

Lander County Free Use Gravel Pit

A. Background

DOI-BLM-NV-B010-2016-0011-CX

BLM Office: NV - Mount Lewis FO

LLNVB01000

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: NVN-094447

Proposed Action Title/Type: Lander County Gravel Pit

Location of Proposed Action: This project is located at T25N R45E section 17.

Description of Proposed Action: This is an existing Lander County gravel pit. It will be expiring in December so we are renewing it for an additional 10 years. This pit is not to exceed over 50,000 cubic yards of gravel and not to exceed over 5 acres.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: NV - Shoshone-Eureka RMP

Date Approved/Amended: February 26, 1986

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): The proposed action falls under the SERA ROD p. 29 Minerals Objectives #1: Make available and encourage development of mineral resources to meet national, regional and local needs consistent with national objectives for an adequate supply of minerals; and #2: Assure that mineral exploration, development and extraction are carried out in such a way as to minimize environmental and other resource damage and to provide, where legally possible, for the rehabilitation of lands.

MD MR 21: PHMAs are closed to new mineral material sales. However, these areas remain open to free use permits and the expansion of existing active pits, if requirements in MD MR 20 are met. This pit is existing and no new disturbance is authorized.

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 decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions) : NA

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 43 CFR 46.215,

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.210 apply.

I considered: all pertinent ecological, social and environmental factors which may be impacted by this project. 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. The continued extraction of sand and gravel from this existing mineral materials source will not significantly affect the environment.

D. Approval and Contact Information


Planning and NEPA Coordinator



12/15/15

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<i>Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances: Will this project...</i>		Yes	No
1	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety? Rationale:		X
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? Rationale:		X
3	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources? Rationale:		X
4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? Rationale:		X
5	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? Rationale:		X
6	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? Rationale:		X
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? Rationale:		X
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? Rationale:		X
9	Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? Rationale:		X
10	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). Rationale:		X
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? Rationale:		X
12	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species? Rationale:		X

All of the above questions must be answered negatively before the Categorical Exclusion may be approved. This checklist is taken from 516 DM 2, Appendix 2.

W. O. N. 12/10/2015



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Fwd: permit renewals for NVN-094447, NVN-094448, and NVN 094449

1 message

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Wed, Dec 9, 2015 at 3:13 PM

To: Leesa Marine <Imarine@blm.gov>

Good to go on Gravel Pits

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Subject: permit renewals for NVN-094447, NVN-094448, and NVN 094449

To: Michael Vermeys <mvermeys@blm.gov>

Hi Michael,

The sage grouse forms for the three gravel pits has been marked approved by the NVSO.

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