

Categorical Exclusion

Environmental Review and Approval

NEPA Number DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2015-0031-CX

Project Creator:

Kenneth Depaoli

BLM Office:

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Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

NVN-94002

Proposed Action Title/Type:

Russell Spit Exploration Permit

Location of Proposed Action:

T. 16N, R. 29E, Section 19 W2NE

Description of Proposed Action:

Hiskett & Sons proposes to excavate 11 test pits to explore for a possible aggregate source. The locations are shown on the attached maps. An excavator will be used to excavate the test pits. The test pits will help determine the extent of the aggregate material to see if the deposit is adequate for Hiskett and Sons needs. Final reclamation will be achieved by backfilling all excavations and re-contouring the surface to its original topography. Access is across existing dirt road and cross country travel. The test pit locations are not within a riparian area. The size of the project is approximately 1 acre.

Applicant Name:

Hiskett and Sons

Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name:

Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended:

May 9, 2001

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

This action is in conformance with the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001) page MIN-1, RMP Level Decisions, Desired Outcomes 1. "Encourage development of energy and mineral resources in a timely manner to meet national, regional and local needs consistent with the objectives for other public land uses.

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 decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): N/A

Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, or 516 DM 11.9, F (10) Digging of exploratory trenches for mineral materials, except in riparian areas.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

I considered: N/A

Approval and Contact Information

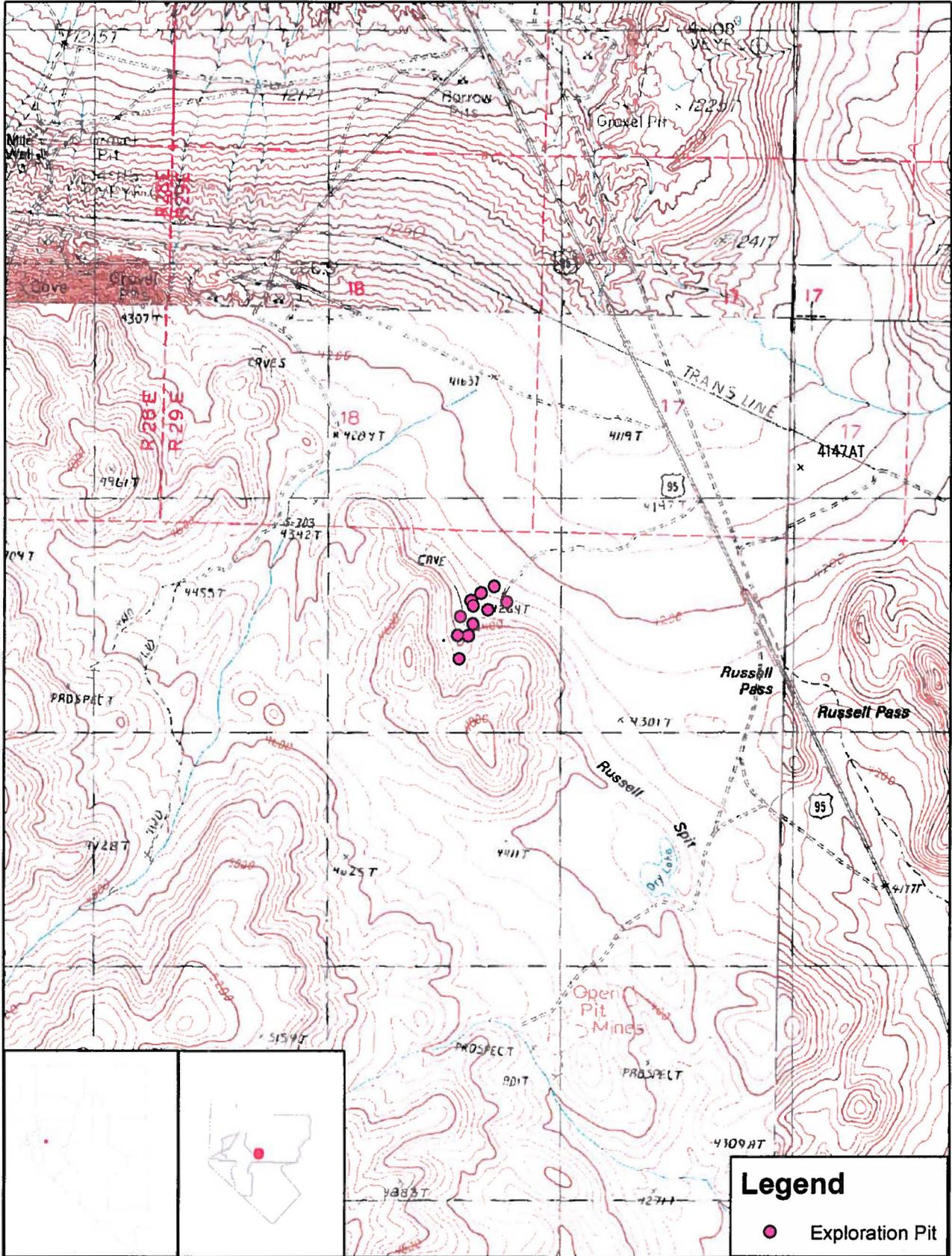
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Contact Person

