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A. Background

BLM Office: Surprise Field Office LLCAN07000

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Proposed Action Title/Type: Stevens Camp Spring Reconstruction/Maintenance.

Location of Proposed Action: The Spring project is located north of Stevens Camp Cabin in Washoe County, Nevada, approximately 25 miles east of the town of Vya:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 41 N., R. 22 E.,

Sec 3, NE1/4SW1/4;

See attached map.

Description of Proposed Action:

The Proposed Action is to conduct maintenance on the spring development that provides water to the Stevens Camp cabin. This spring development was initially constructed prior to BLM taking ownership in the 1990's. A 1999 Compliance Assessment-Safety, Health, and the Environment (CASHE) assessment revealed that the spring development and the water it provided to the cabin did not meet drinking water standards. This resulted in a redevelopment of the spring box and its associated water facilities. This redevelopment fixed the problem however the design did not have positive long term results. Water tests occurred in 2011 and 2012 and revealed that the water tested positive for coliforms. The purpose of the proposed action is to design and construct a dependable more "bullet proof" spring box and catchment system that would result in negative tests for coliform. The design would not go outside the existing disturbed area from the previous developments.

The description of the development is as follows: Stockpile approx. 8-10 loads of sand as close to spring as possible (can be small gravel, pit run). Remove all rocks and deep rooted vegetation 50' above, 25' on both sides, and 15' below spring box. Remove existing rubber liner. Clean diversion ditch. Dig trench along outer edge of liner. Spread 4-6" of sand (hailed from nearest source – Gravel pit on 8A) over the entire area, raking it smooth. Install liner and tuck into trench. Cut liner to fit around existing spring box. Bury edge of liner and spread 4-6" of sand over rubber liner. Then, cap with another 18" of material. (this material can be scraped off the site prior to spreading the bedding layer of sand) Replace gasket on spring box lid and seal up any access points. Replace screen over inlet and outlet if needed. No new disturbance is allowed, all work must stay inside previous disturbance area. See attached force account proposal and map diagram for more details.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

The proposed action is in conformance with the *Surprise Resource Management Plan* adopted in April 2008 (Surprise RMP) and the *Resource Management Plan for Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area and Associated Wilderness, and other Contiguous Lands in Nevada* adopted in July 2004 (herein referred to as the NCA RMP).

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with H-1790-1-National Environmental Policy Act Handbook, Appendix 3, p. 145:

1.7 Routine and continuing government business, including such things as supervision, administration, operations, maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity (e.g., limited size and magnitude or short-term effects).

D. Signature

This categorical exclusion is appropriate for this action because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been scoped by an interdisciplinary team of specialists in the Surprise Field Office and there were no issues or unresolved conflicts identified. I have determined that the above described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the Surprise RMP, and does not require further NEPA analysis.

D. Approval and Contact Information

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Surprise Field Manager

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For more information, contact Dan Ryan, at (530) 279-2719

Appendix A. Map



Stevens Camp Spring Development

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