rationale for the removal? What is the status of gathers in KFO and couldn't the facility be used to support these gathers? The questions were answered that the materials would be used to support the building of a facility in Florence, AZ. KFO was told that there was no money for gathers or census this FY.

The AGFD representative went on to relay the following concerns: Several years ago the BLM performed a burro census that was reviewed and found to be flawed by the USGS. The same year Game and Fish did a bighorn and burro census and submitted their results to the BLM indicating that they believed that the burro population in the Black Mountains was well above AML. BLM was supposed to perform another census in the Black Mountains to verify burro populations in the Blacks. The decision to pull funding for this census appears to be a failure by BLM to manage burro populations in an area that is high quality desert bighorn sheep habitat. AZGFD is very concerned about this lack of management in accordance with the Black Mountain Ecosystem Plan.

3. Wade Reeves, the Rotary Club is holding their annual burro BBQ in the past BLM has issued them a woodcutting permit for 3-4 cords of dead or down wood within the existing woodcutting area. NEPA is complete from the existing woodcutting plan so no further action is required.

Attendees: Matt Driscoll, Len Marceau, Andy Whitefield, Wade Reeves, Don McClure, Trevor Buhr, Tim Watkins, Ramone McCoy, Ammon Wilhelm, Melissa Patriquin, John Reid, Chad Benson, Maria Troche.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Ramone McCoy
Recorder: Matt Driscoll
Timekeeper: Len Marceau