Kenneth Depaoli, Geologist

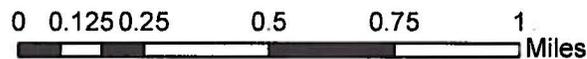


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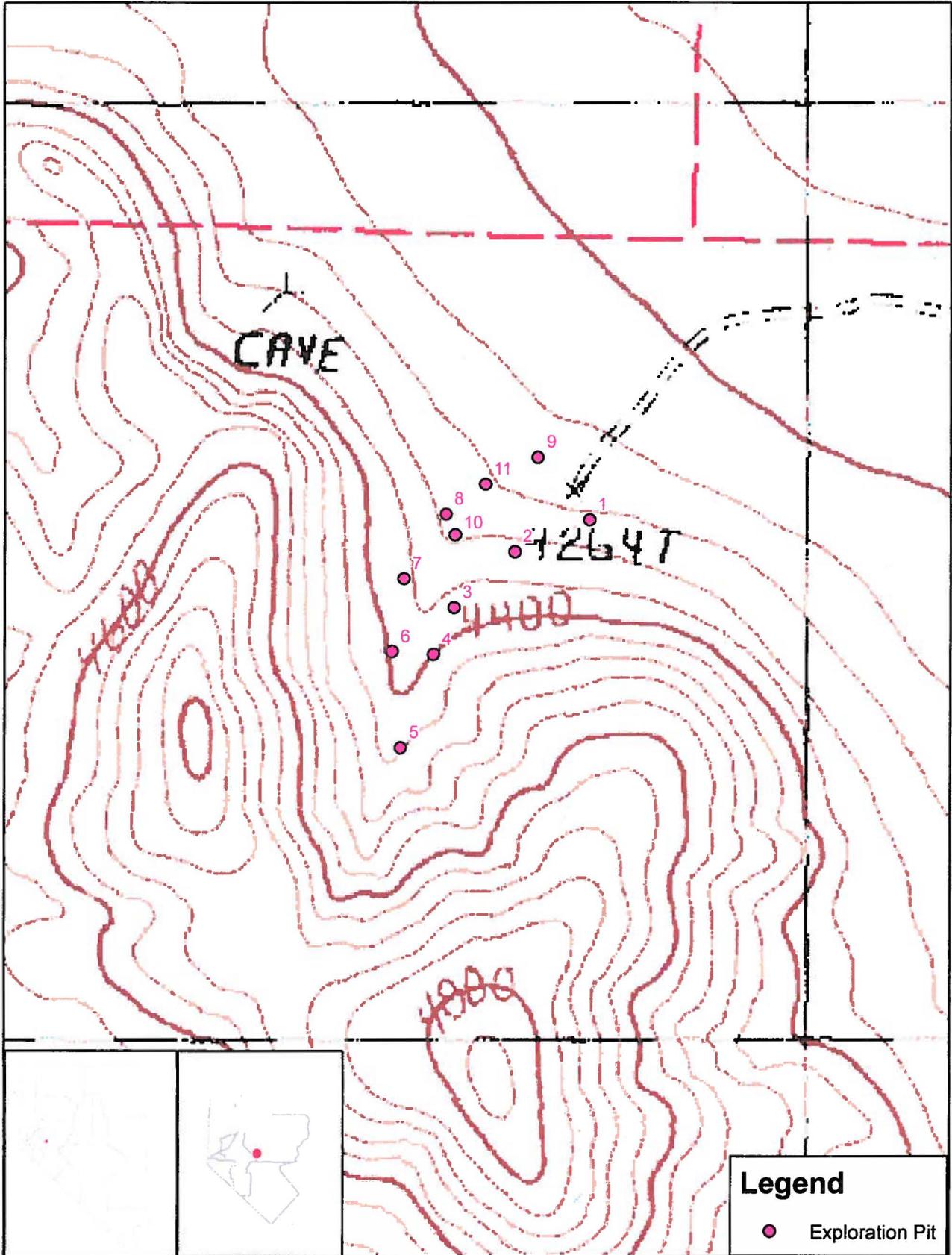
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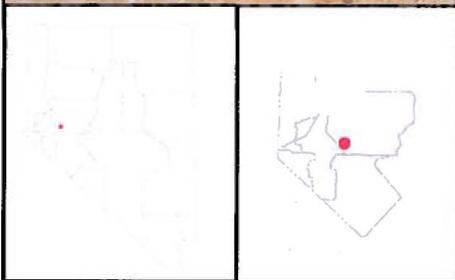
