

KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SCOPING FORM

Proposal: Fencing abandoned mines and installing AML signs along routes in the Black Mountain Range

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Land Description: Black Mountain Range, Mohave County, Arizona

Applicant: BLM

Date Initiated: 01/28/2015

INVOLVEMENT: Indicate in the left column which disciplines need to provide information into the EA/CX.

Needed Input (X)	Discipline	Signature
	Lands	
X	Minerals	/S/ Walter Todd 1-29-2015
	Range	
X	Wild Horse and Burro	/S/ Chad Benson 1-29-2015
X	General Recreation	/S/ Matthew Driscoll 1-29-2015
	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	
	Wilderness	
	Soils	
	Surface and Groundwater Quality/Water Rights	
	Hazardous Materials	
X	Wildlife	/S/ Rebecca L. Peck 1-29-2015
X	Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals	/S/ Rebecca L. Peck 1-29-2015
	Air Quality	
	Surface Protection	
X	Migratory Birds	/S/ Rebecca L. Peck 1-29-2015
	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	
X	Visual Resources	/S/ Matthew Driscoll 1-29-2015
	Socio-Economics/Environmental Justice	
	General Botany/Noxious Weeds	
	Energy Policy	

Writer: /s/ Maria Troche

Date: 1-29-2015

Environmental Coordinator: /s/ Daryl Edwards

Date: 1-29-2015

Field Manager: /s/ Ruben A. Sanchez

Date: 1-30-2015

**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: Kingman Field Office

NEPA No.: C010-2015-0016-CX

Case File No.: N/A

Proposed Action Title/Type: Oatman AML Fence and Sign

Applicant: BLM

Location of Proposed Action: Black Mountains, Mohave County, Arizona

Description of Proposed Action: The Bureau of Land Management/ Kingman Field Office will be fencing abandoned mine workings, and placing signs along existing roads between Bullhead City and the town of Oatman, AZ. The project is in response to an upcoming SRP-authorized ATV/UTV poker run (2015 Fool's Poker Run). Five mines have been identified for fencing and ten locations along the SRP route have been chosen for the placement of AML carsonites (see attached maps and spreadsheet). All work will be completed on public lands within the Black Mountain Range of Mohave County, Arizona. Fencing dangerous abandoned mine workings will reduce the potential for accidental injury or death into abandoned mine workings. Installing signs along roads used for the poker run will alert the public to the presence of abandoned mines in the area, and of the dangers of entering abandoned mine workings. All mines proposed for fencing are accessible via existing roads, therefore, the creation of new roads for the fencing work will not be necessary.

Part II. – PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan(s): Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS

Decisions and page nos.: “Hazardous Materials Management

The objective is to reduce hazards to the public and natural resources on public lands from toxic materials.”

Date plan approved/amended: March 1995

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.

Yes	No	<p>Rationale: Fencing abandoned mine workings will have a positive effect on public health & safety. Accidental injury or death due to entry into the openings will be eliminated. The signage will increase the public's awareness of the presence and danger of abandoned mines.</p>
	X	
Preparer's Initials <u> MT </u>		

(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.

Yes	No	<p>Rationale: The proposed action will not have significant impacts on any of the listed. The areas where work is proposed is previously disturbed. The effect on wildlife living in mines, particularly bats, would be positive. Fencing would reduce human disturbance near mines.</p>
	X	
Preparer's Initials <u> MT </u>		

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

Yes	No	<p>Rationale: The proposed action does not have significant effects on the alternative uses of available resources.</p>
	X	
Preparer's Initials <u> MT </u>		

(d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

Yes	No	<p>Rationale: The proposed action will not have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.</p>
	X	
Preparer's Initials <u> MT </u>		

(e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: The approval of this proposed action will not set the precedent for other actions. All other closure types will be evaluated individually. Preparer's Initials <u>MT</u>
(f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: This action doesn't have cumulatively significant actions in consideration of other actions in the vicinity. Preparer's Initials <u>MT</u>
(g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: There is none of the listed in the area. Preparer's Initials <u>MT</u>
(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.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: T&E species and critical habitat would be unaffected. There are no critical habitat or T & E species present in the project area. Preparer's Initials <u>MT</u>
(i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: No laws or requirements would be violated. Preparer's Initials <u>MT</u>
(j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		

Yes	No X	<p>Rationale: The action would have no impact on low income or minority populations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Preparer's Initials <u>MT</u></p>
<p>(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).</p>		
Yes	No X	<p>Rationale: There are no known sacred sites in the project areas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Preparer's Initials <u>MT</u></p>
<p>(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).</p>		
Yes	No X	<p>Rationale: Force Account staff will be using designated routes, and cross-country travel will not be necessary; therefore, this action will not contribute to the spread of noxious weeds or non-native species.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Preparer's Initials <u>MT</u></p>

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:

/s/ Ruben A. Sanchez 1-30-2015
Field Manager

APPROVING OFFICIAL: _____ DATE: _____

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.

