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OPTIONAL REPLY DUE: November 23, 2015

Dear Interested Parties, and Tribal Governments:

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument is accepting scoping comments on a proposal to reauthorize term grazing permits on the Flodine Park (#08066) and Yellow Jacket (#08018) Allotments. You are receiving this letter because you have expressed an interest in grazing management decisions on the Monument.

The BLM is preparing an Environmental Assessment to analyze the proposed action and alternatives to that action:

What: BLM proposes to reauthorize livestock grazing on the currently vacant Flodine Park and Yellow Jacket Allotments. The analysis of this proposed action would incorporate available allotment monitoring information, including all private lands acquired by the Monument in 2009 within these allotments.

The BLM interdisciplinary team would consider scoping comments received to develop a range of alternatives, which would aid in determining livestock grazing capacities, livestock numbers, seasons of use and appropriate grazing management practices. The BLM would also analyze a no grazing alternative.

Where: Flodine Park and Yellow Jacket Allotments (Please see attached maps).

When: It is anticipated that the analysis would be completed sometime in the fall of 2016.

Why: The purpose of and need for this action:

The purpose for this action is to respond to requests from local livestock operators and local county government agencies for the reauthorization of livestock grazing permits in these allotments. BLM would address current conditions and potential Permittee needs in the context of meeting Public Land Health Standards and Guidelines and other resource management objectives. The BLM needs to analyze and make a determination for these allotments in accordance with Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA) and management actions outlined in the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Resource Management Plan (2010).

Depending on information received during public scoping, and the results of the analysis, this action may be approved or not approved. If approved new 10-year term grazing permits will be issued for these allotments.

Comments regarding the action should be submitted via email or hard copy by November 23, 2015 to:

BLM Tres Rios Field Office
Attn: Garth Nelson
29211 Highway 184,
Dolores, CO 81323
or gnelson@blm.gov.

This letter also requests your comments, if any, on the potential effects to historic properties. This request is made to satisfy consultation requirements with local governments pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic

Preservation Act.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this proposal, please contact Garth Nelson, BLM Rangeland Management Specialist, at (970) 882-6847.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, be advised that your entire comment –including your personally identifiable information –may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

