

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION

A. Background

BLM Office: Prineville District Office, Central Oregon Resource Area

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) register #: DOI-BLM-ORWA-P000-2016-0025-CX

Project/lease/serial/case file #: None

Proposed action title: Transfer Grazing Preference - Humphrey Allotment

Location: Map attached, approximately 14 miles northeast of Paulina, Oregon.

Description: The proposed action is to transfer the BLM grazing preference for the Humphrey Allotment (#00026) from Ray Sessler to Wildcat Grazing, LLC, due to changes in control of the existing base property. The existing property meets the base property requirements as described in 43 CFR 4110.2-1(a) (1) and (2). The proposed administrative action involves transferring grazing preference from one individual to another and does not pose any significant environmental effects. The existing terms and conditions and management practices of the permit would remain unchanged as a result of the transfer of grazing preference. These include season of use, permitted AUMs, and kind of livestock as listed below.

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Livestock Kind</u>	<u>Grazing Season</u>	<u>%PL</u>	<u>AUMs</u>
00026 Humphrey	Cattle	04/01-11/15	100	632

B. Land use plan conformance

Land use plan name: **Brothers/La Pine Resource Management Plan**

Date approved: **July 1989**

The proposed action is in conformance with the above plan as the entire Humphrey Allotment area is included on the map of Grazing Allotments on page 83 of the RMP. Grazing at the current level was approved through Decisions of NEPA Adequacy, tiered to the above RMP, in 2002.

The proposed action is consistent with the Brothers/La Pine Resource Management Plan decisions, objectives, terms, or conditions:

Page 74, Allotment Management: "Grazing management is accomplished by decision or agreement with affected parties."

Page 75, Management Direction: "Grazing management in the Brothers portion will continue so as to maintain or improve ecological status on all grazing allotments..."

C. Compliance with NEPA

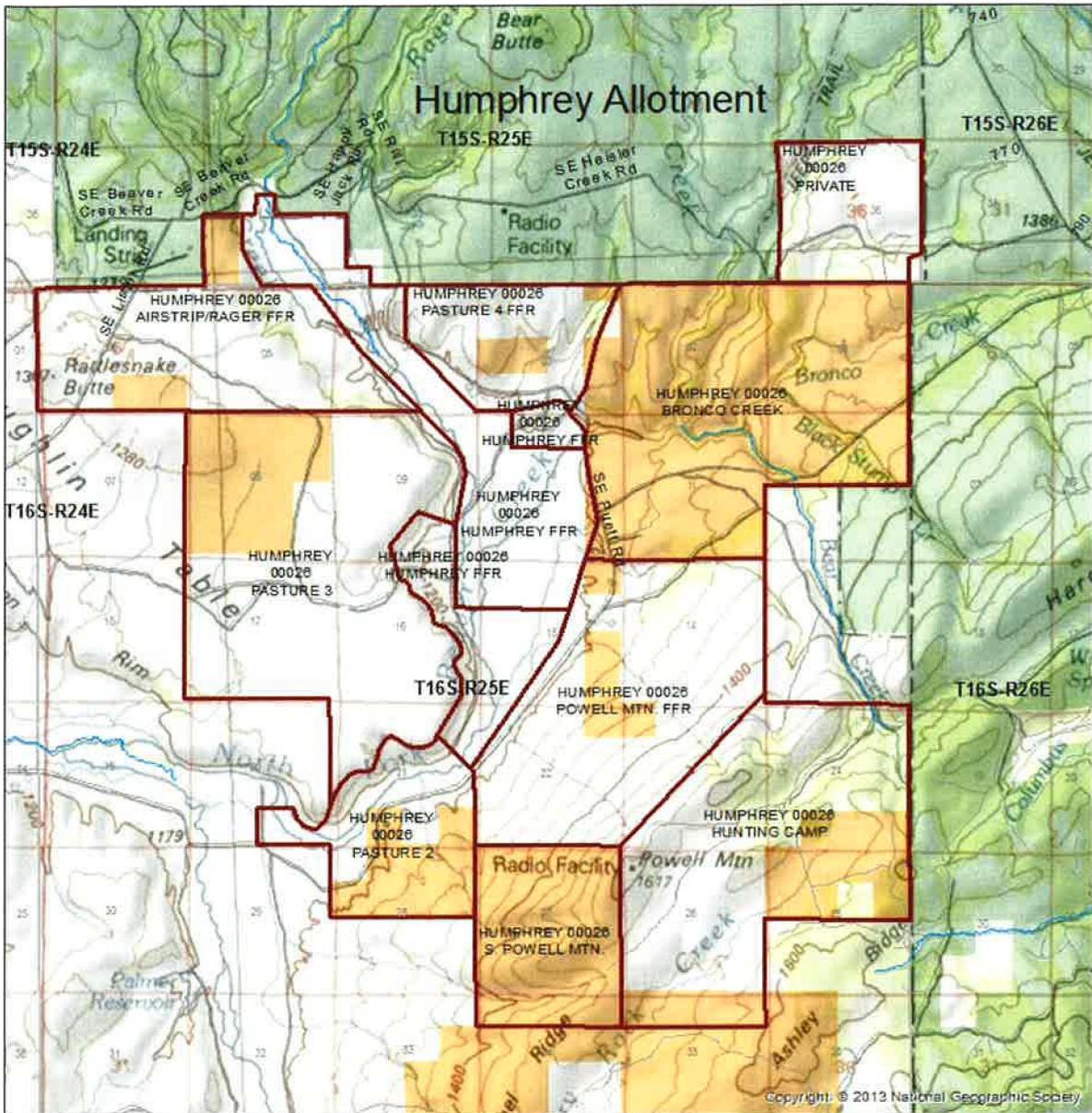
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		X
Rationale: The proposed approval of transfer of existing grazing preference is a routine administrative procedure to change a name on an existing permit and would have no controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts.		
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Rationale: Livestock grazing is an ongoing activity; the transfer of existing grazing preference (i.e. name change on existing permit) poses no unique or unknown environmental risks.		
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: Approval of existing grazing preference transfer for continuation of existing grazing preference is a routine administrative procedure. This action neither establishes a precedent for future actions nor represents a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
Rationale: This administrative action, approval of application and transfer of existing grazing preference, would be neither individually or cumulatively significant.		
2.7 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.		X
Rationale: This administrative action, approval of application and transfer of existing grazing preference (i.e. name change on an existing permit), would have no effect on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.		
2.8 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.		X
Rationale: This administrative action, approval of application and transfer of existing grazing preference (i.e. name change on existing permit), would have no known effect on federally listed, candidate, or BLM special status plant/wildlife species.		
2.9 Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
Rationale: This routine administrative procedure (i.e. name change on existing permit) is consistent and compatible with all known Federal, State, local and Tribal laws or requirements imposed for protection of the environment.		
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
Rationale: The transfer of a grazing preference would have no measurable impact on low income or minority populations.		
2.11 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).		X

Rationale: This administrative action, approval of application and transfer of existing grazing preference (i.e. name change on existing permit), would have no effect and would not limit access for ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners; nor would there be adverse effect to the physical integrity of sacred sites.

2.12 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).

X

Rationale: This administrative action, approval of application and transfer of existing grazing preference (i.e. name change on existing permit), would not contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species.



Legend

- Allotments & Pastures (State Office)
- Major Streams and Rivers
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- Private

Humphrey Allotment

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