

Checklist for Interdisciplinary Review of Categorical Exclusions

Document Title: **Murphey well/ Bootlegger Pipeline to Bootlegger storage Surface Pipeline In**

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Preparer Name and Title: **RJ Estes, RMS**

Date Scoping Initiated: **07/27/2015**

Date Scoping CLOSED:

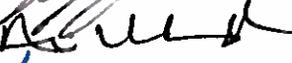

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 Biologist Assigned


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 NEPA Coord. Assigned

 7/29/15
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Critical Elements and Other Issues	Specialists	Affected		Comments		Document Review Signature	Date
		Yes	No	Yes	No		
1. NRHPP/Cultural	Dan McGrew		✓		✓		7/30/15
2. T&E Species	Jeff Conn		✓		✓		7/30/15
3. Floodplains/Wetlands	Amelia Underwood		X		X		7/29/15
4. Invasive Species	Jason Martin		X		X		7/29/15
5. NEPA Map	Sharisse Fisher Shelby Leachet (for Sharisse)		X		X		7/29/15

Attachments:

Planning and Environmental Coordinator: 

Date: **7/30/15**



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Authorized Officer - Reviewed/Recommended

**NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)
Safford Field Office**

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2015-0030-CX

Serial/Case File No. 50410

Proposed Action Title/Type: Murphey Well/ Bootlegger Pipeline to Bootlegger Storage Surface Pipeline Installation

Location of Proposed Action (include name of 7.5 topographic map): The pipeline would be .75 miles in length and located on the Rhyolite Peak Allotment which is approximately twenty miles east of Safford, Arizona in Graham and Greenlee County. The general location is Township 7 South Range 31 East. The area is covered by the Sheldon USGS Quadrangle, Arizona (7.5), and is shown in Map 1.

Description of Proposed Action: The installation of an above ground, not buried, pipeline starting in the lower southwest quarter of Section 35 northwest through section 34 into the southwest quarter of Section 27 ending at the Bootlegger storage tank. This is an emergency action due to an earthquake that damaged the well located on private land in section 28 that is no longer providing water to the permitted livestock on the allotment. This is a temporary action. A permanent underground option will be assessed under a separate proposed action pursuant to NEPA (40 CFR Part 1500et seq.)

Applicant (if any): Bureau of Land Management

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW. This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Safford District Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision approved September 1992 and July 1994.

The proposed action has been reviewed and determined to be in conformance with this plan (43 CFR 4120.3-1).


Specialist Signature


Date

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with 516 DM 11, 11.9, E (18): Temporary placement of a pipeline above ground. DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2015-0030-CX; Murphey Well/ Bootlegger Pipeline to Bootlegger storage Surface Pipeline Installation.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. It has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

The action does not have significant adverse effects on public health and safety nor does the action adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. The action does not have highly controversial environmental effects nor have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk nor does it adversely affect a species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered or threatened species. It does not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration with significant environmental effects or related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. The proposed action does not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment or which require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

Mitigation Measures/Stipulations:

Pipeline will not be installed with machinery and permittee/ contractor will keep ground and vegetative disturbance as low as possible. Standard Terms and Conditions described within the Grazing Lease (Form 4130-2a) apply.

