

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
POCATELLO FIELD OFFICE
Categorical Exclusion
Fiscal Year 2015 Special Cleanup Fund Solid Waste Cleanups
DOI-BLM-ID-I020-2015-0039-CX**

Applicant: NA

Project/Serial No.: NA

Project Lead: Bryce Anderson, Geologist/BLM Pocatello Field Office

Proposed Action: The proposed action is to remove and cleanup solid waste from illegal dumpsites that occur on BLM administered lands during the 2015 fiscal year. Sites chosen for cleanup include the Howard Mountain and Rattlesnake Dumpsites. The Howard Mountain Dumpsite occurs approximately 2.0 miles west of Pocatello, Idaho and includes six solid waste sites within Township 6 South, Range 34 East, Section 29 (SWSW), Section 30 (SESE), Section 31 (E1/2NE), and Section 32 (SWNW and NWNW) (see also figure 1). The Rattlesnake Dumpsite occurs approximately 7.5 miles southeast of Firth, Idaho and includes seven solid waste sites within Township 2 South, Range 38 E., Section 7 (S1/2NE) and Section 8 (SW1/4) (see also figure 2). The dumpsites contain solid waste such as construction debris, TVs, yard waste, tires, dead animals, plastic, furniture, paint cans, scrap metal, refrigerators, abandoned automobiles, pallets, glass bottles, shooting debris, and cardboard. The solid waste cleanups would be conducted by a contractor utilizing heavy equipment. Following removal of the solid waste dumpsites, future dumping would be mitigated by signing, barricading, and fencing areas where dumping occurs regularly.

Consultation and Coordination: The Pocatello Field Office will maintain a publicly available record of this Categorical Exclusion (CX) Documentation. Following the decision, notice to the public will be posted in Idaho BLM's NEPA database which is accessed via Idaho BLM's public website.

Land Use Plan Conformance Statement:

Land Use Plan Name: Pocatello Resource Management Plan (April 2012)

Date Approved/Amended: July 10, 2012

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):

Goal GE-1. Continuously update resource and use information/data in order to proactively address changing needs and or conditions (pg. ARMP-14).

Objective GE-1.1. Inventories and surveys documenting the condition and extent of resources/uses are given sufficient emphasis to monitor changes in conditions, provide "measurements" of ecosystem health or baseline data/information, and enable specialists to respond to changes when needed (pg. ARMP-14).

Action GE-1.1.2. Information gained through inventory, survey and monitoring programs will be used in making management decisions (pg. ARMP-14).

Action GE-1.1.3. Undertake proactive management of public land activities, including, but not limited to, mitigating potential adverse effects (pg. ARMP-14).

Finding or Recommendation: The proposed action is categorically excluded as outlined in 516 DM 11.9 J (10): Removal of structures and materials of no historical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved. None of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply.

/s/ Bryce Anderson
Preparer signature

7/16/2015
Date

/s/ Blaine Newman
NEPA Reviewer signature

7/16/2015
Date

Decision and Rationale for the Decision:

My decision is to approve the proposed solid waste dumpsite cleanups. This decision is within the scope of provisions for categorical exclusions contained in Departmental Manual 516 DM 6, Appendix 5, Section 5.4, J(10) and no extraordinary circumstances exist that would require further NEPA analysis.

/s/ David A. Pacioretty
David A. Pacioretty
Field Manager

7/17/2015
Date

Appeals Information:

Appeals information can be found at 43 CFR 4.410.

