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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

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

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A. Background

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

Proposed Action Title/Type: Gooding Canal Bridge Replacement (RIP #374154)

Location of Proposed Action: Boise Meridian, Lincoln County, Idaho; Camp 1 Allotment and Star Lake Allotment

T. 7 South, R. 19 East, Section 18

Description of Proposed Action: The action is to replace the Gooding Canal Bridge that was constructed over the Milner-Gooding Canal, which is the boundary between the Camp 1 Allotment and the Star Lake Allotment. The original bridge is 60 feet long and 14 feet wide and was originally built in 1941 and then repaired in 1977. Currently the bridge is in need of replacement. This bridge is utilized by many groups and individuals such as the canal company, realty permit holders, livestock permittees, BLM employees including wildland fire personnel, recreationalists and hunters. It is also essential for the movement of livestock through allotments in order to accomplish management goals.

Under this action, the bridge would be replaced and all old materials would be removed by the contractor. The equipment needed to replace the bridge would stay within the footprint of the original project and would be completed while the canal is dry. Essentially, this replacement would be very similar to replacing a cattleguard and the same equipment would be used to complete the improvement with the addition of an excavator. The project would be completed over the course of a week but could be longer due to weather delays or more time needed to precisely fit the structural design on scene.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Monument Resource Management Plan. Date Approved/Amended: 1985.

_____ 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:

Monument RMP (1985), Standard Operating Procedures. Pg. 39

Structural improvements will be maintained by the permittees, while roads and vegetation treatment will be maintained by the BLM.

This bridge was built part and parcel with the road construction, and as such, is maintained by the BLM.

AND

CFR 43 §46.210(f) Listing of Departmental categorical exclusions.

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).

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with CFR 43 §46.210(f). "Listing of Departmental categorical exclusions."

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 46.210(f) apply. Attached is the Categorical Exclusion Review Sheet.

Extraordinary Circumstances

I have considered the action of replacing the Gooding Canal Bridge. Since this bridge is part and parcel of the road maintenance, this action is a standard operating procedure in the Monument RMP and should have limited short-term effects, especially with the stipulation that the work will be done when the canal is dry.

D. Signature

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