

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

CX No. DOI-BLM-ID-B030-2014-0007-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Owyhee Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No: 1101497

Proposed Action Title/Type: Grazing Permit Transfer

Location of Proposed Action: Garrett FFR (0626), White Horse Antelope (0541), West Castle (0648) and Brown's Creek (0585) Allotments.

Description of Proposed Action: Scott and Sherri Nicholson are transferring a portion of their Base Property and BLM grazing preference associated with Garrett FFR (0626), White Horse Antelope (0541), West Castle (0648) and Brown's Creek (0585) Allotments to Seth Thomas. Garrett FFR (0626), White Horse Antelope (0541), West Castle (0648) and Brown's Creek (0585) BLM preference for Scott and Sherri Nicholson is as follows:

Allotment	Allotment #	Active AUMs	Suspended AUMs
Garrett FFR	0626	31	617
White Horse Antelope	0541	4345	1460
West Castle	0648	700	161
Brown's Creek	0585	793	617

Base property offered has been reviewed and considered adequate for the preference applied for. In addition, the applicant's transfer and application for the grazing preference has been reviewed by the authorized officer who has found that the Seth Thomas is a qualified applicant. Grazing permit to be offered will be issued consistent with Section 411, Public Law 113-76.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Owyhee Resource Management Plan Date Approved/Amended: Dec. 30 1999

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): This is a Transfer of Grazing Preference, not a permit issue.

C: Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, 516 DM 11.9, and D.1. [DOI-BLM-ID-B030-0008-CX].

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 516 DM2 apply.

