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### Decision Memorandum and Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Lease/Serial/Case File # CACA-18944

CE # CA-180-16-27

BLM Office: Mother Lode Field Office

**A. Project Title:** Right-of-way renewal application for existing leach field system.

**B. Description and Rational:** Renewal of existing leach field system used to service private property identified as Nevada County Assessor Parcel Number 52-231-61-000.

**C. Location:** T. 16 N., R. 8 E., sec. 19, within N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Located off of Mackinac Ct. in the town of Nevada City within Nevada County, California

**D. Stipulation/Mitigations:** Standard Right-of-Way Stipulations

**E. Plan Conformance:** This action is in conformance with the Sierra Resource Management Plan, approved in February of 2008.

**F. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act:** The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 4, DM 11.9, E.9, which allows for "Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorization."

This categorical exclusion is appropriate for this action because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment and this grant has been in effect for 30 years. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply (see attached).

I considered the cultural and biological issues specific to this area of BLM managed land, and relied on documentation provided by the expertise of wildlife and cultural resource specialists to determine that this area is suitable for the desired use.

**D. Signature**

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William S. Haigh  
Field Manager, Mother Lode

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Date

**E. Contact**

For more information, contact Heather Daniels, Realty Specialist, (916) 941-3143.

**Review of Extraordinary Circumstances**

The Department of the Interior Manual 516 2.3A (3) requires review of the following “extraordinary circumstances” (516 DM 2 Appendix 2) to determine if an otherwise categorically excluded action would require additional environmental analysis/documentation.

1) *Have significant impacts on public health or safety.*  
 Yes  No

Comments:

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.*  
 Yes  No

Comments:

3) *Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].*  
 Yes  No

Comments:

4) *Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.*  
 Yes  No

Comments:

5) *Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.*  
 Yes  No

Comments:

6) *Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.*

Yes  No

Comments:

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.*

Yes  No

Comments:

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.*

Yes  No

Comments:

9) *Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.*

Yes  No

Comments:

10) *Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).*

Yes  No

Comments:

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).*

Yes  No

Comments:

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).*

Yes  No

Comments:

**Reviewers :**

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