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**Determination of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**  
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**A. BLM Office:** Owyhee Field Office

**NEPA Log Number:** DOI-BLM-ID-B030-2015-0005-DNA

**Lease/Serial Case File No.:** NA

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Daniel Richards Livestock Trailing within Owyhee Field Office (OFO) jurisdiction

**Location/Legal of Proposed Action:** See Maps 3 and 4 of EA #DOI-BLM-ID-B030-2012-0011-EA.

**Applicant (if any):** Daniel Richards

**Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures:**

BLM proposes to issue a livestock crossing permit to Daniel Richards to cross public lands administered by the OFO. This new authorization would authorize livestock to cross numerous allotments as described in Alternative B of Owyhee Field Office Livestock Trailing Environmental Assessment #DOI-BLM-ID-B030-2012-0011-EA (pg. 30) that was initially authorized to Connie and Richard Brandau. This new permit would be issued to Daniel Richards for multiple years, but would not exceed the authorization period of existing term-grazing permits.

**B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans**

<b>LUP/Document<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Sections/Pages</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
Owyhee RMP	Livestock Grazing Management; Pages 23-25	Dec. 30, 1999
	Vegetation; Pages 12-13	
	Wildlife Habitat; Page 14	

<sup>1</sup>List applicable LUPs (e.g., Resource Management Plans, Management Framework Plans, or applicable amendments) and activity, project, management, water quality restoration, or program plans.

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions): The Proposed Action is clearly consistent with Livestock Management Objective LVST 1: “Provide for a sustained level of livestock use compatible with meeting other resource objectives” while also implementing the Management Actions and Allocations identified through the RMP for: Soil Resources (#1 and #2, page 10); Vegetation (#1 and #2, page 12); Wildlife (#1, 2, 4, page 16); and Cultural Resources.

**C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the Proposed Action. List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).**

NEPA/Other Related Documents	Sections/Pages	Date Approved
DOI-BLM-ID-B030-2012-0011-EA.	All	April 12, 2012

**D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

- 1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?**

Yes. The new proposed action is the same route location, number of livestock and period begin and end date that was analyzed for Richard and Connie Braundau in Alternative B of DOI-BLM-ID-B030-2012-0011-EA.

- 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?**

Yes. The range of alternatives analyzed in the Owyhee Field Office Livestock Trailing Environmental Assessment #DOI-BLM-ID-B030-2012-0011-EA is appropriate with respect to the new proposed action. New environmental concerns, interests, resource values or circumstances do not occur within the area analyzed under the existing NEPA document in relation to the new proposed action.

**3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (e.g., riparian proper functioning condition reports; rangeland health standards assessments; inventory and monitoring data; most recent USFWS lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?**

Yes. The existing analysis and conclusions remain adequate since the route, season of use and numbers of livestock are the same.

**4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?**

Yes. Direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the new proposed actions would be the same as those analyzed in the existing NEPA document since the route, season of use and numbers of livestock do not change.

**5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current Proposed Action?**

Yes. A scoping letter for development of the existing EA was sent to interested publics and permittees, along with county, state, and tribal governments for a 15-day period. Comments were received from 14 individuals, and were used in the development of the alternatives. WO-IM# 2012-096 and IM# ID 2014-020 provides authority to issue decisions effective upon issuance of the decision: no proposed decision or protest period are required. The existing NEPA, FONSI, and decisions permitting trailing activities to the previous permittee were made available to these parties. Because the current proposed action is substantively the same as that previously scoped, no additional public or interagency involvement is necessary.

**E. Persons/Agencies /BLM Staff Consulted**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Resource/Agency Represented</b>	<b>Specialist Signature</b>
Peter Torma	RMS	Range/BLM-OFO	/s/ <i>Peter Torma</i>
Beth Corbin	NRS	Ecology; Botany/BLM-OFO	/s/ <i>Beth Corbin</i>
Brad Jost	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife/BLM-OFO	/s/ <i>Brad Jost</i>
Kelli Barnes	Cultural Resources Specialist	Cultural Resources/BLM-OFO	/s/ <i>Kelli Barnes</i>
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