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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

The action is a transfer of a livestock grazing permit from one applicant to another. The permit terms and conditions are remaining the same but there will be a name change on the permit.

Location of Proposed Action: Boise Meridian, Elmore County Idaho; Cow Creek Allotment and Baseline Allotment

Description of Proposed Action: The current permittee, JD Aldecoa & Sons, has applied to transfer their full grazing permit for the Cow Creek Allotment (134 Summer cattle AUMs and 90 Fall cattle AUMs) to a different permittee – Tree Top Ranches, LP c/o Larry D. Williams. This is an administrative procedure only and nothing on the ground will change. The season of use, active preference and type of livestock will remain the same as it was under the previous grazing permit.

The base property that is being transferred along with the two allotments is below:

T. 1 South, R. 12 East, Portions of Sections 6

Section 7 (E¹/₂W¹/₂, S¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄)

Section 8 (N¹/₂NW ¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW ¹/₄, SW¹/₄)

Section 17 (portions of the W¹/₂SW¹/₄)

Section 18 ALL

Section 19 (portions of the E¹/₂NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄)

Section 20 (W¹/₂NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄)

T. 1 South, R. 11 East, Section 1 (SE¹/₄NE ¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE ¹/₄)

Section 2 (N¹/₂SE ¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, S¹/₂S¹/₂)

Section 4 (SE¹/₄SE ¹/₄)

Section 9 (E¹/₂W¹/₂, W¹/₂E¹/₂, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SE¹/₄)

Section 10 (W¹/₂W¹/₂, E¹/₂NW¹/₄)

Section 11 (E¹/₂, E¹/₂NW¹/₄)

Section 12 ALL

Base Property Continued:
T. 1 South, R. 11 East, Section 13 (N½, N½S½)
Section 14 (N½NW¼)
Section 16 (N½)

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Shoshone EIS. Date Approved/Amended: 1979.

_____ 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 CFR 4110.2-3 Transfer of grazing preference as long as the transfer meets all of the requirements and qualifications. The paperwork that has been submitted shows that all of the requirements and qualifications are being met.

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 11.9, D #1, Appendix 4-153. “Approval of transfers of grazing preference.”

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 46.215 apply. Attached is the Categorical Exclusion Review Sheet, Consideration of Extraordinary Circumstances.

I considered the transfer of grazing preference from JD Aldecoa & Sons to Tree Top Ranches, LP c/o Larry D. Williams. This action is an administrative action and no changes to the terms and conditions of the grazing permit will occur. The season of use, class of livestock and AUMs will remain unchanged.

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: /s/ James D. Barnum Date: April 15, 2014

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