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**Determination of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**

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**A. BLM Office:** Four Rivers Field Office

**NEPA Log Number:** DOI-BLM-ID-B011-2016-0006-DNA

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Sand Creek Parking Area

**Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures:**

Because of its proximity to a metropolitan area (approximately 15 miles from downtown Boise, Idaho), Sand Creek receives a variety of recreational uses. OHV use has resulted in extensive damage in a user created staging area. The objective of the proposal is to provide a suitable staging area for recreational activities in that area by placing gravel for parking and staging in a previously disturbed area. Informational signs will also be placed there to inform people about the area.

**B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans**

<b>LUP/Document<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Sections/Pages</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
1983 Kuna Management Framework Plan (USDI 1983):	WS-1.1	1983
1983 Kuna Management Framework Plan (USDI 1983):	WL-2	
1983 Kuna Management Framework Plan (USDI 1983):	WL-5	
1983 Kuna Management Framework Plan (USDI 1983):	R-1	

<sup>1</sup>List applicable LUPs (e.g., Resource Management Plans, Management Framework Plans, or applicable amendments) and activity, project, management, water quality restoration, or program plans.

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:

Watershed

WS-1.1: Manage all watersheds to achieve stable or moderate soil surface factor conditions and, where feasible/economical, strive for maintaining or establishing good perennial vegetation cover.

Wildlife (Terrestrial)

R-1: Provide high-quality, varied recreation opportunities commensurate with public demand, placing emphasis on managing dispersed-type opportunities. Develop facilities as needed to control visitors, protect resources, and accommodate public use. Manage recreation sites to maximize benefits to the users and to ensure availability for future development.

**C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the Proposed Action. 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).**

<b>NEPA/Other Related Documents</b>	<b>Sections/Pages</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
<b>Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2012-0007-EA Four Rivers Field Office Blacks Creek Reservoir Management Plan Environmental Assessment</b>	3.1.1/page 11, 13	8/31/12

**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 Blacks Creek Environmental Assessment identified the use of graded and graveled parking areas in previously disturbed areas to provide access to adjacent BLM lands. The new proposed project is within six miles of the previously analyzed area with similar vegetation and terrain. Additionally, the site is already heavily impacted and disturbed as a result of OHV 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, and circumstances?**

Yes. The range of alternatives analyzed in the Blacks Creek EA is appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given the existing environmental situation or circumstances.

**3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (e.g., riparian proper functioning condition reports; rangeland health standards assessments; inventory and monitoring data; most recent USFWS lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?**

Yes, the Blacks Creek Environmental analysis is adequate and having been recently completed (2012) it considers present circumstances. There are no new circumstances that would be considered significant and the existing NEPA analysis is suitable. The proposed project area occurs on the edge of an existing woven spore lichen (*Texasporium sancti-jacobi* - BLM Type 2) EO and also occurs adjacent to slickspot peppergrass (*Lepidium papilliferum*-federally proposed “Endangered”) habitat. However, the proposed project would be restricted to an already heavily disturbed area that does not currently contain habitat for either one of these sensitive plant species.

**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, reasonably foreseeable cumulative impacts of past, present, and future actions, including the currently proposed action, are substantially similar from those analyzed in the Blacks Creek Environmental Analysis (DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2012-0007-EA, Chapter 3.0 Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences).

**5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current Proposed Action?**

Yes. Due to the interest of different ownership, multiple interest groups and agencies, consultation performed and comments received on the Blacks Creek Area were adequate to address the proposed action. Extensive public involvement and interagency review were appropriately conducted in conjunction with the Blacks Creek EA (DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2012-0007-EA, Sect. 4.3). The DNA will be posted on the BLM NEPA web page and will be available to the public along with other pertinent documents.

**E. Persons/Agencies /BLM Staff Consulted**

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