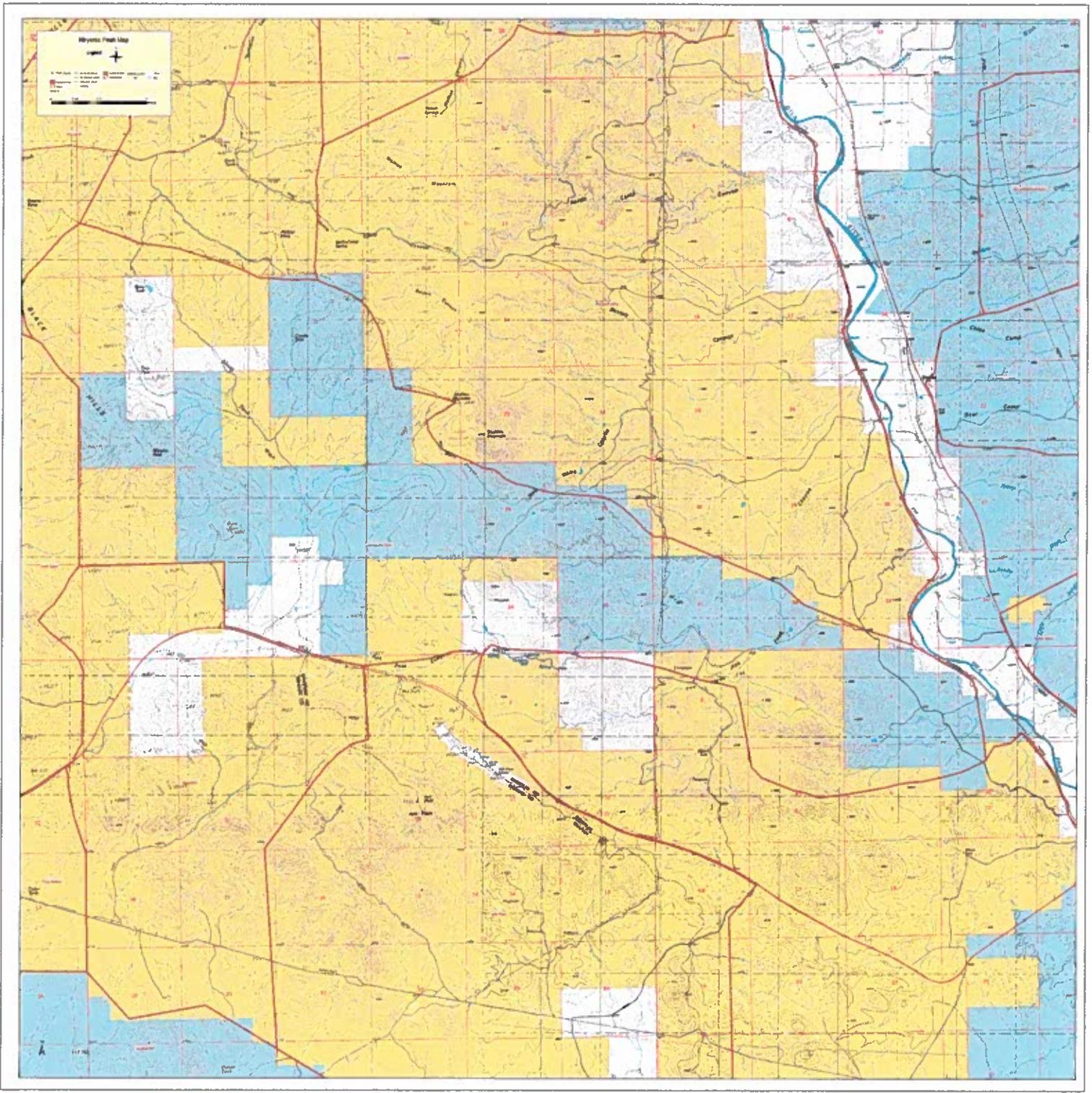
Part III: DECISION. I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed action does not conflict with major land-use-plans and will not have any major adverse impacts on other resources. Therefore, it does not represent an exception, and is categorically excluded from further environmental review. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures attached.