Approval and Decision
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Compliance and assignment of responsibility: Maria Troche

Monitoring and assignment of responsibility: Maria Troche

Review: *We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.*

Prepared by:

/s/ Maria Troche 1-29-2015

Maria Troche

Project Lead

Reviewed by:

/s/ Daryl Edwards 1-29-2015

Daryl Edwards

NEPA Coordinator

Reviewed by:

/s/ Ruben A. Sanchez 1-30-2015

Ruben Sanchez, Field Manager

Supervisor

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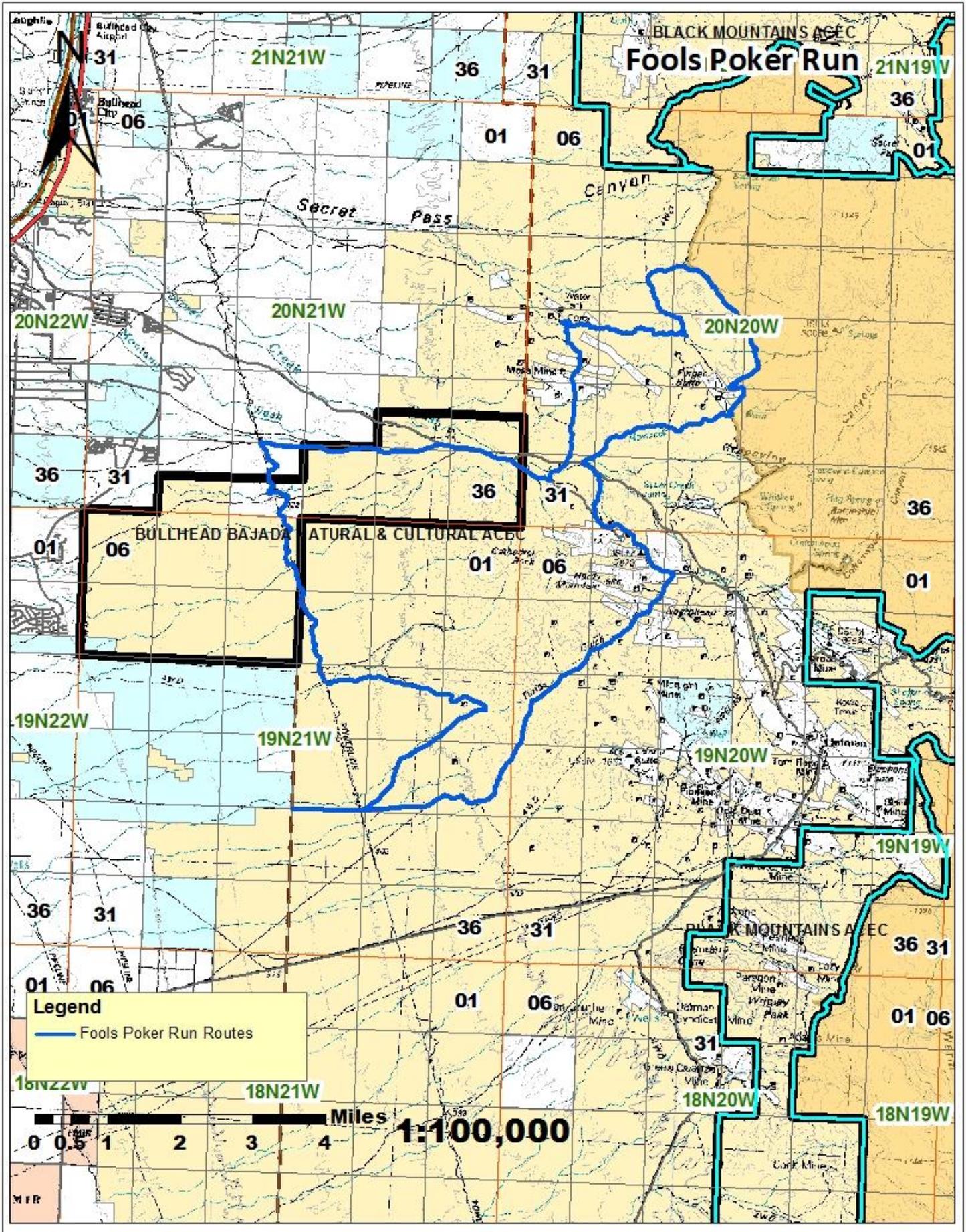
Decision: Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed, with the following stipulations (if applicable).

