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Coulter Allotment Grazing Permit Renewal

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Worksheet
Documentation of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

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Case File/Project No: GR# 2502060

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A: Description of the Proposed Action: Ensure the allotment continues to meet Land Health Standards and issue a grazing permit to the applicant. The applicant provided a lease agreement showing control of the base property for the Coulter Allotment for 10 years. The term of the BLM grazing permit would be from December 1, 2015 – November 30, 2025. The grazing permit would be modified because of administration error. The grazing permit would be issued with no changes to the terms and conditions from the previous grazing permit, but the new permit would reflect the correct AUMs in each pasture and also correct the use type. The grazing permit will be issued as follows:

Allotment Name and Number	Pasture	Livestock Number	Livestock Kind	Grazing Begin	Period End	%PL	Type Use	AUMs
Coulter Allotment No. 00074	Coulter Individual	7	Cattle	03/01	02/28	100	Custodial	88
	Coulter East Hill	4	Cattle	03/01	02/28	100	Custodial	44

Total Active AUMs: 132

Terms and Conditions:
Livestock Numbers are not restricted. The terms and conditions of your permit may be modified if standards for Rangeland Health are not being met.

Applicant: Rod & Lorri Coulter
County: Garfield
DNA Originator: Jon David

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name*_____Miles City ARMP_____Date Approved ___2015

Other document**_____Date Approved

**List applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto)*

☐ The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

[X] 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 decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions) *This proposed action is in accordance with the BLM 2015 Miles City Field Office Approved Resource Management Plan (ARMP), The ARMP states on page 3-11, Livestock Grazing Authorization, MD LG 7 "Approximately 2,700,000 acres and an estimated 546,496 animal unit months (AUMs) are available for livestock grazing; and page 3-10, MD LG 2: "The BLM will follow the BLM's 1997 Record of Decision for Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management Final Environmental Impact Statement for Montana and north and South Dakota.".*

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.
Coulter Grazing Permit EA *(MT-C020-2006-130-EA)*

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation and monitoring report).
Standards for Rangeland Health Assessment, August 1997
Confirmed meeting land health standards by ID team visit on September 02, 2014
Cultural Report MT-020-06-154

D. 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? *Yes, the proposed action is the same as the proposed action in the Coulter Grazing Permit EA January 2006 (MT-C020-2006-130-EA). The proposed action in this EA addressed issuing a grazing permit for the same allotment with the same season of use.*

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, resource values?** *Yes, the Coulter Grazing Permit EA May 2006 (MT-C020-2006-130-EA) analyzed the same proposed action for the Coulter Allotment. The Coulter Grazing Permit EA*

January 2006 (MT-C020-2006-130-EA) considered a No Action Alternative and leaving the season of use dates as the previous grazing permit. The Coulter Grazing Permit EA January 2006 (MT-C020-2006-130-EA) also considered, but dropped from further analysis, a No Grazing Alternative. Those alternatives are appropriate because this is a non-controversial grazing permit.

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 circumstance would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action? *Yes, the existing analysis is adequate. The BLM lands within the allotment are located outside any of the Greater sage-grouse habitat management areas regarded as Priority Habitat Management Areas (PHMA), Restoration Habitat Management Areas (RHMA), or General Habitat Management Areas (GHMA).*

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?** *Yes, the impacts analyzed in the Coulter Grazing Permit EA January 2006 (MT-C020-2006-130-EA) are the same as the current proposed action. The Coulter Grazing Permit EA January 2006 (MT-C020-2006-130-EA) analyzed site specific impacts on the Coulter Allotment. The cumulative impacts are unchanged from those identified in the Coulter Grazing Permit EA January 2006 (MT-C020-2006-130-EA).*

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

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

Name	Title	Resource Represented	Initials & Date
Kent Undlin	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife	KU 12/4/15
Dawn Doran	Acting Supervisory RMS	Review	DLD 12-31-15

Environmental Coordinator **Date**

F. Mitigation Measures: List any applicable mitigation measures that were identified, analyzed, and approved in relevant LUPs and existing NEPA document(s). List the specific mitigation measures or identify an attachment that includes those specific mitigation measures. Document that these applicable mitigation measures must be incorporated and implemented.

