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Canñn Bonito Wildlife Water

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Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
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NEPA Log Number: DOI-BLM-NM-A020-2016-0017-DNA

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: Canñn Bonito Wildlife Water

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Torreon Community Grazing Allotment (#01269):
Township 4 South, Range 2 West, Section 31

APPLICANT (if any): Internal

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

The proposed action is to implement the proposed wildlife water project as discussed in Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-NM-A020-2014-0005-EA, but in a different location. The newly proposed site would be located approximately 0.75 miles west of the existing authorized site. An existing two-track road would be utilized for project access.

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

LUP Name	<u>Socorro Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision</u>
Date Approved	August 2010 (BLM-NM-PL-10-03-1617)
Other Document	<u>The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 <i>As Amended</i></u>
Date Approved	October 2001
Other Document	<u>National Environmental Policy Act Handbook H-1790-1</u>
Date Approved	January 2008

**List applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto)*

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions: Socorro Resource Management Plan "Ensure optimum populations of and a natural abundance and diversity of wildlife resources on public land by restoring, maintaining, and enhancing habitat conditions through management plans and actions integrated with other uses of public land through coordination with other programs,

management initiatives, and habitat enhancement projects, while mitigating and/or reducing adverse impacts of other resource uses and human-wildlife interactions.” Page 48; and Appendix L: Habitat Enhancement Projects and General Best Management Practices:

- Upland habitats, including grasslands, shrub-steppe, forest, and woodlands, will be managed to that the forage, water, cover, structure, and security necessary for wildlife are available on public lands.
- Increase availability and distribution of year-round water.

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

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East Magdalena Landscape Management Plan

State of New Mexico’s Department of Game and Fish’ Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS)

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 proposed action (project) would be located within the same analysis area (section 31) and the geographic habitat. Resource conditions are essentially similar as analyzed in the Canñn Bonito Wildlife Water Environmental Assessment (EA).

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, and resource values?

Yes. The project and the East Magdalena Landscape Plan was coordinated with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and is in compliance with their landscape management policies and their Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. The proposed action is also in compliance with the SFO wildlife water location criteria, as discussed in the above referenced EA.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Yes. The project and the East Magdalena Landscape Plan was coordinated with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and is in compliance with their landscape management policies and their Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. There is no new information that would substantially change the analysis.

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. The project would be located within the same analysis area and the geographic, habitat and resource conditions are sufficiently similar. The proposed action to relocate water farther away from regularly traveled roads would reduce vandalism and unwarranted wildlife disturbance was analyzed in the existing NEPA document.

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

Yes. The ID team reviewed, commented, provided mitigation and stipulations, and signed-off on DOI-BLM-NM-A020-2014-0005-EA. In addition, the project was proposed for funding to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the New Mexico Department and Game and Fish.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
Mark Matthews	Field Manager	
Matt Atencio	Assistant Field Manager	Renewable Resources
Carlos Coontz	Planner	NEPA Coordinator, ACEC, Environmental Justice, Soil/Water/Air
Kevin Carson	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Visual, Wilderness, Caves & Karst
Brenda Wilkinson	Archaeologist	Cultural, Paleontology, Tribal
Jeff Fassett	Project Manager	Engineering and Operations, Weeds
Lann Moore	Fuels Specialist	Fire and Fuels, Forestry
Virginia Alguire	Realty Specialist	Hazmat, Lands/Realty, Minerals
Gus Hoever	Range Specialist	Livestock, Vegetation
Chris Hill	Recreation Planner	Recreation
Denny Apachito	Wildlife Biologist	T&E/Migratory, Wildlife
Bethany Rosales	NRS – Range	Wild Horse Burro

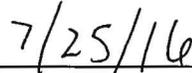
Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

Conclusion (If you found that one or more of these criteria is not met, you will not be able to check this box.)

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.