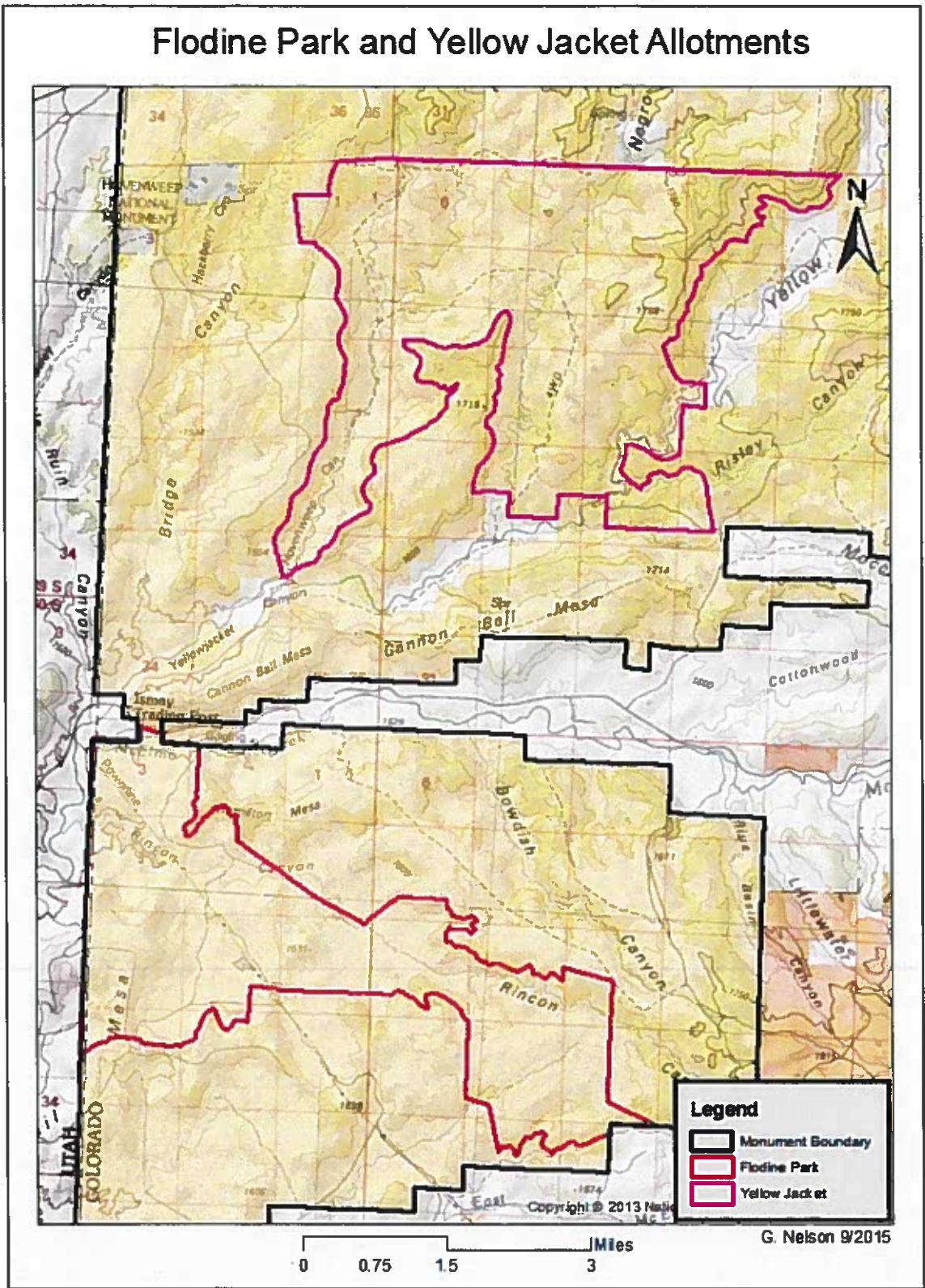
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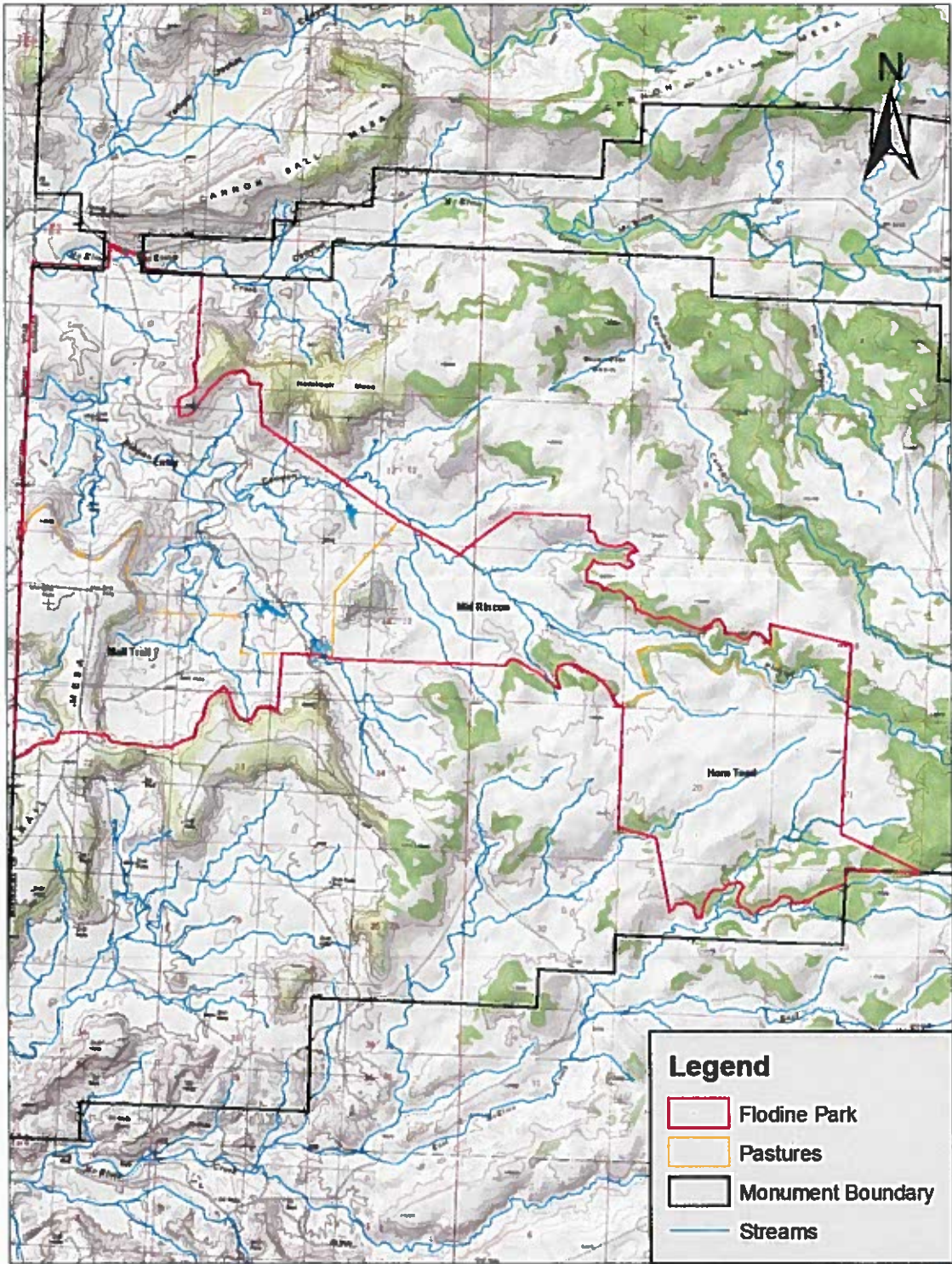
Marietta Eaton
Canyons of the Ancient National Monument Manager