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 NEPA.

Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked

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Wendy Warren Date
Acting Field Manager
Miles City Field Office

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on the DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

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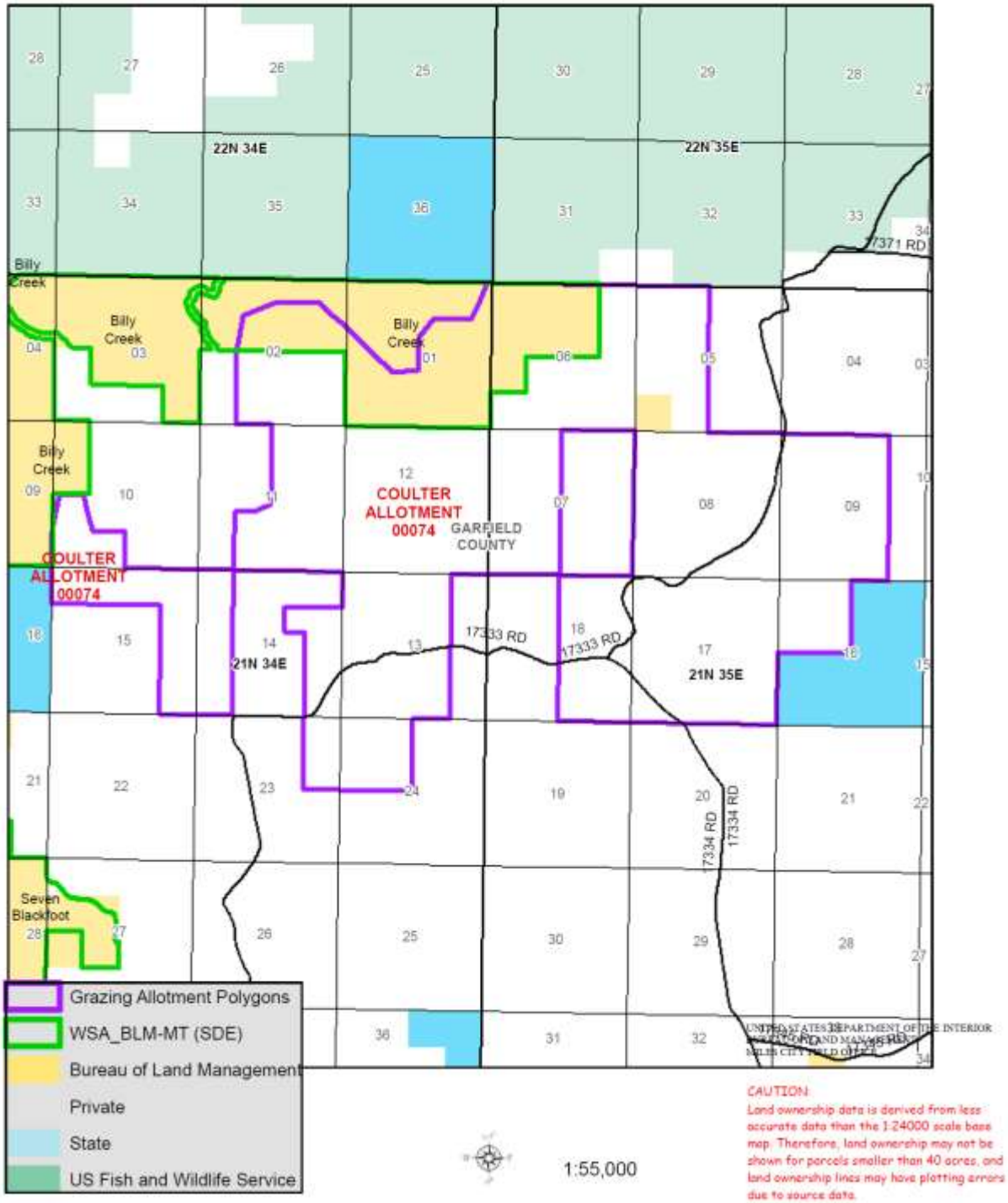
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