

Checklist for Determination of Existing NEPA Adequacy

Document Title: OTTY ROAD ROW - RTB + JUAN JIMENEZ

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		Yes	No	Yes	No		
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Climate Change	Bill Wells		✓	✓		Heidi Blasius	8/6/13
Cultural Resources*	Dan McGrew	✓		✓		See e-mail M'Grew 7/30/13	
Env. Jus. and Socio -economics	Tim Goodman		✓	✓		Tim Goodman	8/6/13
Floodplains*	Bill Wells		✓	✓		Heidi Blasius	8/6/13
Hazardous Materials*	RJ Estes		✓	✓		Joe David	
Lands/Realty	Roberta Lopez		✓	✓		R Lopez	8/2/13
NEPA Maps	Sharisse Fisher		✓	✓		Joe David	8/5/13
Nonnative/Invasive Plants*	Dave Arthun		✓	✓		Man With	8-5-13
Native American Rel.*	Dan McGrew	✓		✓		Dan McGrew	7/30/13
Prime/Unique Farmlands*	Appropriate RMS		✓	✓		Man With	8-6-13
Range	Appropriate RMS		✓	✓		Man With	8-6-13
Soils	Bill Wells		✓	✓		Heidi Blasius	8/6/13
Solid Waste*	RJ Estes		✓	✓		Joe David	8/5/13
T&E Animal Species*	Tim Goodman		✓	✓		Tim Goodman	8/6/13
T&E Fish/Fisheries	Heidi Blasius		✓	✓		Heidi Blasius	8/6/13
T&E Plant Species*	Tim Goodman		✓	✓		Tim Goodman	8/6/13
VRM*	Ron Peru		✓	✓		Ron Peru	8/5/13
Water Quality (Grnd. & Srfc.)*	Bill Wells		✓	✓		Joe David	8/6/13
Water Rights	Bill Wells		✓	✓		Heidi Blasius	8/6/13
Wetlands/Riparian*	bill Wells		✓	✓		Heidi Blasius	8/6/13
Wild & Scenic River*	Tom Schnell SCOTT FORD		✓	✓		Scott Ford	8/6/13
Wilderness*	Tom Schnell SCOTT FORD		✓	✓		Scott Ford	8/6/13
Wilderness Characteristics	Tom Schnell SCOTT FORD		✓	✓		Scott Ford	8/6/13
Wildlife	Tim Goodman		✓	✓		Tim Goodman	8/6/13

Other

*required by law

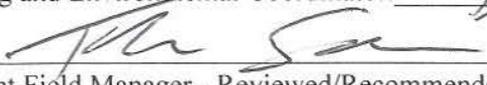
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Worksheet
Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2013-0031-DNA

A. BLM Office: Safford Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No. AZA 36374/36393

Project Title/Type: Right of Way

Location of Proposed Action: T. 8 S., R. 26 E., sec. 21, Lot 21, W2E2NW.

Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures: There is a narrow, unimproved dirt road that was constructed prior to 1966 which has been used by the public for more than 25 years. This road takes off from HWY 191 and runs westerly through the NW1/4 of section 29 to private land within sections 29 and 30. The applicant(s) would like legal ingress/egress and have made formal application to this office for a right-of-way and the rights to maintain said road. Approximately 1/4 mile of the subject road is on public land. The subject road accesses private land in the area.

An alternate access to private land is to the west from HWY 366. However, because of a major wash (Jacobsen Creek) in that area, the subject road becomes the only vehicular access to the private land when the creek floods during inclement weather.

Three other ROW grants have been granted over the same 1/4 mile of road on BLM for ingress/egress purposes. In the future, other entities may be applying for the same ROW as land is being subdivided and sold thus financial institutions are requiring legal access prior to issuance of the loans.

Applicant (if any): R & B Partnership & Juan Jimenez

B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans

LUP Name*	<u>Safford RMP</u>	Date Approved	<u>Sept/1992 & July/1994</u>
LUP Name*	_____	Date Approved	_____
Other document**	_____	Date Approved	_____

XX The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because **it is specifically** provided for in the following LUP decisions: According to the Management Guidance Common to all alternatives for land use authorizations, rights-of-way, leases and permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis, in accordance with the decisions of (the) RMP. (Page 22).

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related

documents that cover the proposed action.

- Environmental Assessment AZ-040-05-04 dated 11/10/1994
- Determination of NEPA Adequacy dated 05/02/2005
- Cultural Resource Compliance Documentation Record, completed 5/02/2005
- SHPO Concurrence, dated 12/08/1994

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed?

Yes. The proposed action is a new authorization; however the Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office currently has two other authorized grant holders authorizing access by use of this road. No changes or alterations to this dirt road will be made. Implementing this authorization will not further impact the resources of lands described.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?

Yes. The range of alternatives analyzed in the existing Environmental Assessment AZ-040-05-04 is appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances. Approximately ¼ mile of the subject road is on public land. The subject road accesses private land in the area. An alternate access to the private land is to the west from, HWY 366. However, because of a major wash (Jacobson Creek) in that area, the subject road becomes the only vehicular access to the private land when the creek floods during inclement weather. Appropriate mitigating measures and special stipulations applicable and relevant to the named cultural site. Additional documentation and consultation provided from SHPO.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; inventory and monitoring data; most recent lists of endangered species listing; updated BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

The existing analysis is adequate and addresses mitigating measures for the proposed action. Environmental Assessment AZ-040-05-04 was completed prior to 1998. Due to changes made in 1998, additional scoping and review was conducted for Environmental Justice, Threatened & Endangered Species, Nonnative/Invasive Species and Cultural. This road has been utilized as a means of access for private land owners for over 25 years and no alterations will be made to existing access road beyond maintenance activities.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new

proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

The impacts will remain the same as the road has been in existence for 25+ years and no new surface disturbance is proposed. The methodology and analytical approaches currently in use are the same, with exception to additional reviews conducted for Environmental Justice, Threatened or Endangered Species, Nonnative/Invasive Species and Cultural.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Public involvement and interagency review conducted previously are adequate and sufficiently meet the current lands & realty regulations. Adequate documentation regarding the use of this road was provided from the State Historic Preservation office (SHPO).

