

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)  
COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS (CX)  
U.S. Department of Interior  
Bureau of Land Management**

**PART I. – PROPOSED ACTION**

**BLM Office:** HFO  
2014-0047-CX

**NEPA No.:** DOI-BLM-AZ-P010-

**Case File No.:** AZA-035235

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Issue of Mineral Materials Exploration Permit under 43 CFR 2720 "Conveyance of Mineral Interest"

**Applicant:** Gavilan Peak LLC.

**Location of Proposed Action:** Arizona, Gila & Salt River Meridian T. 7 N, R 2 E, Sec. 35

**Description of Proposed Action:** The proposed use of the land is to acquire the minerals interest underlying describe lands in Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, T. 7 N., R. 2 E., Sec. 35, Portion of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 111.35 acres, in Maricopa County, Arizona.

The Mineral Report dated on August 26, 2014, concludes the lands identified in this application are determined by a BLM Minerals Specialist as not valuable for leasable minerals, locatable minerals, or salable minerals. In addition, as of date of this report the study area does not have a known mineral value, for any mineral commodity. Therefore, it is the BLM Minerals Specialists conclusion that the land be conveyed.

**Part II. – PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW**

**This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan(s):** Bradshaw-Harquahala Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan

**Decisions and page nos.:** Under the Approved Resource Management Plan, Decisions Applicable to the Entire Planning Area, Mineral Resources, Land Use Allocations,

MI-1. Open all public lands for mineral and geothermal leasing and exploration except lands with existing segregations or withdrawals, as shown on Map 10." (Page 33)

**Date plan approved/amended:** April 2010

This proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with these plans (43 CFR 1610.5-3, BLM Manual 1601.04.C.2).



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

(a) Have significant impacts on public health or safety.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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(b) 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.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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(c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102 (2) (E)].

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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(d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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(e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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(f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	<b>X</b>	
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(g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	<b>X</b>	
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(h) 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.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	<b>X</b>	
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(i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	<b>X</b>	
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(j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	<b>X</b>	
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(k) 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

Rationale:

X

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(l) 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

Rationale:

X

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**PART V. -COMPLIANCE REVIEW CONCLUSION**

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record, and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required.

**MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER REMARKS:** There is no value to the leasable, salable and locatable minerals. The study area is not valuable for exploring for, developing of, or producing valuable mineral deposits. There is no known value for mineral commodity.

APPROVING OFFICIAL:

D. Reingold Hanes  
Field Manager

DATE:

8/29/2014

TITLE:

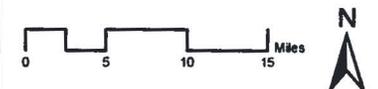
Note: The signed conclusion on this compliance record is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. A separate decision to implement the action should be prepared in accordance with program specific guidance.

Map 10  
Bradshaw-Harquahala  
Planning Area

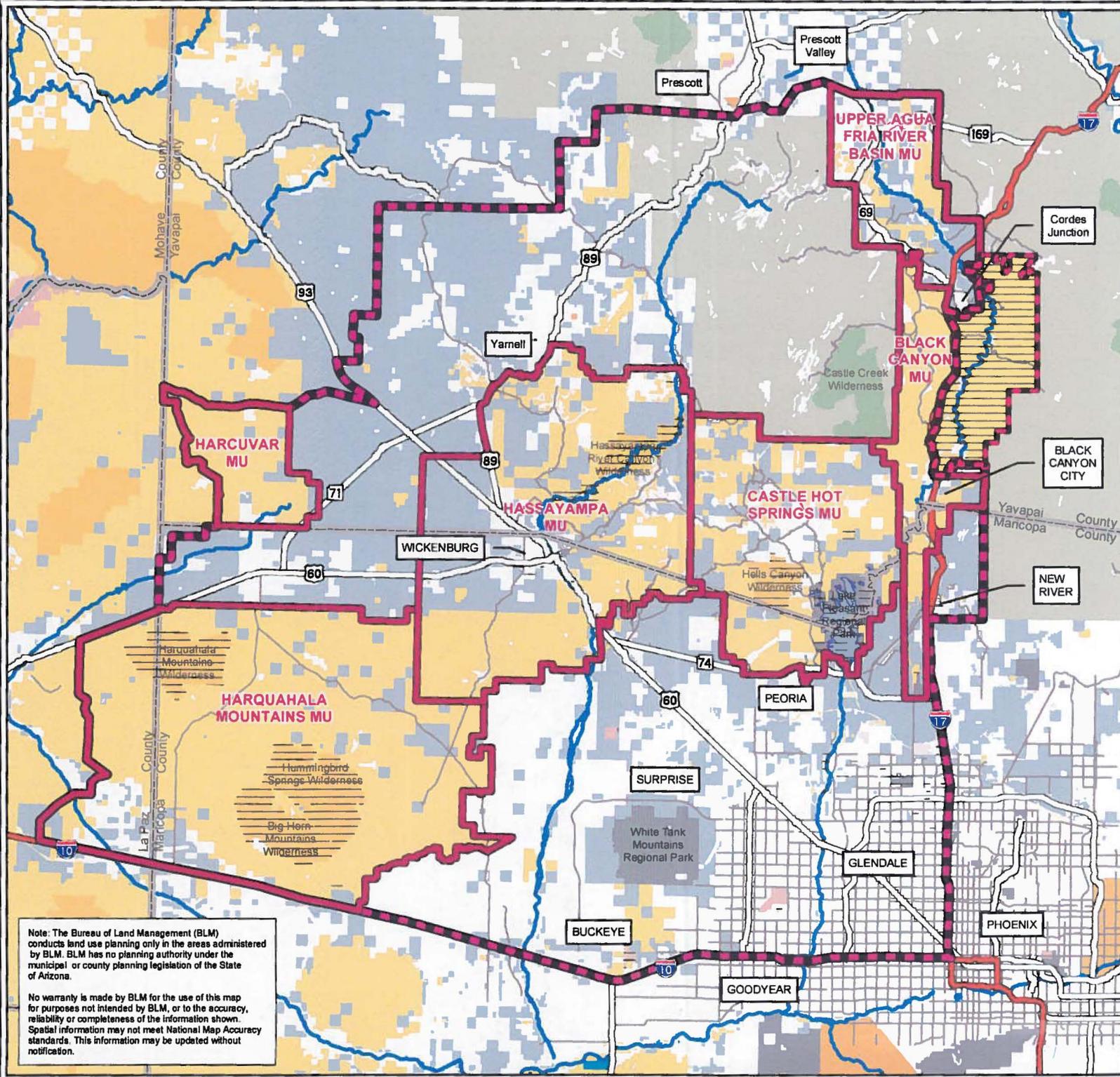
Closed to Leasable Minerals

-  Agua Fria National Monument Planning Area
-  Bradshaw Harquahala Planning Area
-  BLM Wilderness
-  USFS Wilderness
-  Interstate
-  Highway
-  Major Road
-  Major River, Streams or Wash
-  Management Unit (MU)
-  Closed to Leasable Minerals

Note: Land Status legend located on Map 1



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