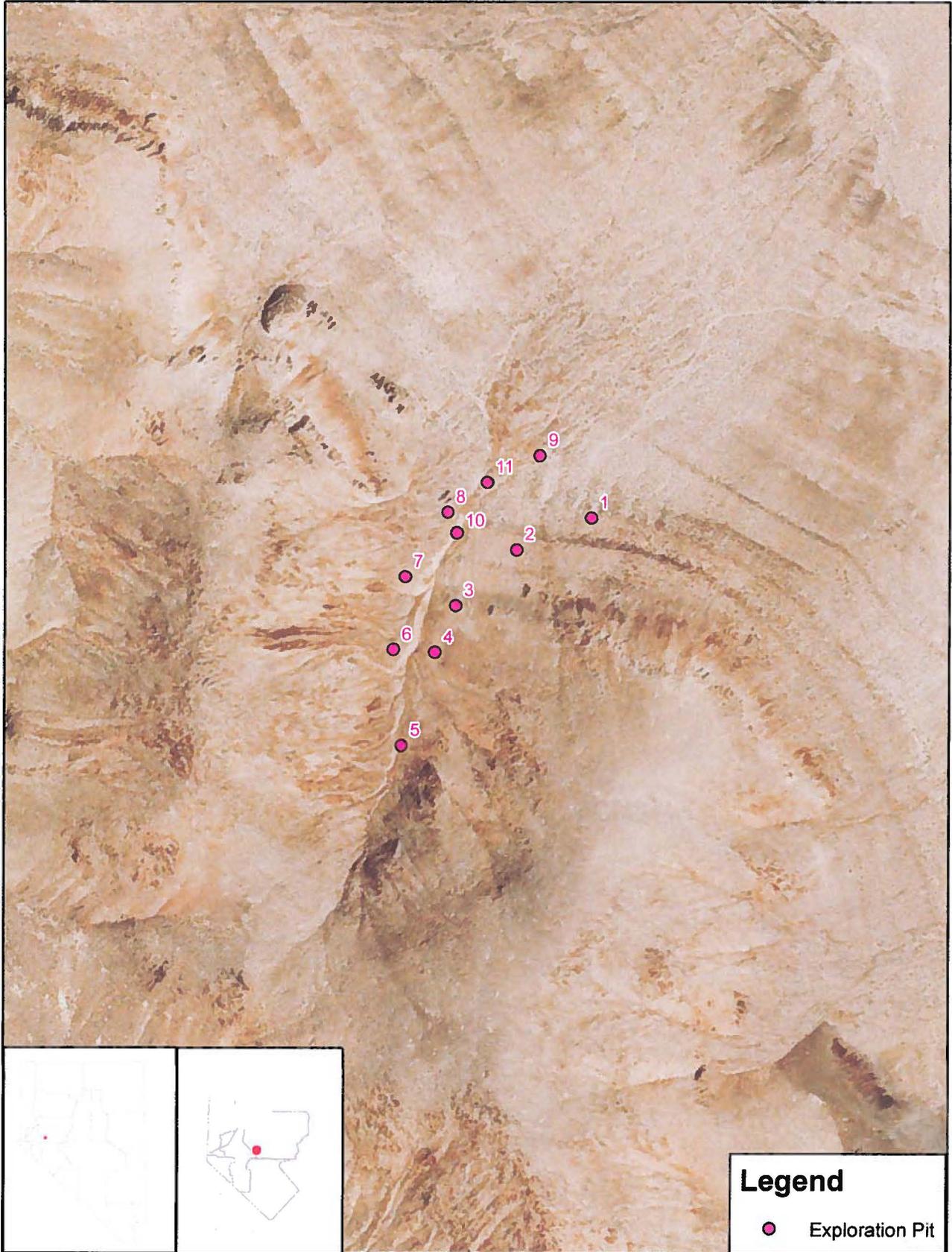
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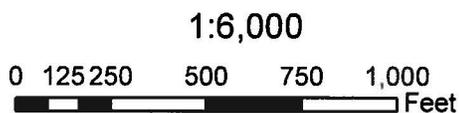
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Categorical Exclusion – Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances