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
Roberta Lopez	Realty Specialist	Lands & Realty
Tim Goodman	Wildlife Biologist	Environmental Justice
Tim Goodman	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife Biologist
Dan McGrew	Archaeologist	Cultural
Dave Arthun	Rangeland Specialist	Non-Native Invasive Plants
Tom Schnell	Assistant Field Manager	NEPA
Scott Ford	Acting Outdoor Recreation Planner	Recreation/Wilderness
Heidi Blasius	Fisheries Biologist	Fisheries/Soils/Wetlands
Joe David	Assistant Field Manager	Soils/NEPA

Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

CONCLUSION



Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitute BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked

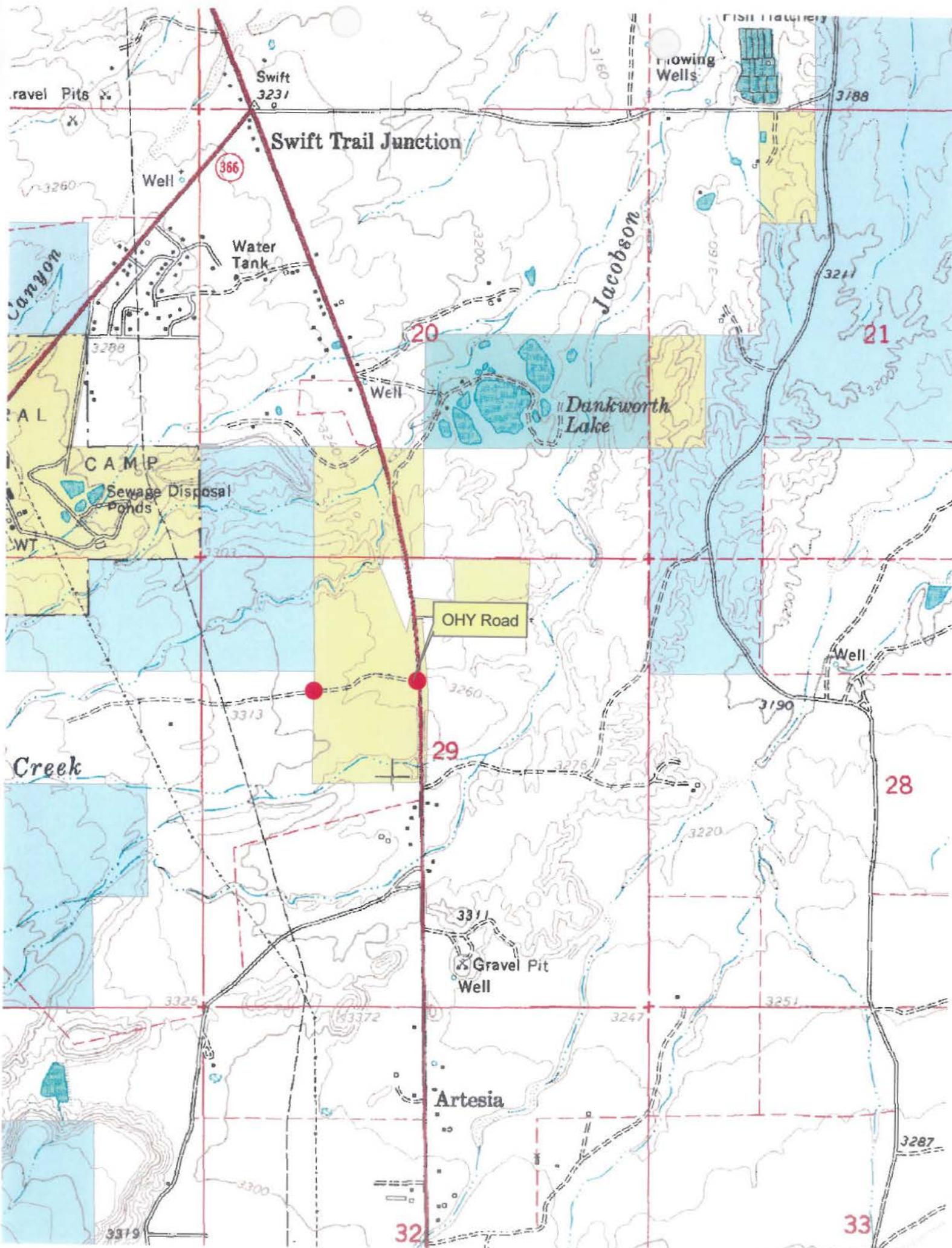
Roberta Lopez
Signature of Project Lead

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Signature of NEPA Coordinator

[Signature] (Acting)
Signature of Responsible Official

8/6/13
Date

Note: The signed CONCLUSION on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.



Gravel Pits

Swift 3231

FISH Hatchery

Flowing Wells

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Swift Trail Junction

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Well

Canyon

Water Tank

Jacobson

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Well

Dankworth Lake

CAMP

Sewage Disposal Ponds

OHY Road

Well

Creek

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Gravel Pit Well

Artesia

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