

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

Bullhead City Senior Nutrition Center DOI-BLM-AZ-C030-2012-0028-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Lake Havasu Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: AZA 10199 and
AZA 36309

Proposed Action Title/Type: Partial relinquishment of Reclamation Lease AZA 10199 for the Bullhead City Senior Nutrition Center (Center) from Mohave County Board of Supervisors, and assignment of the Center to the City of Bullhead City as lease AZA 36309.

Location of Proposed Action: Bullhead City, Arizona within T. 20 N., R. 22 W., Section 20

Description of Proposed Action: On January 11, 2013, the BLM received a letter from the Mohave County Board of Supervisors requesting to relinquish and assign to the City of Bullhead City the Center. The Center is located on a 1.357 acre portion of lease AZA 10199. On February 11, 2013, City of Bullhead City submitted a request to be assigned the 1.357 acre Center.

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B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan (LUP) Name: *Lake Havasu Field Office Resource Management Plan*

Date Approved/Amended: May 10, 2007

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): On Page 37: Lake Havasu Field Office may allow the use of the public lands or interests in lands through issuance of ROW's, leases, and permits. The types of uses that would be authorized by a ROW issued pursuant to Title 5 FLPMA would include access roads, power lines, telephone lines, fiber optics systems, communications facilities, and so forth. Examples of uses authorized pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act include crude oil pipelines and oil and gas pipelines. Typical uses authorized by permits would include filming and establishing and maintaining apiary sites.

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 2, Appendix 1, Realty (9):

“Renewals and assignments of leases, permits or rights-of-way, where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by their original authorizations.”

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 516 DM 2 apply.

I considered the possibility of significant impacts by authorizing this action, but there are none as demonstrated by the signatures in Attachment 1.

D: Signature

Authorizing Official: /s/Kimber Liebhauser Authenticated by: S. Ahrens Date: 4/24/13
Kimber Liebhauser
Field Manager, Lake Havasu Field Office

Contact Person:

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BLM Categorical Exclusions: Extraordinary Circumstances¹

Attachment 1

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW AND CHECKLIST			
<p>IMPORTANT: Appropriate staff should review the circumstances listed below, comment and initial for concurrence. Rationale supporting the concurrence should be included where appropriate.</p>			
EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES	YES/NO & RATIONALE (If Appropriate)	RESOURCE/PROGRAM AND STAFF SIGNATURE(S)	DATE
Does the proposed action...			
1. Have significant impacts on public health and safety?		Health & Safety – Bill Parry	
		Operations/Engineering Review – Project Manager	
		Fuels / Fire Management – Mike Trent	
		Wastes, Hazardous or Solid – Cathy Wolff-White	

¹ If an action has any of these impacts, you must conduct NEPA analysis.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES	YES/NO & RATIONALE (If Appropriate)	RESOURCE/PROGRAM AND STAFF SIGNATURE(S)	DATE
Does the proposed action...			
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness or wilderness study 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 (Executive Order 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		Geology – Amy Titterington	
		Cultural/Paleontological – George Shannon	
		Recreation – Jason Baragan	
		Wilderness & WSA – Project Lead	
		Wild & Scenic Rivers – Project Lead	
	No. By definition, there are no “National Natural Landmarks” on BLM-administered lands within LHFO.	National Natural Landmark – Project Lead	
		Soils – Vacant	
		Water quality – Vacant	
		Air – Vacant	
	No. By definition, there are no “prime farmlands” on BLM-administered lands within LHFO.	Prime Farmland – Project Lead	
		Wetlands - Doug Adams	
		Floodplains – Doug Adams	

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES	YES/NO & RATIONALE (If Appropriate)	RESOURCE/PROGRAM AND STAFF SIGNATURE(S)	DATE
Does the proposed action...	No. By definition, there are no "National Monuments" on BLM-administered lands within LHFO.	National Monuments – Project Lead	
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?		Migratory Birds – Doug Adams	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		Areas of Critical Environmental Concern – George Shannon	
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4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		Biology – Doug Adams	

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5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?			
		Project Lead	
		Biology – Doug Adams	
		Recreation – Project Lead	
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		Project Lead	
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?			
		Archeology – George Shannon	
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?		Birds/Wildlife/Habitat – Doug Adams	
		Fisheries/Habitat – Doug Adams	
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?			
		Project Lead	

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10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		Project Lead	
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)?		Native American Coordinator – George Shannon	
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)?		Invasive & Non-Native Weeds – Doug Adams	

Approval and Decision Attachment 2

Compliance and assignment of responsibility: LHFO Realty Specialist

Monitoring and assignment of responsibility: LHFO Realty Specialist

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.

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Reviewed by: /s/Amanda Dodson Authenticated by: S. Ahrens Date: 4/24/13
Amanda Dodson – Assistant Field Manager
Project Lead

Reviewed by: _____ **Date:**
David Daniels
Planning and Environmental Coordinator

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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: /s/Kimber Liebhauser Authenticated by: S. Ahrens Date: 4/24/13
Kimber Liebhauser
Field Manager, Lake Havasu Field Office