

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
IDAHO FALLS DISTRICT
SALMON FIELD OFFICE
Categorical Exclusion**

CE Number: DOI-BLM-ID-I040-2016-0003-CX
Title of Action: Kilpatrick Cabin Disposal
Project/Case File Number: IDI-28355
Preparer: Kyra Povirk, Range Management Specialist
Date of Preparation: April 2016

PROPOSED ACTION:

The proposed action would remove the cabin from the site. Everything above the concrete foundation would be removed. The concrete foundation would either be removed from the site, or broken up and covered with 18-24 inches of soil. The site would then be contoured and reseeded.

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION:

The public was notified of the proposed Kilpatrick Cabin Disposal project through the BLM's ePlanning website on 3/19/2016. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes were notified with hard copy mailings, as requested. Based on comments from the public we decided to look at disposal of the cabin through contract instead of burning it as originally suggested and scoped.

In past years, a number of groups and individuals were contacted to see if there was interest in moving and preserving the cabin off-site but no interest to acquire the cabin was expressed. The BLM also considered moving the cabin to another location, but due to the condition of the cabin and the expense to move it, that option was not implemented.

LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE STATEMENT:

The proposed action is in conformance with the existing Lemhi RMP dated April 1987, as amended. The RMP does not instruct us to, or prevent us from, disposing of the cabin at the Kilpatrick site. The RMP does state that, "The BLM will ensure that any management action undertaken in connection with this plan is cost-effective and takes into account local social and economic factors." (p. 48). Given the desire of portions of the public to acquire and remove the structure, it is most cost-effective to allow the public to purchase the structure and remove it.

The project area does not fall within designated Greater Sage-grouse Priority, Important or General Habitat areas.

FINDING:

The proposed action is categorically excluded as outlined in 516 DM 11.9 J(10) which states, "Removal of structures and materials of no historical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved." None of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516

DM 2, Appendix 2 apply (Attachment C).

<u>/s/ Kyra Povirk</u>	<u>6/23/2016</u>
Preparer Signature	Date

<u>/s/ Vince Guyer</u>	<u>6/27/2016</u>
NEPA Reviewer Signature	Date

Appendix A

DECISION:

It is my decision to authorize the disposal of the cabin at the Kilpatrick Recreation Site, located in T. 17 N., R. 21 E., section 4, Lemhi County, Boise Meridian, Idaho (Appendix B). Everything above the concrete foundation will be removed. The concrete foundation will either be removed from the site, or broken up and covered with 18-24 inches of soil. The site will then be contoured and reseeded.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION:

The proposed action is categorically excluded as outlined in 516 DM 11.9, J, (10) and does not qualify as an exception under 516 DM 2. This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment and the proposed action is in conformance with the existing Lemhi Resource Management Plan, as amended.

APPEALS INFORMATION:

Refer to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 4 for appeals information.

<u>/s/ Linda R. Price</u>	<u>6/28/2016</u>
Field Manager Signature	Date

Attachment B – Kilpatrick Cabin Disposal Map (see separate attachment)

Attachment C.

Extraordinary Circumstances Requiring Preparation of an EA or EIS

The action described in categorical exclusion DOI-BLM-ID-I040-2016-0003-CX has been reviewed to determine if any of the following extraordinary circumstances listed below apply, as listed in the Departmental NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46.215). A rationale for why the circumstance does not apply is included below:

Extraordinary Circumstance	
1.	Have significant impacts on public health or safety – <i>the removal of the abandoned cabin at the Kilpatrick Recreation Site will not have significant impacts on public health and safety. Risk to the public will be reduced with the removal of the cabin.</i>
2.	Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas. <i>Areas with these characteristics either do not occur in the project area or will not be significantly impacted by the disposal of the abandoned cabin.</i>
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]. <i>No highly controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources exist for the abandoned cabin.</i>
4.	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. <i>No highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or unique or unknown environmental risks exist for the disposal of the abandoned cabin.</i>
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. <i>The disposal of the abandoned cabin does not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.</i>
6.	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. <i>No direct relationship exists to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.</i>
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. <i>The abandoned cabin is not a property listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.</i>
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. <i>No impacts to species listed or proposed to be</i>

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	<i>listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or designated critical habitat for these species would occur with the implementation of this project. Species and/or their habitat do not occur in the project area.</i>
9.	Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. <i>The disposal of the abandoned cabin would not Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.</i>
10.	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). <i>The disposal of the abandoned cabin would not have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). These populations do not occur near the Kilpatrick cabin site.</i>
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). <i>Indian sacred sites on Federal lands do not occur in the project area and would not be impacted.</i>
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). <i>Disposal of the abandoned cabin would not contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species know to occur in the area. The site would be contoured and seeded.</i>