

Categorical Exclusion Review
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
 Boise District Office
 Four Rivers Field Office

Jacknife Allotment Grazing Preference Transfer

CE No.: DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2010-0043-CX	Lease/Serial/Case File No.: 1100296:1103761																												
<p>Purpose and Need for Action: To address the Grazing Preference Application on the Jacknife Allotment #00232, currently held (through base property lease) by Phillips Brothers Cattle Co., filed by Wild Turkey Ranch LLC. (c/o Tim Gibson) (Operator #1103761), in accordance with the grazing regulations (43 CFR 4110.2-3 Transfer of grazing preference and the National Environmental Policy Act.</p> <p>The base property which this grazing authorization is attached to has been sold to Wild Turkey Ranch LLC. (Operator#1103761). This sale of base property immediately invalidates the current base property lease between the base property owner; Western Ranch Equities LLC. (Operator #1100296), and Phillips Brothers Cattle Company LLC (Operator #1102960). Therefore, the acceptance and approval of the valid Application for Transfer of Grazing Preference (Form 4130-1a) would transfer the grazing preference from Phillips Brothers Cattle Company LLC (Operator #1102960) to Wild Turkey Ranch LLC (#1103761).</p>																													
<p>Description of Proposed Action: Transfer of the active grazing preference within the Jacknife Allotment (#00232) from Phillips Brothers Cattle Company LLC., to Wild Turkey Ranch LLC. The mandatory and other terms and conditions, for the current authorization would remain the same as those for the new operator's authorization. The transfer would occur as shown below:</p> <p>From: Authorization # 1100290</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Allotment Name/Number</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Livestock #/Kind</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Grazing Begin Date</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Grazing End Date</th> <th style="text-align: center;">% PL</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Type Use</th> <th style="text-align: center;">AUMs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Jacknife (#00232)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">150 Cattle</td> <td style="text-align: center;">04/16</td> <td style="text-align: center;">05/31</td> <td style="text-align: center;">62</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Active</td> <td style="text-align: center;">141</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>To: Authorization # 1103761</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Allotment Name/Number</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Livestock #/Kind</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Grazing Begin Date</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Grazing End Date</th> <th style="text-align: center;">% PL</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Type Use</th> <th style="text-align: center;">AUMs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Jacknife (#00232)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">150 Cattle</td> <td style="text-align: center;">04/16</td> <td style="text-align: center;">05/31</td> <td style="text-align: center;">62</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Active</td> <td style="text-align: center;">141</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Allotment Name/Number	Livestock #/Kind	Grazing Begin Date	Grazing End Date	% PL	Type Use	AUMs	Jacknife (#00232)	150 Cattle	04/16	05/31	62	Active	141	Allotment Name/Number	Livestock #/Kind	Grazing Begin Date	Grazing End Date	% PL	Type Use	AUMs	Jacknife (#00232)	150 Cattle	04/16	05/31	62	Active	141
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<p>The following term and condition is shown for administrative actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) This permit or lease is issued under the authority of Section 416, Public Law 111-88 and contains the same mandatory terms and conditions as the expired or transferred permit or lease. This permit or lease may be canceled, suspended, or modified, in whole or in part to meet the requirements of applicable laws and regulations. 																													
<p>Project Location: T.9N, R.1 E Sec.3,4,5,8,9,1729 (See Attachment 1 - Map of Jacknife Allotment #00232)</p>																													
<p>Applicant: Wild Turkey Ranch LLC.(#1103761)</p>																													

Part I – Plan Conformance Review

This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan: Cascade Resource Management Plan (CRMP)
Date Plan Approved: July 1, 1988

Remarks: The Proposed Action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the Range Program Objectives and Recommendations within the Range Management Section of the Cascade RMP.

Part II – NEPA Review

- A. Categorical Exclusion Review: This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9 (Rangeland Management) (1) approval of transfers of grazing preference. Category description: D. Range (1) Approval of transfers of grazing preference.
- B. Exceptions Review (Departmental List of Extraordinary Circumstances Review): Review the 12 exceptions which apply to individual actions within categorical exclusion. Environmental documents (EA or EIS) must be prepared for any actions involving these exceptions. The following Departmental List of Extraordinary Circumstances applies to individual actions. Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents **MUST BE PREPARED** for actions which may: (Mark applicable answer for each item. If "yes", prepare an EA/EIS and append this form to it.)

List of Exceptions

1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.

Yes No Specialist Signature/Date: /s/ *Martin M. Esipil 4/29/2010*

Comments/Explanation: This administrative transfer would not have any significant impacts on public health or safety. Livestock grazing is a recognized and authorized use, as identified in the CRMP.