Authorized Official: _____



Date: _____



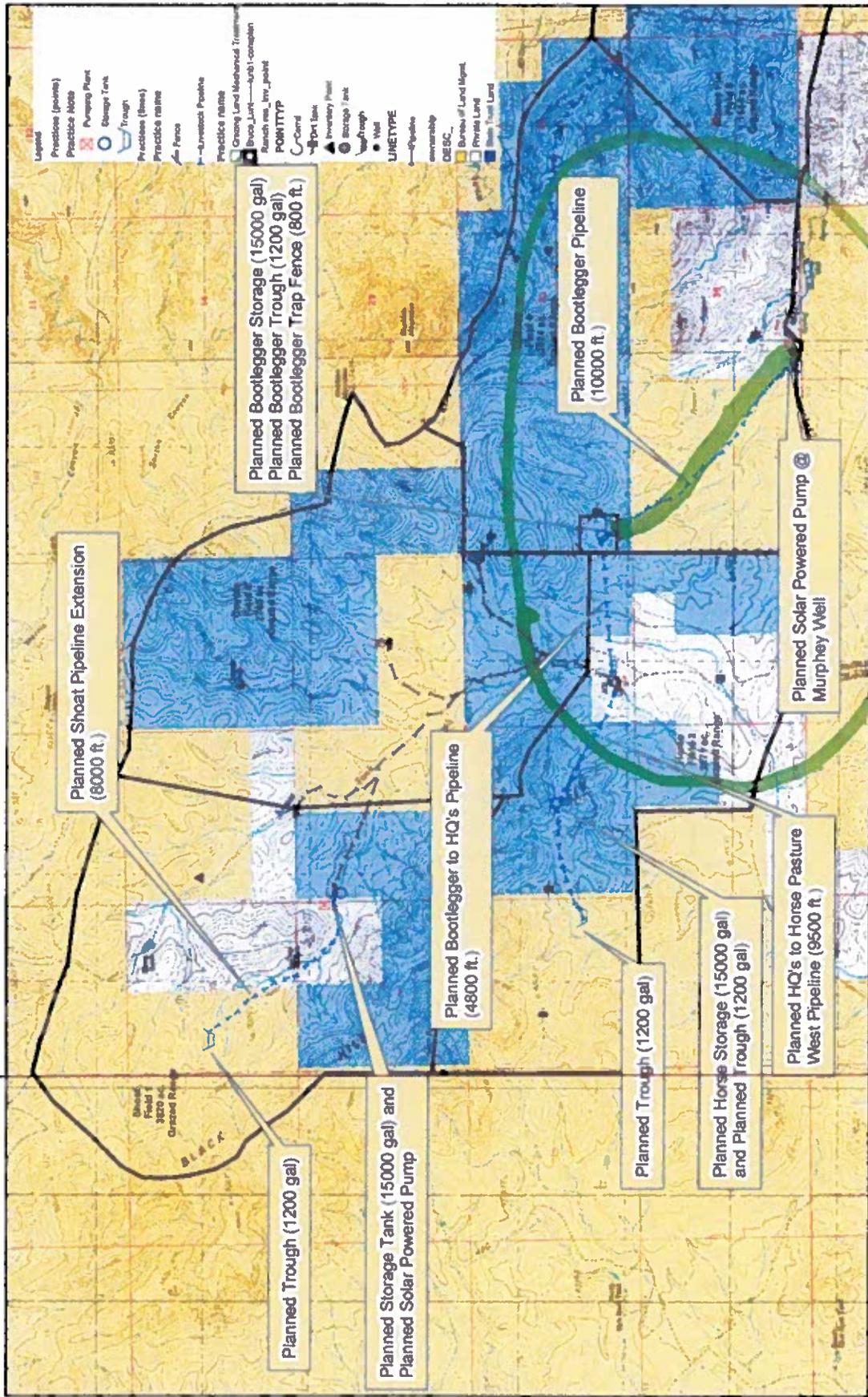




Field Office: SAFFORD SERVICE CENTER
 Agency: USDA-NRCS
 Assisted By: SCOTT STRATTON
 State and County: AZ, GRAHAM & GREENLEE

Rhyolite Peak Conservation Plan Map

Customer(s): BRUCE LUNT
 District: GILA VALLEY NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT



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PART II: CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2015-0030-CX

ASSIGNMENT AND REVIEW

Subactivity: _____

Case/Project No.: 50410

Project Name: Murphey well/ Bootlegger Pipeline to Bootlegger storage Surface Pipeline Installation

Location (legal description): T 7S, R. 31E.

NLCS Unit: _____

Quad Name: Sheldon

Project Lead: RJ Estes

Draft Review: Unit Manager/Supervisor: [Signature] Date: 7/29/15

Technical Review:

Applies? Yes No	NAME	EXCEPTION	SIGNATURE	DATE
() (A)	R.J. Estes	(1) Have Significant adverse effects on public health or safety?	[Signature]	7/29/15
() (A)	Amelia Underwood	(2) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as principal drinking water aquifers, or wetlands.	[Signature]	7/29/15
() (X)	Tom Schnell	(3) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, or ecologically significant or critical areas including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.	[Signature]	7/29/15
() (A)	Dan McGrew	(4) Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners.	[Signature]	7/30/2015
() (X)	Jeff Conn	(5) Have adverse effects on species listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	[Signature]	7/30/2015
() (X)	Jason Martin	(6) Contribute to the introduction, continuation existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.	[Signature]	7/29/15
() (A)	Amelia Underwood	(7) Have highly controversial environmental effects	[Signature]	7/29/15
() (A)	Amelia Underwood	(8) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	[Signature]	7/29/15
() (A)	Amelia Underwood	(9) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	[Signature]	7/29/15
() (A)	Amelia Underwood	(10) Individually Insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.	[Signature]	7/29/15
() (A)	Amelia Underwood	(11) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.	[Signature]	7/29/15

Final Review:

Environmental Coordinator: [Signature]

Date: 7/30/15

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Gila District
Safford Field office

NEPA supplement for biological assessment and ESA compliance

Action Information

Attach location Map

Action Name: Murphey well/Bootlegger Pipeline (Rhyolite Peak)

EA#: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2015-0030-CX

Project Contact: RJ Bstes

County: Greenlee

Summary of Proposed Action: Installation of 0.75 miles of temporary, above ground, pipeline to supply water for livestock. Pipeline will be installed without the use of machinery to reduce soil and vegetation disturbance.

Summary of the Purpose and Need for Proposed Action: The Rhyolite Peak permittee has requested to install 0.75 miles of above ground pipeline on BLM lands to supply water for livestock. The well which supplied the existing trough and storage was thought to be damaged as a result of an earthquake and is no longer supplying water.

General Biological Assessment

Watershed: Gila River

Vegetative Community (Riparian, Upland etc.): Upland

Affected Species: Quail, rabbit, mule deer.

Affected Habitat: Semi-Desert Grassland

Recommended Mitigation: None

Threatened and Endangered Species

Species List Reviewed: IPaC Date: 7/30/2015

Listed Species considered: Southwestern willow flycatcher, yellow-billed cuckoo, lesser long-nosed bat, northern Mexican gartersnake.

Designated Critical Habitat Considered: Razorback sucker, proposed critical habitat for narrow-headed and northern Mexican gartersnake.

Current BO(s) in place that cover the proposed action: None

BO(s) Name and Number:

(If proposed action is already covered Sign below)