

## Checklist for Interdisciplinary Review of Categorical Exclusions

<b>Document Title: Silver Creek Allotment Transfer</b>	
<b>Document Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2015-0005-CX</b>	<b>Case File Number: 06242</b>
<b>Preparer Name and Title:</b>	
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**Biologist Assigned: Jeff Conn**

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*Jason Moore*  
 NEPA Coordinator Assigned

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 Scott C. Cooke, SFO Field Manager

Critical Elements & Other Issues	Specialist	Affected		Comments		Document Review Signature	Date
		Yes	No	Yes	No		
1. NRHPP/Cultural	Dan McGrew		✓		✓	<i>Dan McGrew</i>	12/8/14
2. T&E Species	Jeff Conn		✓		✓	<i>Jeff Conn</i>	12/8/14
3. Floodplains/Wetlands	Jason Martin		✓		✓	<i>Jason Martin</i>	12/9/14
4. Invasive Species	<del>Dave Arthur</del> Doug		✓		✓	<i>Doug</i>	1-14-15
5. NEPA Map	Sharisse Fisher		✓		✓	<i>Sharisse Fisher</i>	11/19/14

Attachments: \_\_\_\_\_

Planning and Environmental Coordinator: *Jason Moore* Date: 1/15/15

*Jason Moore* Date: 1/15/15  
 Assistant Field Manager – Reviewed/Recommended

**NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)  
Safford Field Office**

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Serial/Case File No. Silver Creek Allotment (#06242) Transfer

Proposed Action Title/Type: The Proposed action is the transfer of grazing preference on the Silver Creek Allotment.

Location of Proposed Action (include name of 7.5 topographic map): The Silver Creek Allotment is located in Navajo County approximately 10 miles Southwest of Snowflake, Arizona. This area is covered by Mesa Redonda NW USGS Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Map as show in Figure 1.

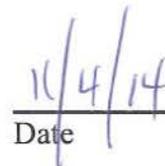
Description of Proposed Action: Transfer the existing grazing preference from the current permittee (Joshua & Misty Smart) to Canyon L. and Trever M. Willis.

Applicant (if any): Canyon L and Trever M. Willis

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW. This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Safford District Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision approved September 1992 and July 1994.

The proposed action has been reviewed and determined to be in conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

  
Specialist Signature

  
Date

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**PART II: CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW**

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ASSIGNMENT AND REVIEW

Subactivity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Case/Project No.: 06242

Project Name: Silver Creek Allotment Transfer  
Location (legal description): T12N., R.23E. Sec. 20  
NLCS Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Quad Name: Mesa Redonda NW  
Project Lead: Jason S. Martin

Draft Review: Unit Manager/Supervisor: Liam Moore Date: 1/15/15

Technical Review:

Applies? Yes No	NAME	EXCEPTION	SIGNATURE	DATE
( ) (X)	R.J. Estes	(1) Have Significant adverse effects on public health or safety?	RJE	11/9/14
( ) (X)	Jason Martin	(2) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as principal drinking water aquifers, or wetlands.	Jason Martin	11/5/14
( ) ( )	N/A	(3) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, or ecologically significant or critical areas including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.		
( ) (V)	Dan McGrew	(4) Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners.	Dan McGrew	12/8/14
( ) (X)	Jeff Conn	(5) Have adverse effects on species listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species. Follow GIB. 0. 9	Jeff Conn	12/8/14
( ) ( )	Dave Arthur	(6) Contribute to the introduction, continuation existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.	D/A	1-14-15
( ) (X)	Jason Martin	(7) Have highly controversial environmental effects	Jason Martin	12/9/14
( ) (X)	Amelia Underwood	(8) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	Amelia Underwood	11/7/14
( ) (X)	Jason Martin	(9) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	Jason Martin	12/9/14
( ) (X)	Jason Martin	(10) Individually Insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.	Jason Martin	1-14-15
( ) (X)	<del>Tim Goodman</del> Jason Martin	(11) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.	Jason Martin	12/9/14

Final Review:

Environmental Coordinator: Liam Moore Date: 1/15/15

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the Environmental Policy Act in accordance with 516 DM 11, 11, 9, D(1): Rangeland Management-*Approval of transfers of grazing preference*. NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2015-0005-CX

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. It has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

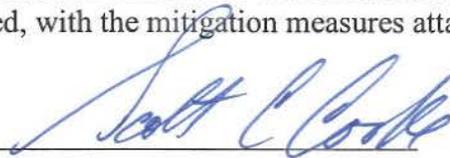
The action does not have significant adverse effects on public health and safety nor does the action adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. The action does not have highly controversial environmental effects nor have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk nor does it adversely affect a species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered or threatened species. It does not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration with significant environmental effects or related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. The proposed action does not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment or which require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

**Mitigation Measures/Stipulations:**

No mitigation measures or stipulations are warranted in this transfer.