2. 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; or ecologically significant or critical areas, or is not in compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

Yes No Specialist Signature/Date: /s/ *Martin M. Esipil 4/29/2010*

Comments/Explanation:

3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E)].

Yes No Specialist Signature/Date: /s/ *Martin M. Esipil 4/29/2010*

Comments/Explanation: This administrative action would not have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E)]. All known conflicts and controversial effects (such as climate change and OHV/livestock grazing) are managed under the CRMP and the grazing permit's terms and conditions.

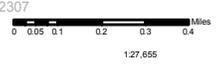
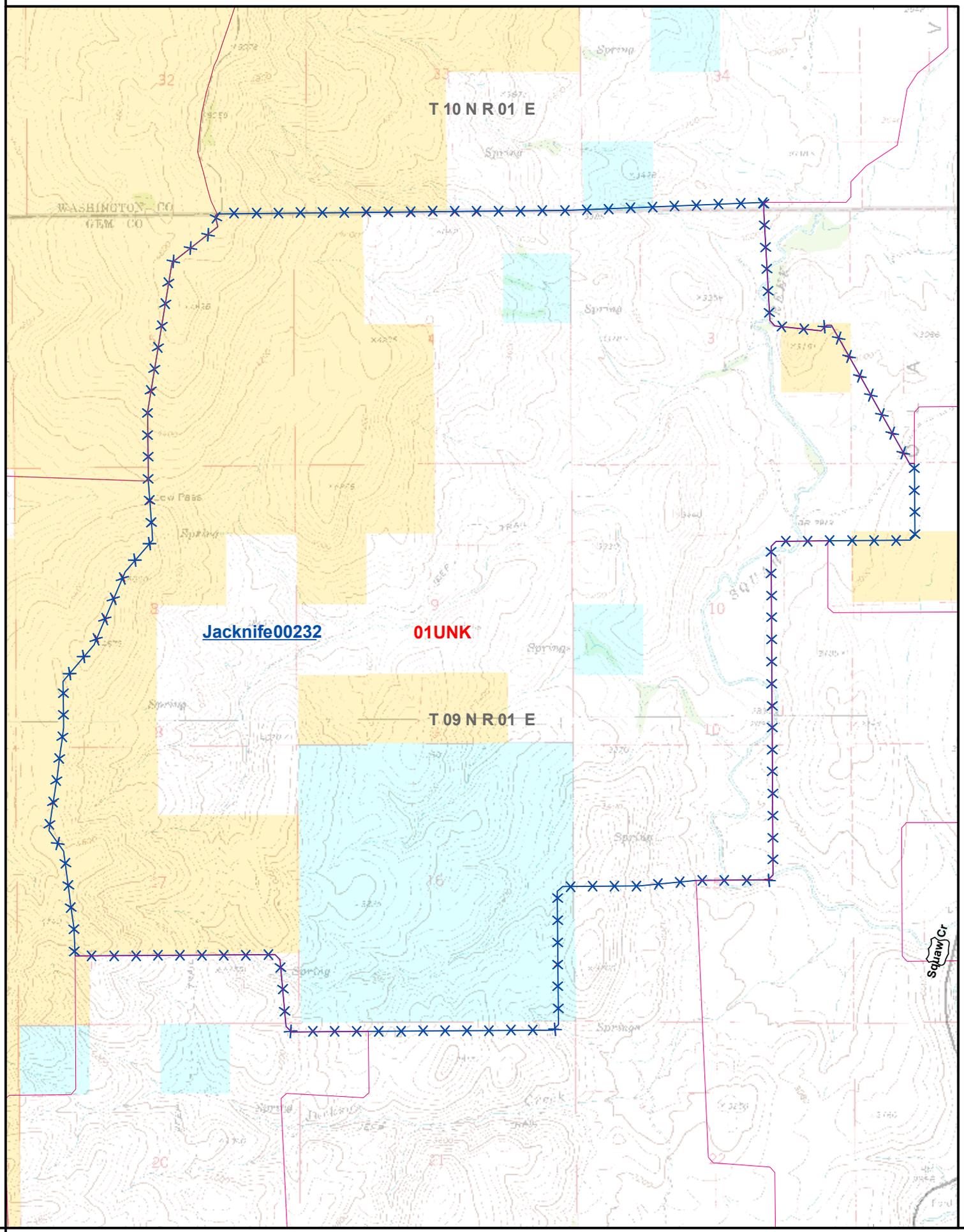
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

