

United States Department of the Interior
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Cottonwood Field Office
1 Butte Drive
Cottonwood, ID, 83522

DECISION RECORD

Poynor House and Outbuildings Removal Project
DOI-BLM-ID-C020-2013-0015-CX

1. Background

The BLM is proposing to remove the Poynor House, outbuildings, and associated facilities from public lands. The project area is immediately north of the Twin Bridges (east side of Highway 95) and adjacent to White Bird rodeo grounds. The purpose for the project is to remove the risk and liability associated with asbestos and public access to these unneeded and un-safe buildings. The need for the project is to provide for public safety and use of public lands.

2. Decision

It is my decision to authorize the removal of the locally known Poynor house, eight outbuildings, and associated facilities from public lands. The house and outbuildings would be removed from public lands during the fall, 2013. As needed, re-contouring and seeding of desired vegetation would occur on the site in areas that had vegetation and soil disturbance. The project area is located in T. 27 N., R. 1 E., Section 23, Lot 3 (see attached map), which is approximately 6 air miles south of White Bird, Idaho.

3. Authority

Decision authority for this project is a general public land decision in accordance with The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 as amended.

4. Rationale

The proposed action is in conformance with the Cottonwood RMP and is a type of action that the BLM has determined does not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. The purpose and need for the project is to remove the risk and liability associated with asbestos and public access to these unneeded and un-safe buildings and provide for the safe use of public lands.

5. Coordination and Consultation

Consultation was completed with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office. A scoping notice was sent to the Nez Perce Tribe notifying them about the proposed project. The

Nez Perce Tribe had no comments and did not identify any issues regarding the proposed project.

6. Protest and Appeal

This decision constitutes my final decision. Any party that is adversely affected by it may appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. A notice of appeal must be filed in the Cottonwood Field Office (address in letterhead) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The Notice of appeal must be sent certified mail. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error in a statement of reasons. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300-QC, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days of filing the notice of appeal with the authorized officer. Any request for stay of this decision, in accordance with 43 CFR 4.21, must be filed with your notice of appeal.

Regulations do not authorize acceptance of protests in any form other than a signed, paper document that is delivered to the physical address of the BLM office. Therefore, the BLM will not accept protests delivered by e-mail, verbal, or facsimile means.

7. Signature

/s/

9/17/13

Will Runnoe
Field Manager

Date

Attachments:

- (1) Categorical Exclusion Documentation
- (2) Project Area Map

Categorical Exclusion Documentation
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1. Description of the Proposed Action

The BLM is proposing to remove an old structure, known locally as the Poynor House, outbuildings, and associated facilities from public lands. The project area is immediately north of the Twin Bridges (east side of Highway 95) and adjacent to White Bird Rodeo grounds, approximately 6 air miles south of White Bird, Idaho. The need for the project is to provide for public safety and use of public lands. The purpose for the project is to remove the risk and liability associated with asbestos and public access to these unneeded and un-safe buildings. The house and outbuildings would be removed from public lands during the fall, 2013. As needed, re-contouring and seeding of desired vegetation would occur on the site in areas that had vegetation and soil disturbance.

2. Location

Idaho County, Idaho. Boise Meridian T. 27 N., R. 1 E., sec. 23, Lot 3.

3. Land Use Plan Conformance

In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), this proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the Cottonwood Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved December 21, 2009. It is consistent with the following decisions from the RMP: Objective PS-1.4-Pursue the reduction of hazards, particularly at abandoned mines and facilities on public lands, to ensure they are safe for employees and the public. Action PS-1.3.1-Correct physical safety hazards, and cleanup hazardous materials sites on public lands.

4. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under NEPA in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 .J.(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." Application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances 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, Appendix C, exist.

