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Memorandum

To: DOI-BLM-NV-E020-2015-0018-CX

From: Richard E. Adams, Field Manager, Tuscarora Field Office

Subject: Coal Mine Canyon Exclosure Modifications

The Elko District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to modify portions of six exclosures located in Coal Mine Canyon within the North Fork Group Allotment and located north of Ryndon, Nevada. Planned modifications would eliminate or reduce opportunities for livestock to gain access to priority riparian habitats along the majority of the Coal Mine Canyon Creek drainage. Protection of degraded areas would allow for re-establishment of riparian plant communities and for development of functional floodplains.

DOI-BLM-NV-E020-2015-0018-CX has been prepared to bring the subject project in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (as amended). A BLM interdisciplinary team has reviewed the project proposal and their recommendations are included on the attached CX.

I have determined that the proposed action, as described in combination with the recommendations made by the interdisciplinary team is in conformance with the land use plan and meets criteria for the selected CX. There is no potential for significant impacts; therefore, the action is excluded from further environmental analysis. Modification of the Coal Mine Canyon exclosures may commence as proposed.

/s/RA 2-2-15