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**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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**Project Creator:** Linda Appel

**Field Office:** Stillwater

**Lead Office:** Stillwater

**Case File/Project Number:** RI 544267

**Applicable Categorical Exclusion** (cite section): BLM NEPA Handbook H-1790-1, Appendix 4: BLM Categorical Exclusions, A (2): Minor modification of water developments to improve or facilitate wildlife use (e.g., modify enclosure fence, install flood valve, or reduce ramp access angle).

**NEPA Number:** DOI-BLM-NV-C010-<sup>2014-0012</sup>~~2013~~-CX

**Project Name:** Edwards Creek Well #3

**Project Description:** Edwards Creek Well #3 was drilled on an unknown date by person or persons unknown. It is considered a good well but has been inoperable for some time. The proposed action is to deepen the current well to approximately 500 feet. The well would be attached to the existing pipe and trough system. A new trough will be set inside the old cement trough as it is no longer serviceable. The well site is expected to be 8" x 500' with no pad or pumphouse. It is located alongside a dirt road approximately 12.7 miles east of Cold Springs off Highway 50. Travel about 0.9 miles SE on the dirt road to Edwards Creek Well #3 located in a highly disturbed area.

**Applicant Name:** Smith Creek Ranch LLC

**Project Location:** NWNW Sec 11 T19N R38E

**BLM Acres for the Project Area:** less than ½ acre

**Land Use Plan Conformance:** (cite reference/page number): This action is in conformance with the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001); Reference and page number citation: LSG-5 Administrative Actions 5 and 7

**Name of Plan:** Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001)

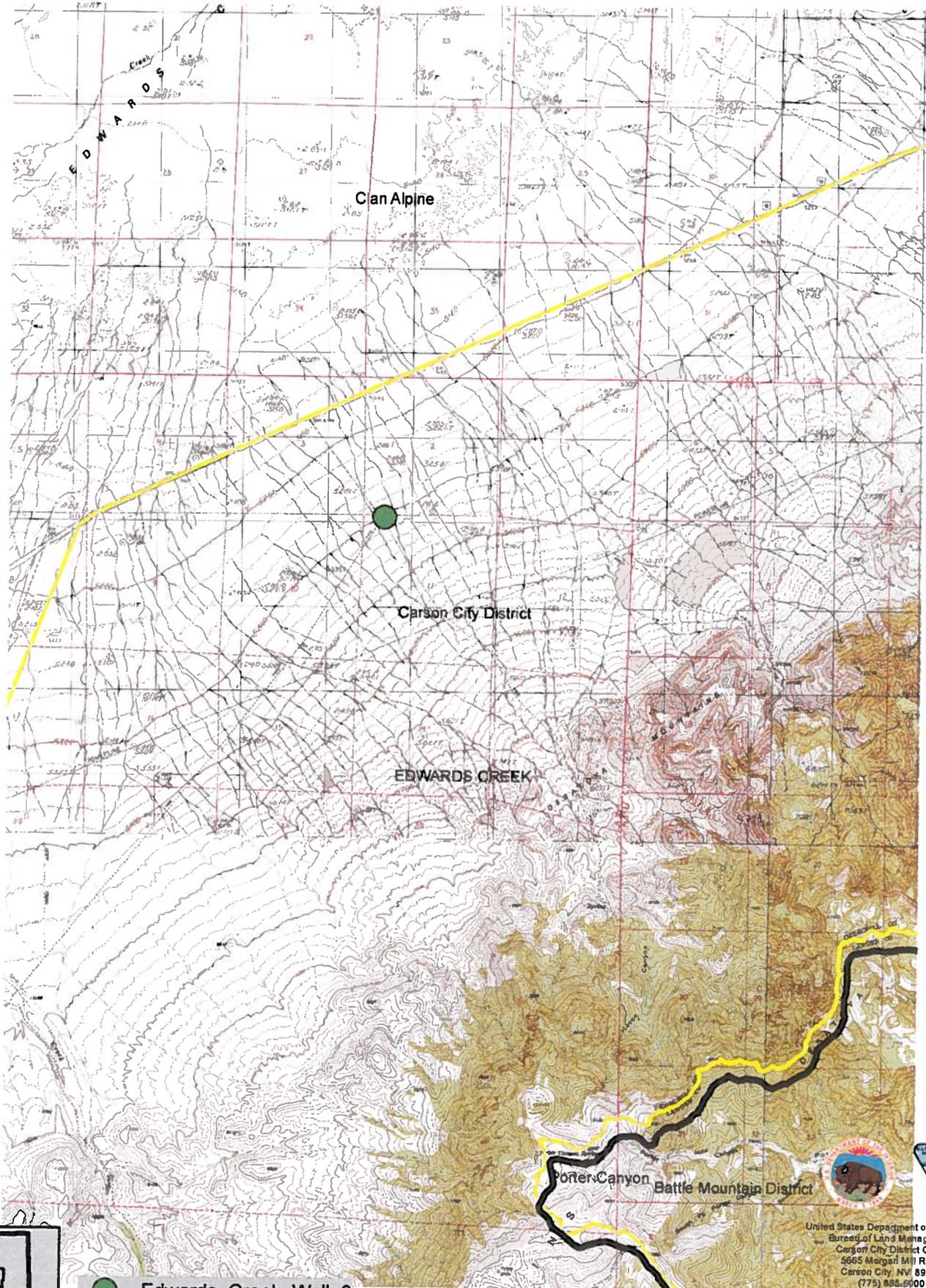
**Screening of Extraordinary Circumstances:** The following extraordinary circumstances apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (43 CFR 46.215). The BLM has considered the following criteria: (Specialist review: initial in appropriate box)

<i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i>	YES	NO
1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (Range)		JD
2. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (EO 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas? (Archeology, Recreation, Wilderness, Wildlife, Range by allotment, Water Quality)		CK ✓ KB
3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (PEC)		ADR
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (PEC)		ADR
5. Would the Proposed Action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? (PEC)		ADR
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (PEC)		ADR
7. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP as determined by the bureau or office? (Archeology)		✓ KB
8. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the list of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species? (Wildlife)		CK
9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (PEC and Archeology)		ADR ✓ KB
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? ((PEC)		ADR
11. Would the Proposed Action limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)? (Archeology)		✓ KB
12. Would the Proposed Action contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112)? (Range)		JD



# Edwards Creek Well #3

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-  Edwards\_Creek\_Well\_3
-  District Office Boundary
-  County Boundary

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