Yes No Specialist Signature/Date: /s/ *Martin M. Esipil 4/29/2010*

Comments/Explanation: This administrative action would not have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. Environmental effects such as climate change, and potential listing of candidate species, would be addressed in future documents as scientific literature

and studies indicate, and would be implemented specific to the actions being proposed. An administrative action to continue an existing, managed action under identical terms and conditions would not change or increase existing effects or risks identified in the existing CRMP.		
5. Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: /s/ <i>Martin M. Espil</i> 4/29/2010
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> This administrative action would not establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. The proposed action would allow for the continued use as identified in the CRMP, and the existing permit's terms and conditions. The transfer would be implemented as authorized by currently existing Federal Regulations, for livestock grazing/management. Future actions would not be affected or set by this action, as it is already in place and no changes to current actions are being proposed or implemented.		
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: /s/ <i>Martin M. Espil</i> 4/29/2010
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> This administrative action does not have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects. The impacts of livestock grazing in conjunction or cumulatively with other on-the ground activities are already occurring, and would continue at the current rate and intensity as the existing permitted actions.		
7. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: /s/ <i>Dean C. Shaw</i> 5/1/2010
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> This administrative action will not have an impact on any properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places because the BLM does not have records of any significant sites on the Jackknife allotment.		
8. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date for Plants: <i>Mark E. Steiger</i> 5/12/2010 Specialist Signature/Date for Wildlife: /s/ <i>Jill Halderman</i> 5/11/2010 Specialist Signature/Date for Aquatics: /s/ <i>J. Allen Jaxton</i> 5/10/2010
<i>Plants Comments/Explanation:</i> No T&E or Bureau Sensitive plant species or habitat for these species is currently known to occur within the confines of the Jackknife Allotment. Therefore the proposed action is not expected to have any effect on any known T&E or Bureau sensitive plant species.		
<i>Wildlife Comments/Explanation:</i> The allotment falls within the range of the Southern Idaho ground squirrel (SIDGS) and sage-grouse both candidate species. This area has not yet been surveyed for the presence or absence of SIDGS colonies. The area also falls within sage-grouse type I habitat, however, no known active leks occur within 10 miles. This administrative action will not have an impact on SIDGS or sage-grouse populations if they occur in the area.		
<i>Aquatics Comments/Explanation:</i> The SOU is appropriate to maintain (Proper Functioning Condition) PFC on two springs in this allotment.		
9. Violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: /s/ <i>Dean C. Shaw</i> 5/1/2010
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> This administrative action does not violate any Federal, State, local or tribal laws or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.		
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: /s/ <i>Martin M. Espil</i> 4/29/2010
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> This administrative action would not have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). There are no low income or minority populations		

living in the allotment. Low income or minority visitors to the area would not be affected any differently by the proposed activity than any other visitor.		
11. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: /s/ <i>Dean C. Shaw</i> 5/1/2010
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> This administrative action does not 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).		
12. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: /s/ <i>Lennie Huter</i> 5/9/2010
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> Transferring grazing preference, for the continuation of current authorized grazing, would not cause additional influences to existing noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.		
I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions (Extraordinary Circumstances) listed in the above Part II (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action; therefore, this categorical exclusion is appropriate for this situation.		
<p>Remarks: The transfer of grazing preference would allow for continued management of an existing allotment, with no changes to the previous grazing authorization, terms and conditions, preference, or to on-the-ground management. Transfer of a grazing permit to Wild Turkey Ranch LLC. (c/o Tim Gibson) (Operator #1103761), would be compliant with 43 CFR 4130.1-1(2).</p>		
Authorizing Official Name: <i>Allen Ballschweiler for</i> Terry Humphrey		Date: 5/13/2010
Title: (Acting) Four Rivers Field Office Manager		
<p>Part III – Decision</p> <p>I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record statements above and have determined the Proposed Action is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to approve the Grazing Preference Application and Preference Transfer Application submitted by Wild Turkey Ranch LLC. (c/o Tim Gibson) (Operator #1103761). Under a separate action, the permit or lease will be issued under the authority of Section 416, Public Law 111-88 and contains the same mandatory terms and conditions as the expired or transferred permit or lease. The permit or lease may be canceled, suspended, or modified, in whole or in part to meet the requirements of applicable laws and regulations.</p> <p>Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks: None</p> <p>Remarks: None</p>		
Authorizing Official Name: <i>Allen Ballschweiler for</i> Terry Humphrey		Date: 5/13/2010
Title: (Acting) Four Rivers Field Office Manager		



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