Extraordinary Circumstances Requiring Preparation of an EA or EIS

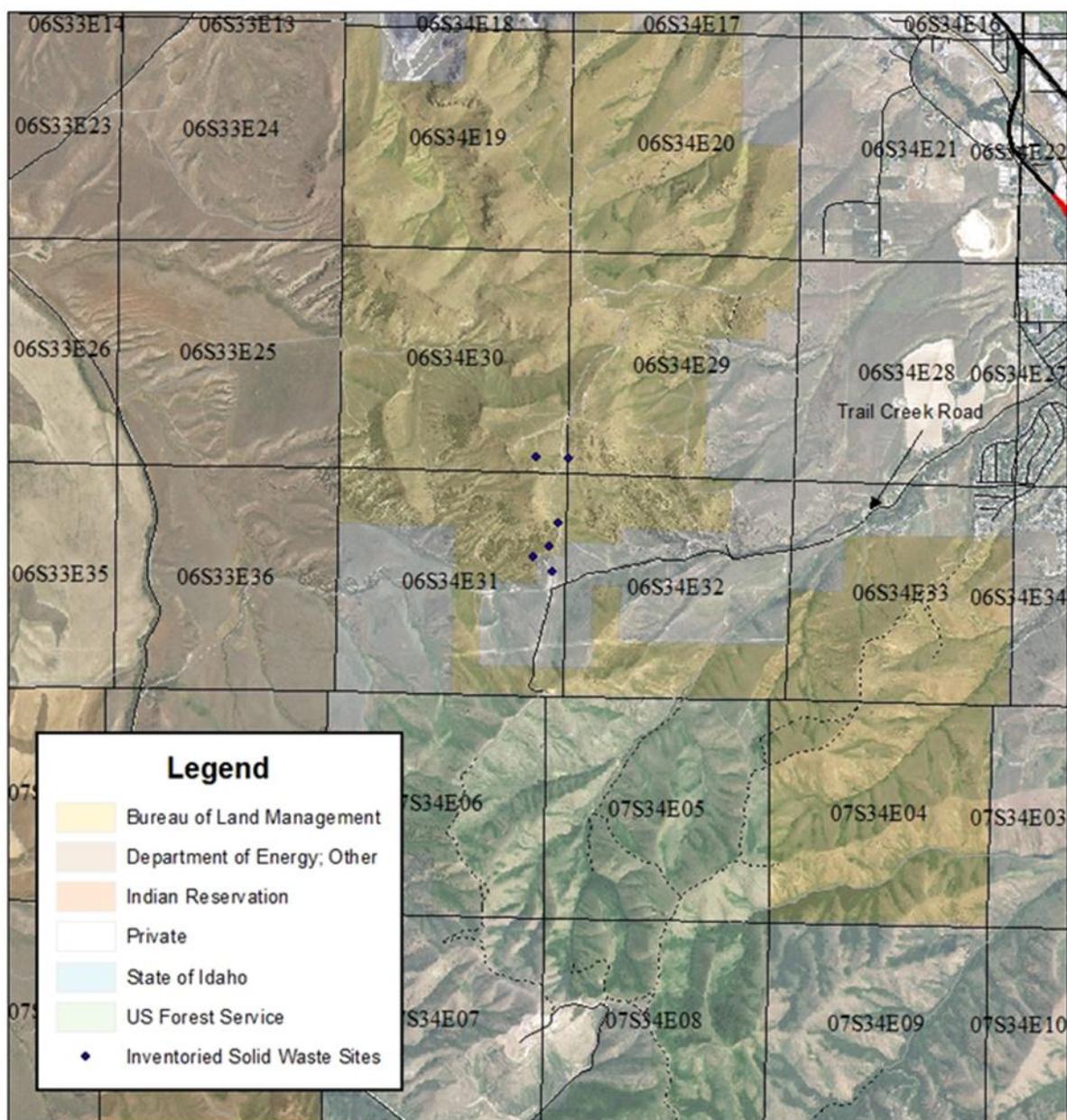
The action described in categorical exclusion DOI-BLM-ID-I020-2015-0039-CX has been reviewed to determine if any of the following extraordinary circumstances listed below apply, as listed in the Departmental NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46.215). A rationale for why the circumstance does not apply is included below:

Extraordinary Circumstances	
1.	Have significant impacts on public health or safety. <i>Removal of solid waste should improve public health and safety by eliminating hazards present at solid waste sites.</i>
2.	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. <i>The sites do not occur within any designated parks, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, national natural landmarks, floodplains, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farm lands, wetlands, national monuments, or other ecologically significant or critical areas. The Howard Mountain Dumpsite occurs within the Pocatello Special Recreation Management Area and the Rattlesnake Dumpsite occurs within the Blackfoot Special Recreation Management Area however solid waste removal would not impede any recreational opportunities. The proposed action would not have significant impacts on migratory birds since there is no proposed disturbance. A cultural inventory and survey of the Howard Mountain Dumpsite was completed on June 25, 2015. A cultural inventory and survey of the Rattlesnake Dumpsite was completed on June 5, 2015. No National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible sites were identified.</i>
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]. <i>No highly controversial environmental effects or potential unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses or available resources have been identified.</i>
4.	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. <i>There are no known highly uncertain or potentially significant environmental effects associated with the proposed action. There are also no unique or unknown environmental risks associated with the proposed action.</i>
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. <i>The proposed action would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.</i>
6.	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. <i>The proposed action would not have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.</i>

