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Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Worksheet

Zanetti Bros., Inc. – 2015 Osburn Pit Permit
DOI-BLM-ID-C010-2015-0011-DNA

A. Description of the Proposed Action

In 2010, the BLM issued a Mineral Materials Sale permit (IDI-36547) to Zanetti Bros., Inc. (ZBI) authorizing them to extract and use rip-rap and crusher feed rock from a parcel of federal mineral estate north of Osburn, Idaho. (See Map, pg 4.) The permit expired on May 9, 2015. Under permit IDI-36547, ZBI disturbed approximately 3 acres of federal land and removed over 168,000 tons ($\pm 75,000$ cubic yards) of rock. Additional material is still present within ZBI's current disturbed area as well as north of the existing pit highwall.

ZBI's original (2010) proposal included a forward looking statement that additional requests for pit expansion would occur. Ultimately, ZBI could disturb up to seven (7.0) acres over a 20 to 25 year period, and remove a possible 1.1 million tons ($\pm 500,000$ cubic yards) of rock. The expansion process would continue to require a new permit every 5 or 6 years during the life of the pit because permits can be issued for a five year period with one additional year if requested (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 43, §3602.34).

In February, the BLM received a request from ZBI for another sale (permit) authorizing them to continue extracting and using mineral materials from the subject parcel. ZBI's 2015 request is for 50,000 tons ($\pm 23,000$ cubic yards) to be removed according to the original mine and reclamation plan analyzed for the 2010 permit. All stipulations and mitigation measures developed during the environmental analysis (EA) for the 2010 permit would still be in effect.

B. Location

Shoshone County, T. 48 N., R. 4 E., S18 (NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$), Boise Meridian

C. Land Use Plan Conformance

In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), this proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the Coeur d'Alene Resource Management Plan (RMP; Record of Decision signed June, 2007). It is consistent with the following decisions from the RMP:

Minerals (MN):

Goal MN-2;

“Make...mineral materials...available for exploration, acquisition, and production...consistent with other resource goals.”

Objective MN-2.1;

“Identify area(s) open to...mineral material disposal...”

Social and Economic (SE):

Goal SE-3 for social and economic resources states;

“Provide opportunities for economic benefits while protecting cultural and natural resources.”

To meet this goal, Objective SE-3.1 was developed which states;

“Balance resource protection with opportunities for commercial activities and other noncommercial human uses.”

D. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documents

The following NEPA document(s) covers the proposed action:

Environmental Assessment – Zanetti Bros., Inc. – Proposed Osburn Pit Expansion, ID410-2009-EA-3858; 03/12/2010.

E. 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?*

Documentation of answer and explanation: **Yes.** The proposed action is the same as that analyzed in the identified EA. It is a continuation of the previous proposal.

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, and resource values?*

Documentation of answer and explanation: **Yes.** Environmental concerns, interests, and resource values remain unchanged since the previous analysis.

3. *Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as; rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?*

Documentation of answer and explanation: **Yes.** There is no new information and/or new circumstances that would change the previous analysis in any manner.

The recently updated BLM-sensitive species list contains an additional fish species that is found in the South Fork Coeur d'Alene River watershed, the cedar sculpin, *Cottus schitsuumsh*. This fish is newly discovered and was not included in the original analysis. However, the EA did analyze impacts on other fish species, including westslope cutthroat trout, which is also a BLM sensitive species. Environmental effects would be no different for the cedar sculpin than for westslope cutthroat trout, therefore the previous analysis is adequate.

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?*

Documentation of answer and explanation: **Yes.** Direct, indirect, and cumulative effects would be the same both quantitatively and qualitatively.

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

Documentation of answer and explanation: **Yes.** Public comment was solicited with no comments being submitted; and, the interagency review resulted in no change to previous analysis.

F. Persons/Agencies Consulted

None

G. Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

/s/

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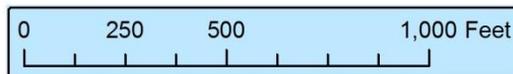
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Legend	
	Section Lines
	Pit Extent (current)
	Ultimate Pit Limits
	BLM
	PRIVATE
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Location Map for IDI-37971
Zanetti Bros., Inc. - Osburn Pit

T. 48 N., R. 4 E., Sec. 18 (N2NW), Boise Meridian

BLM Corp. Data - May, 2015