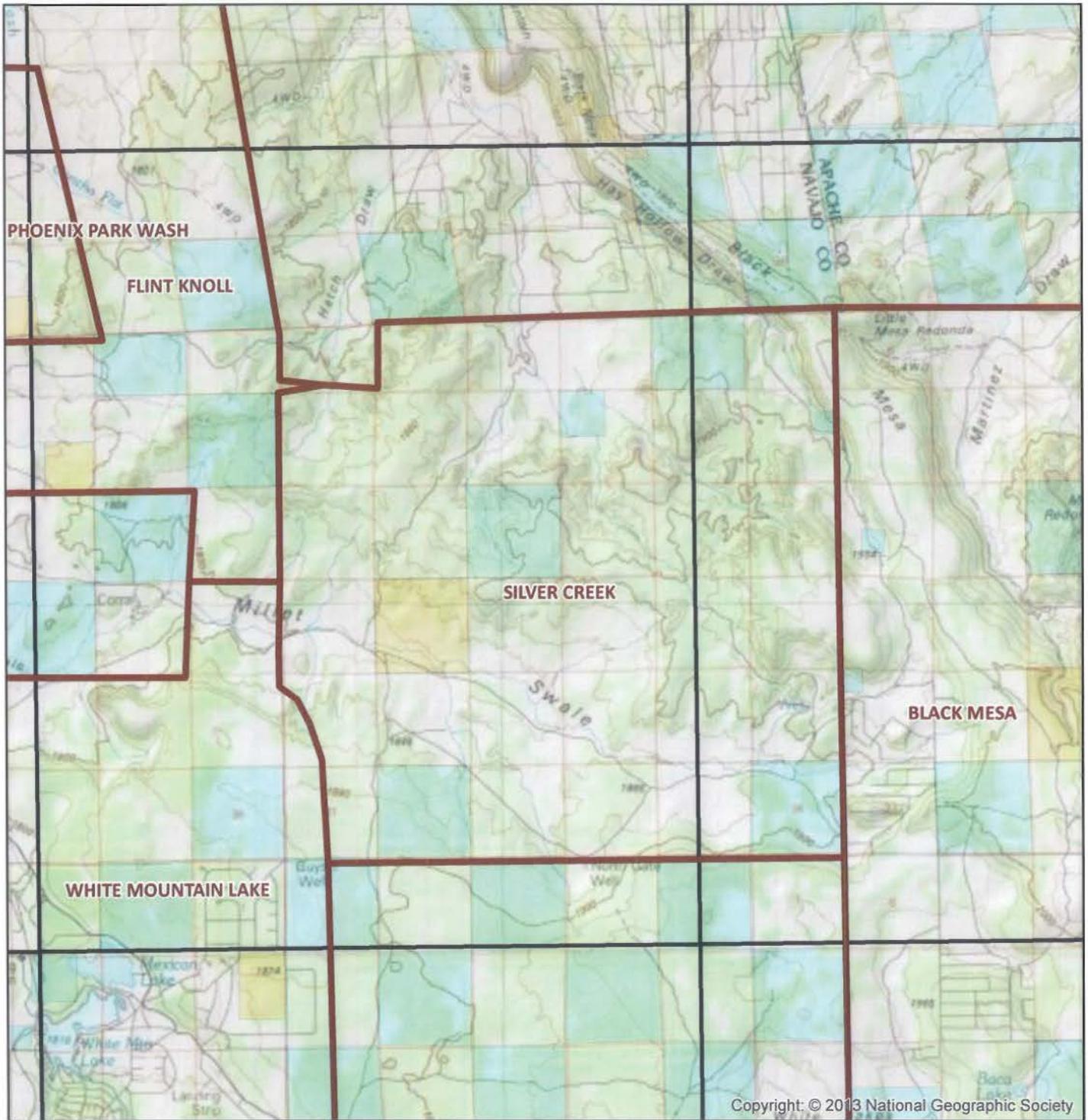
**Part III: DECISION.** I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed action does not conflict with major land-use-plans and will not have any major adverse impacts on other resources. Therefore, it does not represent an exception, and is categorically excluded from further environmental review. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures attached.

Authorized Official: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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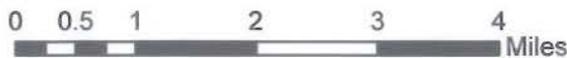
**Land Status Legend**

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| Private Lands             | Bureau of Land Management (BLM)          | BLM Wilderness Area            | BLM National Monument                    |
| State Lands               | National Forest Lands (USFS)             | Forest Service Wilderness Area | National Conservation Area               |
| State Wildlife Area       | National Park Service (NPS)              | NPS Wilderness Area            | Military Reservations/Corps of Engineers |
| City, State, County Parks | USFWS Service, National Wildlife Refuges | USFWS Service Wilderness Area  | Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)              |
| County Lands              | Indian Lands or Reservations             |                                |  |

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