CX Number	DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2015-0031-CX
Date	6/12/15
Lease/Case File/Serial Number:	NVN-94002
Regulatory Authority (CFR or Law):	3600

Impacts on Public Health and Safety

1. Does the proposed action have significant impacts on public health and safety?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>KV 6/16/15</i>	Ken Vicencio, Range Tech
	<i>CS 6/16/15</i>	Chelsy Simerson, Rangeland Management Specialist
	<i>DS 6-16-15</i>	Dave Schroeder, Environmental Protection Specialist

Rationale:

Impacts on Natural Resources or Unique Geographic Characteristics

2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness or wilderness study 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 (Executive Order 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>KD 6/16/15</i>	Ken Depaoli, Geologist
	<i>JW 6/17/15</i>	Jason Wright, Archaeologist
	<i>DW 6/16/15</i>	Dan Westermeyer, Outdoor Recreation Planner

	MKS 06/16	Michelle Stropky, Hydrologist
	CK 6/16/15	Chris Kula, Wildlife Biologist
	CS 6/16/15	Chelsy Simerson, Rangeland Management Specialist
	KV 6/16/2015	Ken Vicencio, Range Tech

Rationale:

Level of Controversy

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

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	ADR 6/17/15	Angelica Rose, Planning & Environmental Coordinator
	ZD 6/16/15	Project Lead Kenneth Depauli

Rationale:

Highly Uncertain or Unique or Unknown Environmental Risks

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

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	ADR 6/17/15	Angelica Rose, Planning & Environmental Coordinator.
	ZD 6/16/15	Project Lead Kenneth Depauli

Rationale:

Precedent Setting

5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE

	<i>AR 6/17/15</i>	Angelica Rose, Planning & Environmental Coordinator.
	<i>ZD 6/16/15</i>	Project Lead <i>Kenneth Depaoli</i>

Rationale:

Cumulatively Significant Effects

6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>AR 6/17/15</i>	Angelica Rose, Planning & Environmental Coordinator.
	<i>ZD 6/16/15</i>	Project Lead <i>Kenneth Depaoli</i>

Rationale:

Impacts on Cultural Properties

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	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>jm 6/17/15</i>	Jason Wright, Archaeologist

Rationale:

Impacts on Federally Listed Species or Critical Habitat

8. 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	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>CK 6/16/15</i>	Chris Kula, Wildlife Biologist

Rationale:

Compliance with Laws

9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>AR 5/17/15</i>	Angelica Rose, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

Rationale:

Environmental Justice

10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>AR 6/17/15</i>	Angelica Rose, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

Rationale:

Sacred Sites

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	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>JW 6/17/15</i>	Jason Wright, Archaeologist

Rationale:

Noxious and Non-Native Invasive Species

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	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	<i>KV 6/16/2015</i>	Ken Vicencio, Range Tech

Rationale: No known populations of invasive noxious species.

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