

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Missoula Field Office
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW AND DECISION RECORD

A. Background

BLM Office: Missoula Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: MTM-108596

NEPA Number (if applicable): DOI-BLM-B010-2016-0012-CX

Proposed Action Title/Type: Rivercrest West Ranch Inc., Road Right of Way

Location of Proposed Action: T. 11 N., R. 12 W., P.M.M., SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 7

Description of Proposed Action: Rivercrest Ranch has submitted an application for a road right of way for ingress and egress to private property. It is an existing road, approximately 20 feet X 4071 feet. No construction or ground disturbance will occur.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Name of Plan: Garnet Resource Management Plan, as amended. Date Approved: 1/10/86. The proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3). The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision.

Section: Page 15, Chapter 2, Lands Program Guidance, (B) Resource or Land Use Allocations
3. Lands will be available for further consideration and possible routing of utility and transportation right-of-ways. (MAs 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14)

C: Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, E, 16) *Acquisition of easements for an existing road or issuance of leases, permits, or right-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purpose. It has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances apply*

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 extraordinary circumstances apply as described in 43 CFR 46.125.

DECISION
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Decision

It is my decision to grant a 30 year, road right-of-way, for an existing road to Rivercrest Ranch for access to private property over BLM lands in T. 11 N., R. 12 W., P.M.M., SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 7. The road right-of-way will be approximately 20 feet long and 4071 feet wide. The grant shall be subject to the terms and conditions in 43 CFR Part 2800, BLM Manual 2801, the stipulations contained in the attached draft grant and any additional mitigating measures listed below. The grant is made under the authority of Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1761.

In addition, I have reviewed the plan conformance statement and have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required under the National Environmental Policy Act (as documented in the attached CX, Section C. NEPA Compliance).

Rationale

The proposed action meets the criteria for the categorical exclusion in 516 DM 11.9 E. (16) and none of the extraordinary circumstances apply. The proposal is consistent with the purpose for which the public lands and roads are managed, is in the public interest, is consistent with Federal, State, or local laws, and does not have any environmental consequences. Further, the action is in conformance with the Garnet RMP, approved on January 10, 1986, and the proposed grant contains terms and conditions to implement Bureau right-of-way guidance, Garnet RMP Best Management Practices, and Missoula Field Office standard operating procedures. This action will not have any adverse impacts on the President's Energy Policy, Executive Order 13212.

Implementation Date

This project will be implemented after the date of the Grant Issued Decision.

Signature _____
Joe L. Ashor
Field Manager

6/16/16
Date

Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities

The decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. The decision shall take effect immediately upon issuance of a Grant Issued decision signed by the Authorized Officer and shall remain in effect while any appeal is pending unless the Interior Board of Land Appeals issue a stay.

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