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Notice of Field Manager's Decision

Dear Interested Party:

I have received application for temporary crossing permit to trail livestock across public lands in portions of the Sandy Creek and Rattlesnake Allotments due to transfer of grazing privileges.

Background

In the fall of 2011, a number of applications for crossing permits were filed. In response to the applications, the BLM prepared Environmental Assessment (EA) No. DOI-BLM-ID-I040-2012-0028-EA to analyze the environmental consequences of trailing livestock in the Baldy Basin, Sandy Creek, Rattlesnake, NEF 3, Mill Creek, Waters and Little Sawmill/S. Hayden Allotments. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), decision record and selection of Alternative 1 were signed September 16, 2013.

Decision and Rationale

It is my decision to issue a livestock crossing permit, as described in Alternative 1 of EA No. DOI-BLM-ID-I040-2012-0028-EA for the Sandy Creek and Rattlesnake Allotments. My decision is based on the findings of EA No. DOI-BLM-ID-I040-2012-0028-EA and Documentation of NEPA Adequacy No. DOI-BLM-ID-I040-2014-0006-DNA. I have reviewed the alternatives analyzed in detail to determine if they remain responsive to the purpose and need for this proposal. I also reviewed the alternatives that were considered but not analyzed in detail to help me decide if the analysis had considered a reasonable range of alternatives. I find that the alternatives considered provide a reasonable range to consider.

My decision is in conformance with the 1987 Lemhi Resource Management Plan, as amended.

All terms and conditions described in the temporary crossing permit are incorporated by reference into this decision and must be followed. Terms and conditions that are specifically identified to reduce environmental effects are described in the “**Other Terms and Conditions**” section below.

- The Crossing Permit will entail crossing about 1.7 miles of the Sandy Creek Allotment and 0.5 miles of the Rattlesnake Draw Pasture of the Rattlesnake Allotment. The term permit will be issued for the period of 1/1/2014 to 12/1/2016.

Trailing along roads will be concentrated on the road prism footprint and roadside ditch; cattle could move off and then back onto the road if vehicles pass through the herd. All off-road trailing will be concentrated within a 150 foot corridor along the route.

Mandatory Terms and Conditions:

<u>Allotment/#</u>	<u>#/Kind</u>	<u>Grazing Period</u>	<u>% P.L./Type Use</u>	<u>Total AUMs</u>
Sandy Creek/06226	50 cattle	05/20-05/27	100%/Crossing	2 AUMs
	50 cattle	08/06 –08/14	100%/Crossing	2 AUMs
Rattlesnake/06228	50 cattle	05/20-05/27	100%/Crossing	2 AUMs
	50 cattle	08/06-08/14	100%/Crossing	2 AUMs

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Crossing will occur along the route outlined on the attached map.
- This crossing permit authorizes active trailing using horses and stock dogs along the road prism and roadside ditch, or within a 150-foot wide corridor when trailing off-road, along the route indicated on the attached map.
- Cattle will be actively trailed and will not be left on the allotment overnight.
- A maximum of two crossing events will occur: one in May and one in August.
- Crossing will be restricted to 50 cattle during each crossing event (across the two allotments), for a maximum of 50 head for each permitted timeframe.

Standard Terms and Conditions

- Billing notices are issued which specify fees due. Billing notices, when paid, become part of the crossing permit. Fee payments are due on the date specified on the billing notice and MUST be paid in full prior to livestock crossing activities.
- This permit is issued solely for the purposes of moving livestock across public lands for proper and lawful purposes, as needed for the orderly administration of rangelands. This permit confers no priority for renewal, and cannot be transferred or assigned.

Authority

The authority under which this decision is made is found within the following 43 CFR citations:

4110.2-2	Specifying permitted use
4130.2	Grazing permits or leases
4130.3	Terms and conditions
4130.3-1	Mandatory terms and conditions
4130.3-2	Other terms and conditions
4180	Fundamentals of Rangeland Health & Standards & Guidelines for Grazing Administration.

Protest and/or Appeal

My decision is not subject to protest or appeal in accordance with Section 125 of the 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (208) 756-5410 or Mark Bonner at (208) 756-5414.

Sincerely,

Field Manager /s/ Linda R. Price
Date 4/24/2014

Enclosures:

Temporary crossing permit (Permit #: I0402014001) and associated maps
Documentation of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) No. DOI-BLM-ID-I040-2014-0006-DNA

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