

UNITED STATES
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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
Trilobata Spring Redevelopment**

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

I have reviewed the Final Environmental Assessment Trilobata Spring Redevelopment (EA) DOI-BLM-NV-L020-2012-0030-EA. After consideration of the environmental effects as analyzed in the EA, I have determined that the proposed action subject to the design features identified in the EA will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

This finding and conclusion of no significant impact is based on my consideration of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) criteria for significance (40 CFR 1508.27), both with regard to the context and the intensity of impacts described in the EA.

Context:

The project area is located within Dry Lake Valley Watershed. The Wilson Creek Allotment (01201) encompasses approximately 1,077,994 public land acres. The allotment occurs within Lincoln County, and is situated approximately 45 miles west of Ely, Nevada. Trilobata is located in the northern portion of the allotment. The project area is also within the Dry Lake Valley Watershed (#181) and the Silver King wild Horse Herd Management Area (HMA).

Intensity:

1) *Impacts that may be both beneficial and adverse.*

The EA has considered both beneficial and adverse impacts of the proposed action. None of the impacts considered in the EA approach any identified threshold of significance, i.e. exceeding air or drinking water quality standards, contributing to a decline in the population of a listed species, etc. In other words, none of the resource impacts are intensely adverse or beneficial.

2) *The degree to which the proposed action affects public health or safety.*

The Proposed Action would not result in potentially substantial or adverse impacts to public health and safety.

3) *Unique characteristics of the geographic area such as proximity to historic or cultural resources, park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas.*

The EA has evaluated any unique characteristics of the geographic area and none of the elements are present in the project area, no site specific concerns were identified.

4) *The degree to which the effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be highly controversial.*

Effects of the proposed action have been well documented in previous federal actions and have been presented within the EA. These impacts are not likely to be highly controversial as evidenced through the scoping and comment periods associated with this project.

5) *The degree to which the possible effects on the human environment are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks.*

The effects of the proposed action are well known and documented through previous spring development projects. Management practices and design features incorporated to meet resource objectives and maintain or achieve rangeland health were analyzed in the EA.

6) *The degree to which the action may establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or represents a decision in principle about a future consideration.*

The Proposed Action will not establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration.

7) *Whether the action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts.*

No significant cumulative impacts have been identified in the EA. Past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions in the cumulative impact assessment area would not result in cumulatively significant impacts. For any actions that may be proposed in the future, further environmental analysis, including the assessment of cumulative impacts, would be required.

8) *The degree to which the action may adversely affect districts, sites, highways, structures, or objects listed in or eligible for listing in the NRHP or may cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources.*

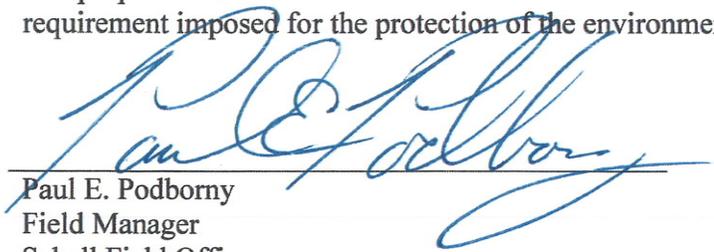
No districts, sites, highways, structures, or objects listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) were identified to be present in the project area of the EA. The proposed action will not cause the loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural or historical resources.

9) *The degree to which the action may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has been determined to be critical under the ESA of 1973.*

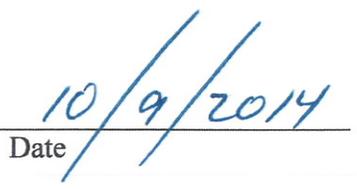
The BLM is required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, to ensure that no action on the public lands jeopardizes a threatened, endangered, or proposed species. Threatened, Endangered, or Proposed species are not known to be present in the project area.

10) Whether the action threatens a violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.

The proposed action will not violate or threaten to violate any Federal, State, or local law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.



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