Signature of Project Lead



Date



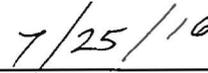
Signature of NEPA Coordinator



Date



Signature of the Responsible Official



Date

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

Description of Mitigation Measures/Standard Stipulations
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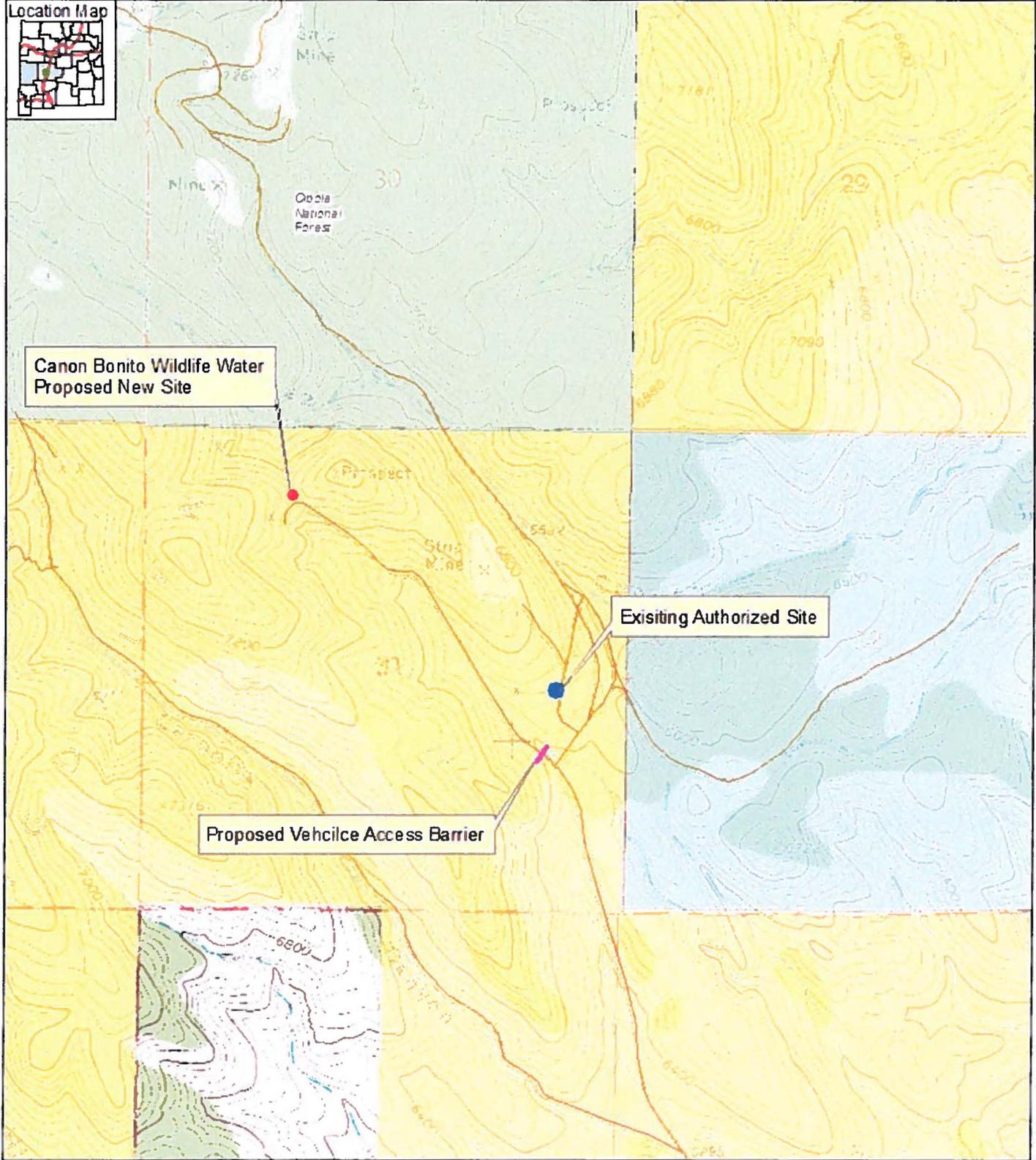
Special guide stipulations, including mitigation measures described here, shall be included in the stipulation compliance checklist and shall be carried out during the implementation of the action.

1. Access would be limited to existing roads and identified temporary access. No off-highway/cross country vehicle travel shall occur within the project area, except when specified in the proposed action.
2. Effort would be made to minimize the impact of the proposed action through careful design, location, and minimal disturbance.
3. Prior to implementing the proposed projects, coordination and consultation with appropriate adjoining landowners and affected interests would occur.
4. Appropriate cultural resources inventories, mitigation, and consultations required by the National Historic Preservation Act would be completed prior to implementing any treatment under this environmental analysis.
5. American Indian groups who have indicated concerns related to traditional cultural practices within the project area would be consulted prior to implementing the proposed project under this environmental analysis.
6. If special status species, with emphasis on federally listed threatened and endangered plants and animals are determined to be in the proposed project area, proposed project activities may be subject to time of year restrictions, avoidance or other restrictions.
7. Surveys for Special Status Species, with emphasis on migratory avian species, would be completed prior to initiation of project activities.
8. Raptor surveys, for all raptors, are required for all major surface disturbing activities (most activities) throughout the Socorro Field Office Management Area for the period of February 1st through July 31st. An acceptable raptor survey would be completed immediately (within 2-weeks) prior to commencement of project activities
9. Access into project area would be avoided during wet periods, when soil is too wet to support equipment, to minimize soil disturbance. If equipment creates ruts in excess of 4 inches deep, soil shall be deemed too wet to adequately support construction equipment.
10. To prevent the introduction or spread of invasive and/or noxious weeds all construction equipment, prior to being brought into the area, would be washed to remove vegetative and soil material. Any vegetative material used for erosion control or seed utilized for re-vegetation will be certified as noxious weed free for the state of New Mexico.

Disturbance sites within specific project will be monitored annually for noxious weeds until site is re-vegetated.

11. Public lands would be monitored to the extent possible with available funds and personnel.
12. Follow all Best Management Practices (BMPs) identified in the 2010 Socorro Resource Management Plan, Appendix C.

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