/s/ _____
Will Runnoe
Field Manager

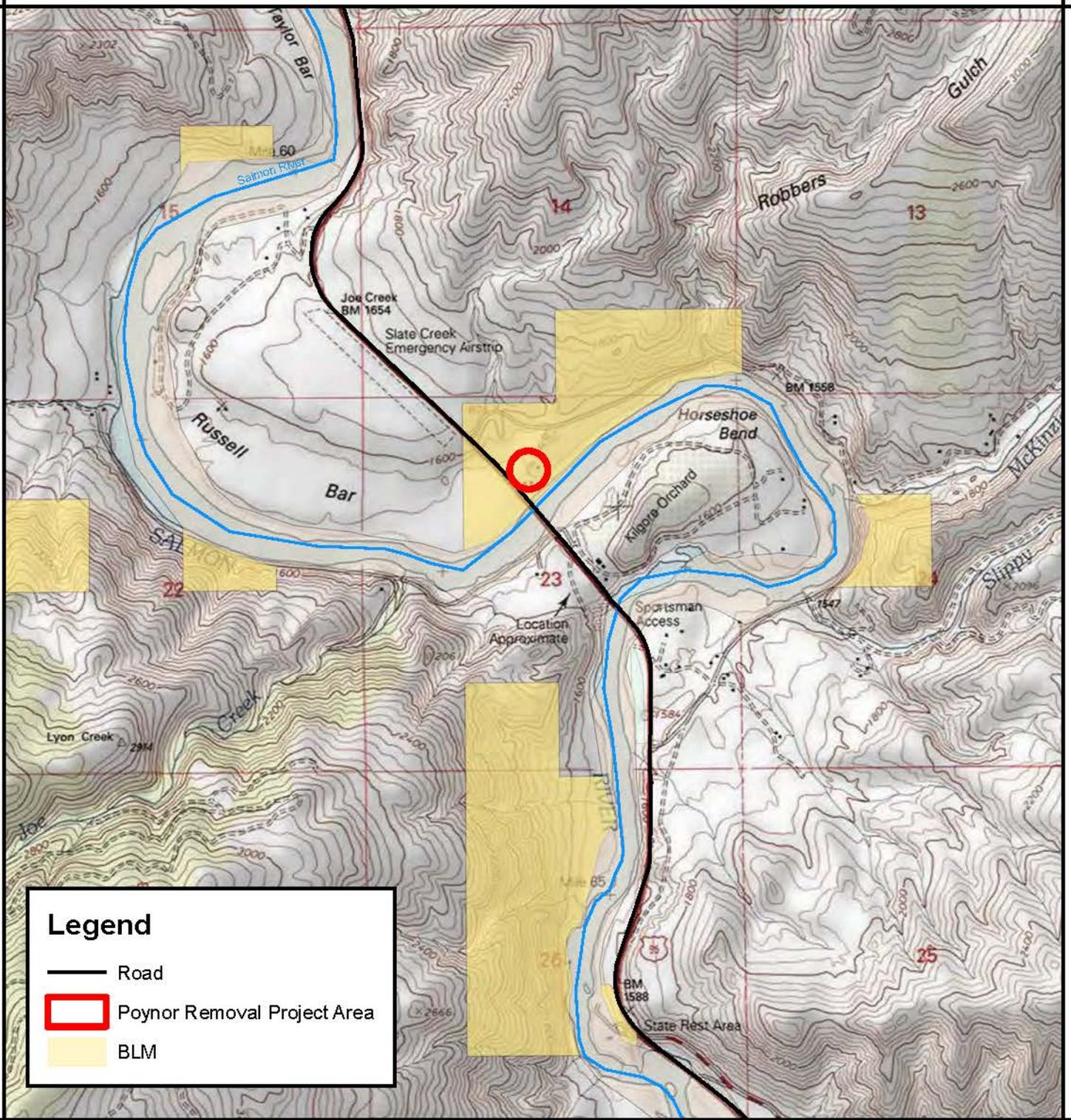
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Date

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this Categorical Exclusion review, contact Craig Johnson, Biologist, at (208) 962-3688 or [cajohnson@blm.gov](mailto:cjohnson@blm.gov)

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R 1 E



T 27 N

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Legend

-  Road
-  Poynor Removal Project Area
-  BLM

R 1 E



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