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Intermountain Concrete Stuntz Gravel Pit
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A. Background

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BLM Office: Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal , UT 84078

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: None

Proposed Action Title/Type: Sand and gravel pit

Location of Proposed Action: T6S R22E Sec 13; 6.2 miles south of the Highway 40 Jensen Green River River Bridge on Redwash Road

Description of Proposed Action: The requested BLM property borders the south property line of the current Stuntz Valley Gravel Pit property. The Intermountain Concrete Company would use their current location (Stuntz pit) to stockpile and crush the proposed gravel. The plans would be to strip the overburden and house it on BLM property until it is needed for reclamation. Less than 4 acres and less than 50,000 cubic yards would be disturbed for this project.

The uncovered gravel would be pushed to the north onto the existing Stuntz crushing location. At that point, the gravel would be crushed or loaded directly on trucks for delivery. Intermountain Concrete has no plans to place a crusher on the proposed BLM site. The only equipment to be used at the site would be a D&R Cat Dozer, Cat Front End Wheel Loaders, and a Mack Water Truck. All equipment would be parked at night on the Stuntz location.

After all the sand and gravel has been removed from the BLM site, the overburden will be placed back according to industry standards.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: 2008

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

The ROD allows the development of mineral operations for salable minerals (page 97), and 389,788 acres have been set apart for mineral material disposal with standard and special stipulations (page 100).

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) : The proposed action is consistent with the decisions of the Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan Record of Decision (ROD 2008). The ROD allows the development of mineral operations for salable minerals (page 97), and 389,788 acres have been set apart for mineral material disposal with standard and special stipulations (page 100). The project would not conflict with other decisions throughout the plan.

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, or 516 DM 11.9,

The action described above generally does not require the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS), as it has been found to not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. The applicable Categorical Exclusion reference is in 516 DM 2, Appendix 1 (or 516 DM 11.5 F (10)). This reference states, "Disposal of mineral materials such as sand, stone, gravel, pumice, pumicite, cinders, and clay, in amounts not exceeding 50,000 cubic yards or disturbing more than 5 acres, except in riparian areas."

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 2 apply.

I considered extraordinary circumstances when writing this document.

D. Approval and Contact Information

SEP 05 2014

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Date

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Chapter 1. Categorical Exclusion Rationale

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Date:	September 3, 2014
Lease/Case File/ Serial Number:	None
Regulatory Authority (CFR or Law):	43 CFR 3600

Section 1.1 Impacts on Public Health and Safety

1. Does the proposed action have significant impacts on public health and safety?		
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**
	X	Elizabeth Gamber, Geologist

Rationale: The proposed action does not have significant impacts on public health and safety because it is a proposed extension of an existing operation in a remote area of the Vernal Field Office.

Section 1.2 Impacts on Natural Resources or Unique Geographic Characteristics

2. Does 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 or wilderness study 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 (Executive Order 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**
	X	Elizabeth Gamber, Geologist; Erin Goslin, Archaeologist; Alec Bryan, Recreation Aid

Rationale: The proposed action does not have significant impacts on paleontological resources and aquifers.

There are no cultural resources located within the proposed action.

There are no park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness or wilderness study areas; wild and scenic rivers; national historic landmarks; National Monuments, ACECs; or Natural Areas in the project area. The VRM class for the proposed project is class III and IV.

Section 1.3 Level of Controversy

3. Does the proposed action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?		
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**
	X	Elizabeth Gamber, Geologist

Rationale: The proposed action does not have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources

Section 1.4 Highly Uncertain or Unique or Unknown Environmental Risks

4. Does the proposed action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Elizabeth Gamber, Geologist

Rationale: The proposed action does not have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks

Section 1.5 Precedent Setting

5. Does the proposed action establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Elizabeth Gamber, Geologist

Rationale: The proposed action does not establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects

Section 1.6 Cumulatively Significant Effects

6. Does the proposed action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Elizabeth Gamber, Geologist

Rationale: The proposed action does not have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects

Section 1.7 Impacts on Cultural Properties

7. Does the proposed action have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the Bureau or office?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Erin Goslin, Archaeologist

Rationale:

There are no cultural resources located in the project area (U-14–BL-0776b).

Section 1.8 Impacts on Federally Listed Species or Critical Habitat

8. Does 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?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Brandon McDonald, Biologist Christine Cimiluca, Natural Resource Specialist/Acting Botanist

Rationale: In review of district files and a field review there are no threatened, endangered, proposed or candidate animals (including their designated habitats) within the project area.

No individuals or populations of plant species designated as threatened or endangered have been documented in the Project Area. Potential habitat for these species is not present in the Project Area, and designated Critical Habitat is not present. The proposed action is not anticipated to have significant direct or indirect impacts on these species or their designated Critical Habitat.

