

**United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

**Categorical Exclusion Not Established By Statute
DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2014-0156-CX**

May, 2014

Carp Removal Pelican Lake

Location: T. 7S, R 2E, Section 31

Applicant/Address: *Vernal Field Office*

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**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION FORMAT WHEN USING
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS NOT ESTABLISHED BY STATUTE**

A. Background

BLM Office: Vernal Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No: _____

Proposed Action Title/Type: Carp Removal Pelican Lake

Location of Proposed Action: Pelican Lake, next to Ouray Utah.

Description of Proposed Action: Remove nuisance fish from Pelican Lake and bury them in a 3x 4 hole, off-site on BLM lands, and outside of the Pelican Lake SRMA.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Vernal Field Office RMP/ROD

Plan Date Approved/Amended: October 31, 2008

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable Land Use Plan. It is clearly consistent with the LUP decision: WL-4, pg. 141.

Management Decision: WL-4

The VFO will assist in implementing the strategic plan for Utah's Initiative on Blue Ribbon Fisheries by managing aquatic and riparian habitat along the Green River, from the Ashley National Forest border to the Colorado/Utah border, for a quality cold-water sport fishery and Pelican Lake for a quality warm water sport fishery. In addition, any aquatic and riparian habitats along other waters identified as Blue Ribbon Fisheries will be managed for quality sport fisheries. The VFO will implement this initiative to the extent consistent and appropriate with the Vernal RMP and other land use authorizations. The RMP/ROD decision allows managing aquatic habitat within Pelican Lake for Blue Ribbon Fisheries.

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, A 6 "Relocation of nuisance or depredating wildlife, providing relocation does not introduce new species into the ecosystem".

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 DM 11.9 apply.

I considered the proposed action to remove and bury the nuisance fish from Pelican Lake . I have reviewed the plan conformance statement and have determined that the proposed activity is in conformance with the applicable land use plan(s).

D: Signature

Authorizing Official:  Acting Date: 5/14/14
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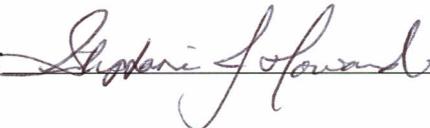
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Attachments

Categorical Exclusion Review Record

Resource	Yes/No*	Assigned Specialist Signature	Date
Air Quality	No	Dixie Sadlier	5/14/14
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	No	Jason West	5/14/14
Cultural Resources	No	Kathie Davies	5/14/14
Environmental Justice	No	Dixie Sadlier	5/14/14
Farm Lands (prime or unique)	No	Dixie Sadlier	5/14/14
Floodplains	No	Jessie Brunson	5/14/14
Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds	No	Jessie Brunson	5/14/14
Migratory Birds	No	Dixie Sadlier	5/14/14
Native American Religious Concerns	No	Kathie Davis	5/14/14
Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Species	No	Jessie Brunson, Dixie Sadlier	5/14/14
Wastes (hazardous or solid)	No	Dixie Sadlier	5/14/14
Water Quality (surface/ground)	No	Dixie Sadlier	5/14/14
Wetlands / Riparian Zones	No	Dixie Sadlier	5/14/14
Wild and Scenic Rivers	No	Jason West	5/14/14
Wilderness	No	Jason West	5/14/14
Other:	No	Dixie Sadlier	5/14/14

*Extraordinary Circumstances apply.

Environmental Coordinator 

Date: 5/14/14

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Extraordinary Circumstance to Categorical Exclusions

Exceptions to Categorical Exclusion Documentation

The action has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) apply. The project would:

Extraordinary Circumstances		
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: The proposed action is designed to keep impacts on public health and safety to a minimum and not impair public health and safety.
2. 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 (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Rationale:</i> There are no unique geographic characteristics; 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 (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; or other ecologically significant or critical areas within the proposed project area per cultural reports, BLM GIS database layers, and onsite observations. No lands designated as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Wilderness Study Areas, Monuments, or other areas of special designation are located within the proposed project area, and the proposed project would not impact any specially designated lands. Migratory birds are present in the project area; however, the proposed project is not expected to impact migratory bird habitat, forage, or nesting areas.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102 (2) (E)].		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: Due to the short time frame and size of the project the impacts of the project is minimal.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: The proposed project is small in size and only last one day. The consequences of the proposed action can generally be predicted as insignificant.
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		

Extraordinary Circumstances		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: The proposed action is not connected to another action that would require further environmental analysis and would not set a precedent for future actions that would normally require environmental analysis.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: The proposed project is not expected to have a direct relationship to other actions that will cumulatively have a significant environmental effect. The proposed action is not expected to be significant.
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: Class III cultural surveys have been completed for the proposed project area; no significant cultural resources were found.
8. 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.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: No formal Section 7 consultation/concurrence with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was required or requested. Threatened and Endangered Species review has occurred through the onsite as well as BLM GIS data. UDWR is a cooperator in the proposed project so coordination with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has been completed.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: The proposed action would not violate any county or state statutes. Formal Section 7 consultation with USFWS for Threatened and Endangered species was not required or requested for this project; consultation for water depletion has already been completed: the proposed project would not violate the Endangered Species Act. Onsite observations, BLM GIS, and air quality studies/modeling data have shown that the proposed project will not violate the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, or Migratory Bird Act.
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: Low income or minority populations are not present in the project area. Low income or minority populations would not receive disproportionately high or adverse human health or environmental effects from the proposed action. Health and environmental statutes would not be compromised by the proposed action.

Extraordinary Circumstances

11. 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 (Executive Order 13007).

Yes	No x	Rationale: Cultural surveys/reports and tribal consultation show that no Indian sacred sites are present in the proposed project area, and no Indian sacred sites will be impacted by the proposed action.
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12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive 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 Executive Order 13112).

Yes	No x	Rationale: BLM will monitor the site, and control any noxious/invasive weeds within the area.
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