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Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Lolo Creek Ranch Road Right-of-Way
DOI-BLM-ID-C000-2014-0003-CX

1. Description of the Proposed Action

The BLM is evaluating an application for a road right-of-way (ROW) from Lolo Creek Ranch INC.; the purpose of the road ROW is to harvest commercial timber on private property using an existing road. The road crossing BLM lands is a native surface road that will be graded and improved where necessary to maintain road drainage and use for timber harvest related activities (e.g., access and hauling logs). Soils disturbed during road maintenance will be revegetated using a weed free seed mix to prevent establishment of noxious weeds. ROW will be monitored for establishment of weed species not already occurring in the area and control actions implemented if needed. No new disturbance will be conducted on BLM managed lands. The existing road is 4,006 feet long by 25 feet wide and contains 2.299 acres, more or less. The project is located on a road which is open to motorized travel year round and is approximately 4.5 air miles north east of the town of Kamiah Idaho.

Location: Boise Meridian T. 34 N., R. 4 E., sec. 15, S½NE¼.

2. Land Use Plan Conformance

In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), this proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with Cottonwood Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved December 21, 2009. It is consistent with the following decisions from the RMP: Objective LR-1.1 - Consider all requests for Rights-of-Way, Land Use Permits, and Leases.

3. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under NEPA in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 E. 16. "Acquisition of easements for an existing road or issuance of leases, permits, or rights-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purposes". Application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix C, exist.

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Date