Approved By: /s/ Ruben A. Sanchez

Date: 1-30-2015

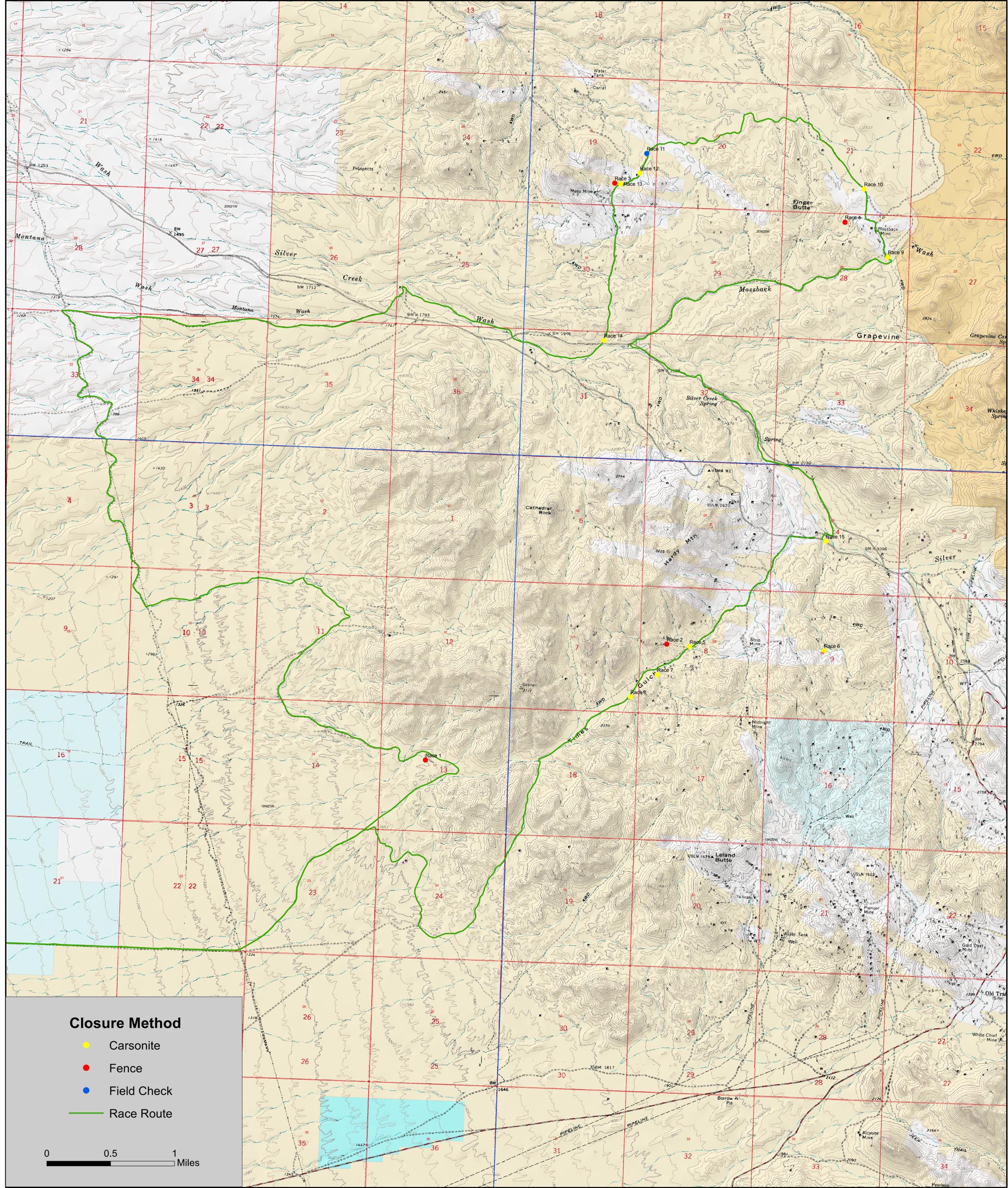
Ruben Sanchez

Field Manager, Kingman Field Office



**Proposed AML Fencing and Signage along
Fool's Poker Run SRP Route**

Map #	Location Name	AMSCM Name	Latitude	Longitude	Method
0	Race 1	14192113R1	35.033999	-114.468323	Fence
1	Race 2	14192008R2	35.048217	-114.435614	Fence
2	Race 3	14202019R3	35.10086	-114.445005	Fence
3	Race 4	14202028R4	35.097289	-114.413056	Fence
4	Race 5	N/A	35.048036	-114.432467	Carsonite
5	Race 6	N/A	35.048092	-114.413901	Carsonite
6	Race 7	N/A	35.044695	-114.436779	Carsonite
7	Race 8	N/A	35.042046	-114.440375	Carsonite
8	Race 9	N/A	35.093451	-114.406974	Carsonite
9	Race 10	N/A	35.101157	-114.410569	Carsonite
10	Race 11	14202019R11	35.104374	-114.440732	Fence
11	Race 12	N/A	35.102095	-114.441588	Carsonite
12	Race 13	N/A	35.100812	-114.444197	Carsonite
13	Race 14	N/A	35.082794	-114.445726	Carsonite
14	Race 15	N/A	35.060638	-114.41417	Carsonite



Closure Method

- Carsonite
- Fence
- Field Check
- Race Route



Created by: M Troche
 January 27, 2015
 Name: 2015 Fools Pokers Run



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