

**United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management**

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**Categorical Exclusion Not Established By Statute  
DOI-BLM-UT-G020-2016-0006-CX**

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**October 2015**

**Beckwith Plateau Kiosk**

***Location:*** Township 18 South Range 15 East in Section 20

***Applicant/Address:*** Price Field Office Recreation Program  
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Departmental Categorical Exclusions



## **A. Background**

**BLM Office:** Price Field Office

**Lease/Serial/Case File No:**

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Beckwith Plateau Kiosk/CX

**Location of Proposed Action:** Beckwith Plateau is located near the Desolation Canyon Wilderness Study Area (WSA). The proposed location for the kiosk will be on BLM Price Field Office managed lands. The kiosk will be placed near a previously disturbed campsite.

**Description of Proposed Action:** Recreation staff in the BLM Price Field Office proposed a maintenance project to install a kiosk at the beginning of the cherry-stemmed road to Beckwith Plateau. The kiosk will help educate users about staying on designated trails and the Desolation Canyon WSA. The WSA is a popular hiking, camping, hunting and equestrian destination. The area receives a high number of hunters and other users that have been traveling illegally cross-country in the WSA. The kiosk will help prevent further motorized WSA intrusions by educating users about the area. This project will be implemented during or after October 2015.

## **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

**Land Use Plan Name:** Price Field Office Resource Management Plan (PFO RMP)

**Date Approved/Amended:** October 2008

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

This proposed project will ensure conformance with the PFO RMP and BLM manual 6330.

Management Decision WSA-1 states: "Continue to manage all WSAs (Map R-28) according to the *Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Wilderness Review* (BLM Handbook H-8550-1) until legislation is enacted to either designate the areas as wilderness or release them for uses other than wilderness. The only decisions related to WSA management made in this plan are VRM and OHV designations" (PFO RMP, p. 128).

BLM Manual 6330 is a revised version of the *Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Wilderness Review* (BLM Handbook H-8550-1). On page 26 of BLM Manual 6330, under the Recreation section of Policies for Specific Activities it states, "The BLM will monitor the magnitude of all recreational activities in WSAs to ensure that such use will not impair the area's wilderness suitability. If monitoring indicates impairment is occurring the BLM will, as appropriate and subject to applicable law, take action to eliminate the impairing activity."

## **C. Compliance with NEPA**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 43 CFR Part 46.210

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1.7 Routine and continuing government business, including such things as supervision, administration, operations, maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity (e.g., limited size and magnitude or short-term effects).

G. Transportation

4. Placement of recreational, special designation, or information signs, visitor registers, kiosks, and portable sanitation devices.

The proposed action is also found to be in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) dated 2007

43 CFR Part 8340.0-2. "The objectives of these regulations are to protect the resources of the public lands, to promote the safety of all users of those lands, and to minimize conflicts among the various uses of those land."

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 43 CFR Part 46.215 applies.

**D: Signature**

Authorizing Official: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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For additional information concerning this CX review, contact

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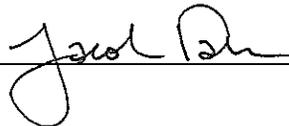
*Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX. Include appropriate protest or appeal provision language.*

**Categorical Exclusion Review Record**

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Yes/No*</b>	<b>Assigned Specialist Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Karl Ivory</b>	<b>10/14/15</b>
<b>Areas of Critical Environmental Concern</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Matt Blocker</b>	<b>10/14/15</b>
<b>Cultural Resources</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Michael Wolfe</b>	<b>10/13/15</b>
<b>Environmental Justice</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Jacob Palma</b>	<b>10/14/15</b>
<b>Farm Lands (prime or unique)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Karl Ivory</b>	<b>10/14/15</b>
<b>Floodplains</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Karl Ivory</b>	<b>10/14/15</b>
<b>Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Stephanie Bauer</b>	<b>10/14/15</b>
<b>Migratory Birds</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Jared Reese</b>	<b>10/13/15</b>
<b>Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Species</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Jared Reese</b>	<b>10/13/15</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>Karl Ivory</b>	<b>10/14/15</b>
<b>Wastes (hazardous or solid)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Karl Ivory</b>	<b>10/14/15</b>
<b>Water Quality (drinking or ground)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Karl Ivory</b>	<b>10/14/15</b>
<b>Wetlands / Riparian Zones</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Karl Ivory</b>	<b>10/14/15</b>
<b>Wild and Scenic Rivers</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Matt Blocker</b>	<b>10/13/15</b>
<b>Wilderness</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Matt Blocker</b>	<b>10/13/15</b>
<b>Other:</b>			

\*Extraordinary Circumstances apply.

Environmental Coordinator



Date: 10/14/15

# ATTACHMENTS

## Project Area Map

