

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

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**Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format When Using Categorical Exclusions Not
Established by Statute**

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T030-2013-17-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Shoshone Field Office. Lease/Serial/Case File No.: N/A

Proposed Action Title/Type: The action is a transfer of a livestock grazing permit from one permit name to another. The permittee has leased their base property and the lessees' would like to attain grazing privileges in the Clover Creek Allotment.

Location of Proposed Action: Boise Meridian, Gooding County, Idaho; Clover Creek Allotment

Description of Proposed Action: The current permittee, Bray Valley Ranch, LLC/Scott Huxhold wishes to transfer his full grazing permit to the new lessees', David L. Butler for a term of 5 years.

Under this action, the full portion of the Clover Creek Allotment in the amount of 80 spring cattle AUMs and 317 fall cattle AUMs will be transferred to David L. Butler for a term of 5 years. This is an administrative procedure only and nothing on the ground will change. The season of use, active preference and type of livestock will remain the same as it was under the previous grazing permit.

The base property that is being transferred along with the allotment is below:

T. 4 South, R. 13 East, Section 28 (NE 1/4)

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Shoshone RMP. Date Approved/Amended: 1979.

 The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): [*Insert relevant objectives, goals, decisions from the LUP with page citations*].

 X The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): This action is specifically provided for in CFR 4110.2-3 Transfer of

grazing preference as long as the transfer meets all of the requirements and qualifications. The paperwork that has been submitted shows that all of the requirements and qualifications are being met.

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, D #1, Appendix 4-153. “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. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply. Attached is the Categorical Exclusion Review Sheet, Consideration of Extraordinary Circumstances.

I considered the transfer of grazing preference from Bray Valley Ranch, LLC/Scott Huxhold to the new lessees’, David L. Butler for a term of 5 years. This action is an administrative action and no changes to the terms and conditions of the grazing permit will occur. The season of use, class of livestock and AUMs will remain unchanged.

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: /s/ James D. Barnum Date: May 7, 2013

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