Enclosures – Allotment Location Maps

Flodine Park and Yellow Jacket Allotments



Flodine Park Allotment



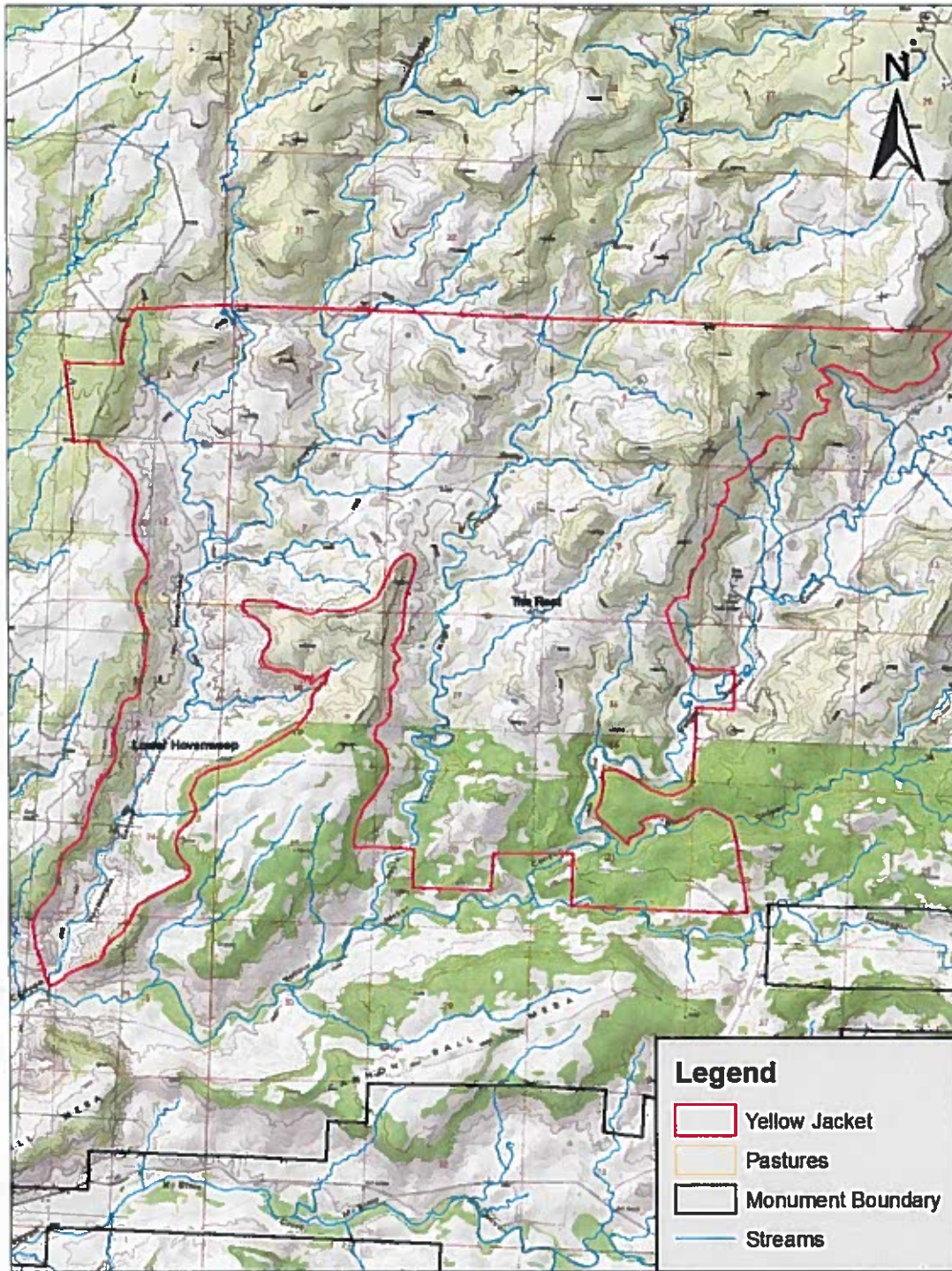
Legend

- Flodine Park
- Pastures
- Monument Boundary
- Streams

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Yellow Jacket Allotment



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