Section 1.9 Compliance With Laws

9. Does the proposed action violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**
	X	Elizabeth Gamber, Geologist

Rationale: The proposed action does not violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment

Section 1.10 Environmental Justice

10. Does the proposed action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**
	X	Elizabeth Gamber, Geologist

Rationale:The proposed action will not have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.

Section 1.11 Indian Sacred Sites

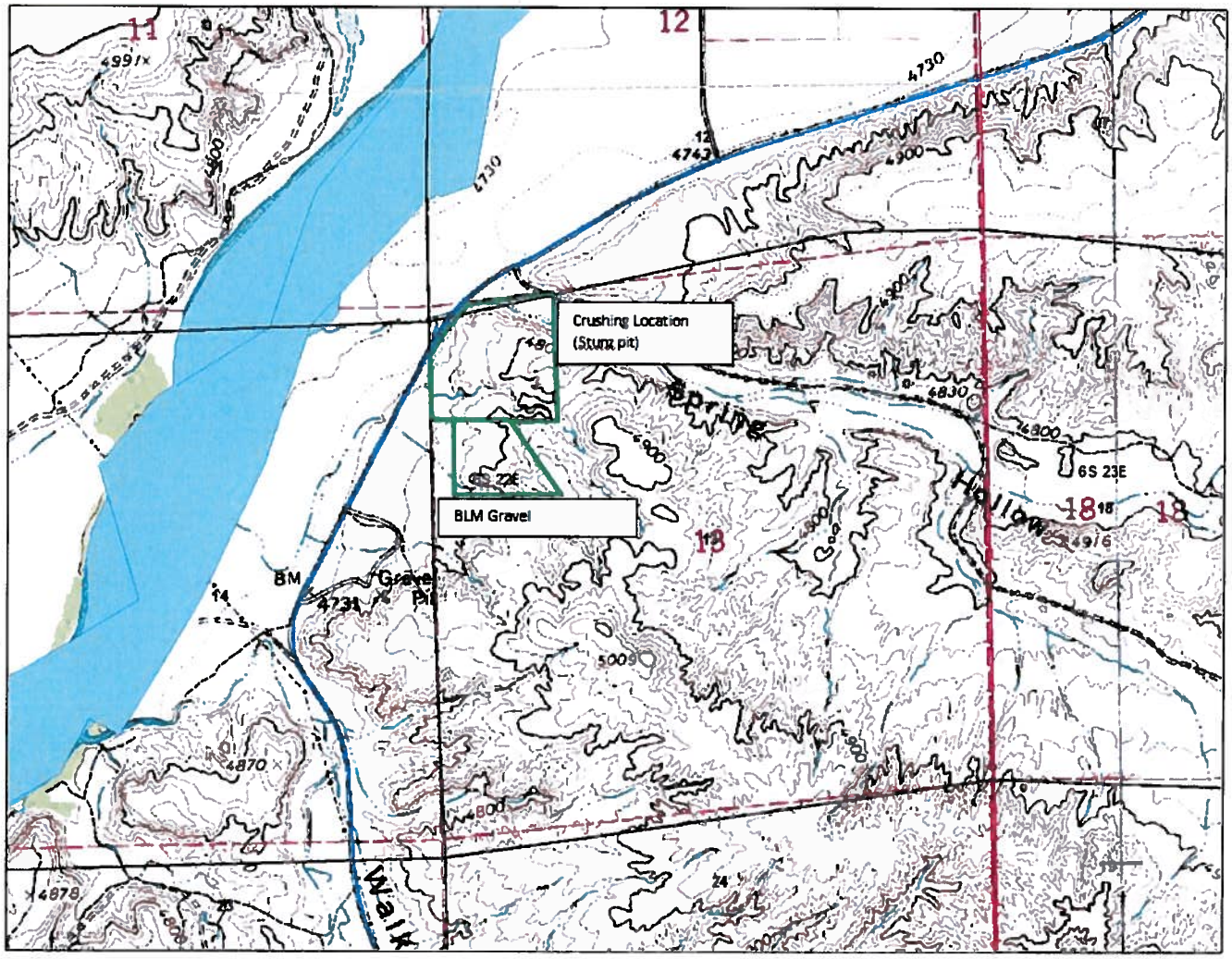
11. Does the proposed action limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners, or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?		
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**
	X	Erin Goslin, Archaeologist

Rationale:

The proposed action will not hinder Native American access.

Section 1.12 Noxious and Non-Native Invasive Species

12. Does the proposed action 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**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**
	X	Christine Cimiluca, Natural Resource Specialist/Acting Botanist

Rationale: Noxious weeds have not been previously documented in the Project Area, but may be present. Non-native invasive plant species may also be present in the Project Area. The proposed action is not anticipated to contribute to the introduction, growth or expansion or noxious weeds and non-native invasive plant species as long as weed control protocols are implemented.

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