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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. <i>A cultural inventory and survey of the Howard Mountain Dumpsite was completed on June 25, 2015. A cultural inventory and survey of the Rattlesnake Dumpsite was completed on June 5, 2015. No NRHP eligible sites were identified.</i>
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. <i>No Threatened or Endangered Species are known to inhabit the project area.</i>
9.	Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. <i>The proposed action would not violate any Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.</i>
10.	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). <i>The proposed action would not result in any environmental effects that would affect low income or minority populations.</i>
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). <i>There are no known Indian sacred sites within the project area. The proposed action would not prevent access to any Indian sacred sites on Federal Lands or impact traditional use within the area.</i>
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). <i>Removal of solid waste is not anticipated to introduce or spread noxious weeds. Following removal of solid wastes, the sites would be monitored for presence of noxious weeds.</i>

Figure 1 Howard Mountain Solid Waste Sites



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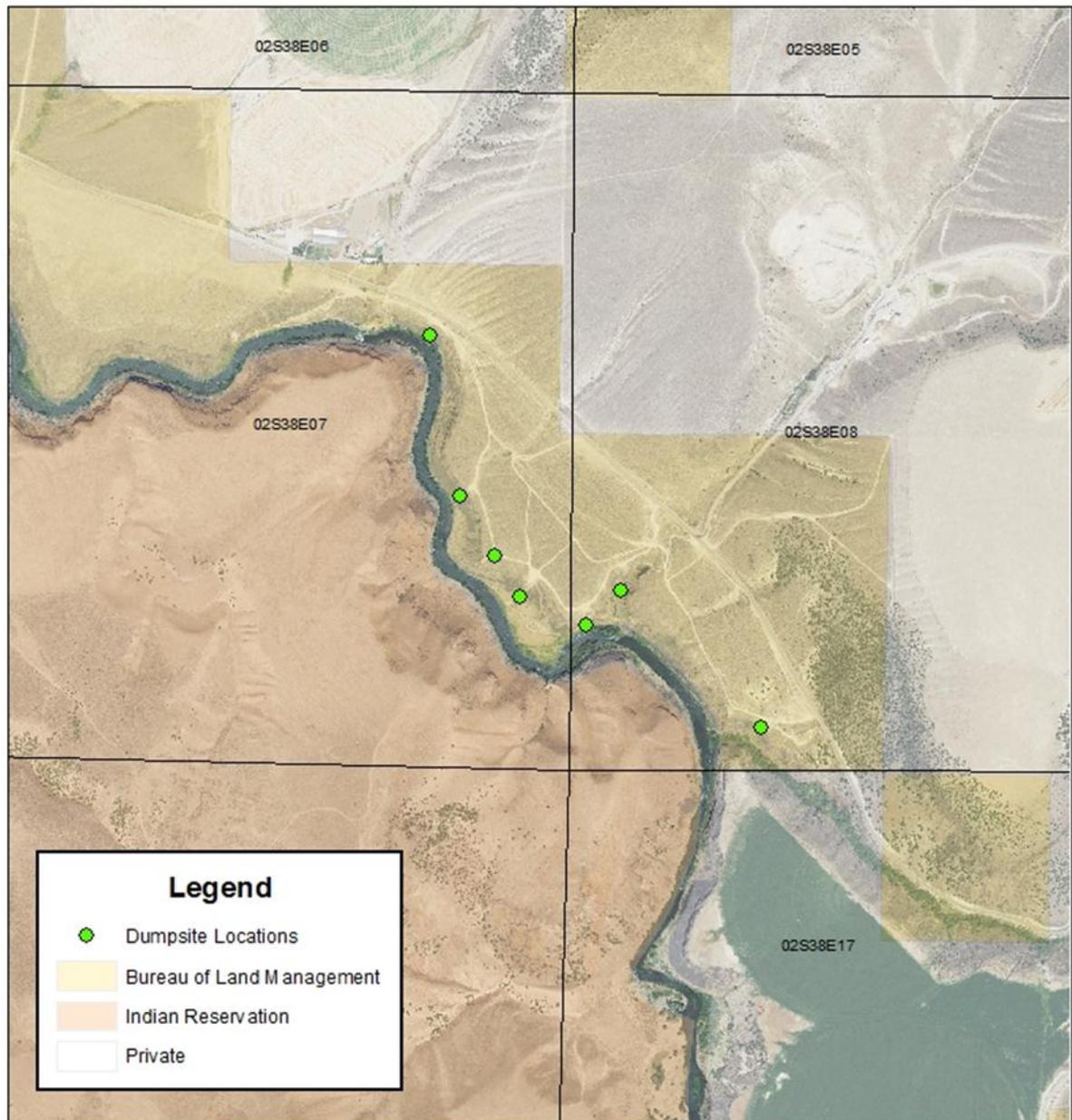
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Figure 2. Rattlesnake Illegal Solid Waste Sites



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