

# NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

## Categorical Exclusion (CX)



Bureau of Land Management  
Safford Field Office  
Safford, AZ

### I. PROJECT INFORMATION

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2018-0023-CX				Serial/Case File No.: 46360/46370/46380																																			
<b>Title: Bear Springs, Pima, and Mesa Allotments Grazing Preference Transfer</b>																																							
<b>Proposed Action/Type: Grazing Preference Transfer</b>																																							
<p><b>Proposed Action (Who, What, When, Where, How):</b> Calvert Allred (applicant), has applied for transfer of the grazing preference for the Bear Springs (#46360), Pima (#46370) and Mesa (#46380) Allotments within the Safford Field Office.</p> <p>These allotments were designated ephemeral by decision on May 12, 1969, per special ephemeral rule dated December 5, 1968 [F.R. Doc. 68-14711]. There are no active animal unit month's (AUMs) currently associated with these grazing preferences. When forage becomes available on these allotments the permittee can file an application (Form 4130-1) specifying the number and kind of livestock, period(s) of use, and AUMs. After inspection of the allotment(s) a grazing bill will be issued according to this determination and once grazing fees are paid the grazing bill becomes the authorization for grazing use for the determined season of use.</p> <p>The Bear Springs, Pima, and Mesa Allotments are located in Graham County approximately 1.5 miles east of Pima, Arizona. This area is covered by the Glenbar, Arizona; USGS Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Maps.</p> <p>BLM Sections include: Bear Springs: T.6 S. R.24 E. Sections: 15, 1620, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29. Pima: T.6 S. R. 24 E. Sections 22, 23, 26, 27, and 35. Mesa: T. 6 S. R. 24 E. Section 34 and 35.</p> <p><b>Authorization Schedule Information:</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Allot #</th> <th>Allot Name</th> <th>Livestock</th> <th>Livestock Kind</th> <th>Begin</th> <th>End</th> <th>% PL</th> <th>AUMS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>46360</td> <td>Bear Springs</td> <td>Ephemeral</td> <td>Cattle</td> <td>3/1</td> <td>2/28</td> <td>100</td> <td>Ephemeral</td> </tr> <tr> <td>46370</td> <td>Pima</td> <td>Ephemeral</td> <td>Cattle</td> <td>3/1</td> <td>2/28</td> <td>100</td> <td>Ephemeral</td> </tr> <tr> <td>46380</td> <td>Mesa</td> <td>Ephemeral</td> <td>Cattle</td> <td>3/1</td> <td>2/28</td> <td>100</td> <td>Ephemeral</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>								Allot #	Allot Name	Livestock	Livestock Kind	Begin	End	% PL	AUMS	46360	Bear Springs	Ephemeral	Cattle	3/1	2/28	100	Ephemeral	46370	Pima	Ephemeral	Cattle	3/1	2/28	100	Ephemeral	46380	Mesa	Ephemeral	Cattle	3/1	2/28	100	Ephemeral
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<b>Applicant (if any):</b> Calvert Allred																																							
<b>Applicable CX: (BLM NEPA Handbook H-1790-1 Appendices 3 or 4):</b> Appendix 4: Part D(1) Rangeland Management. Approval of transfers of grazing preference.																																							



**II. PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW**

This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Safford District Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision approved September 1992 and July 1994.

The proposed action has been reviewed and determined to be in conformance with this plan [43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1601.04(C)(2)].

  
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Project Lead

  
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Date





III. RESOURCE PROGRAM CONSULTATION & COORDINATION

III (A). CX Applicability/ Exception Review

Date Internal Scoping Initiated:		Date Internal Scoping Closed:		
Applies? Yes No	NAME	EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCE (EXCEPTION)	SIGNATURE*	DATE
<i>*Signature indicates that I have reviewed the project to determine the applicability of an extraordinary circumstance.</i>				
If any of the following extraordinary circumstances are applicable to the action being considered, either an EA or EIS must be prepared for the action. Brackets [#] refers to corresponding BLM NEPA Handbook H-1790-1 Appendix 5 Categorical Exclusions: Extraordinary Circumstances (per 516 DM 2, Appendix 2.)				
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[Project Lead]	(1) Have significant impacts on public health or safety. [2.1]	<i>Jason S. M... [Signature]</i>	<i>6/20/19</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amanda Eavenson	(2) Have significant effects on such unique geographic characteristics as prime farmlands; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); or floodplains (Executive Order 11988). [2.2]	<i>And E... [Signature]</i>	<i>7/1/19</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[AFM] ZACH KELLEY	(3) Have significant effects on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as park, recreation or refuge lands; national natural landmarks; national monuments; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; or ecologically significant or critical areas. [2.2]	<i>Zach Kelley [Signature]</i>	<i>7/8/19</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan McGrew	(4) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places [2.7], or on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources. [2.2] Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. [2.9] 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). [2.11]	<i>Dan McGrew [Signature]</i>	<i>7/8/19</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark McCabe	(5) Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species. [2.8] Have significant impacts on migratory birds. [2.2]	<i>M. McCabe [Signature]</i>	<i>7/2/19</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emily Burke	(6) 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). [2.12]	<i>Emily D. Burke [Signature]</i>	<i>7/1/19</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[AFM]	(7) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [42 USC 4332(2)(E)]. [2.3]	<i>AIR [Signature]</i>	<i>11/6/17</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[Project Lead]	(8) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. [2.4]	<i>Jason S. M... [Signature]</i>	<i>6/24/19</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	[AFM]	(9) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. [2.5]	<i>AIR [Signature]</i>	<i>11/6/19</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	[Project Lead]	(10) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. [2.6]	<i>Jason S. M... [Signature]</i>	<i>6/24/19</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Derek Eysenbach	(11) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). [2.10]	<i>Derek Eysenbach [Signature]</i>	<i>7/5/19</i>





**III (B). Critical Resources Review**

Critical Resource	Specialist	Affected, but less than Significant		Comments		Signature	Date
		Yes	No	Yes	No		
1. NRHP/Cultural	D. McGrew		X		X	<i>D. McGrew</i>	7/8/19
2. TES Species	M. McCabe		X		X	<i>M. McCabe</i>	7/2/19
3. Floodplains/Wetlands	A. Eavenson		X		X	<i>A. Eavenson</i>	7/1/19
4. Invasive Species	E. Burke		X		X	<i>Emily A Burke</i>	7/1/19

Comments/Attachments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**IV. FINAL REVIEW**

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 D(1): Rangeland Management-Approval of transfers of grazing preference.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. It has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

The action does not have significant adverse effects on public health and safety nor does the action adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. The action does not have highly controversial environmental effects nor have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk nor does it adversely affect a species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered or threatened species. It does not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration with significant environmental effects or related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. The proposed action does not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment or which require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

**Mitigation Measures/Stipulations:**

None



NEPA Coordinator:

*[Handwritten signature]*

Date: 7/15/2019

Assistant Field Manager:  
Recommended

*[Handwritten signature]*

Date: 11/6/19

**V. DECISION**

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed action does not conflict with major land use plans and will not have any significant impacts on environmental resources. Therefore, it does not represent an exception, and is categorically excluded from further environmental review. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the incorporation of the mitigation measures specified in Section IV above.

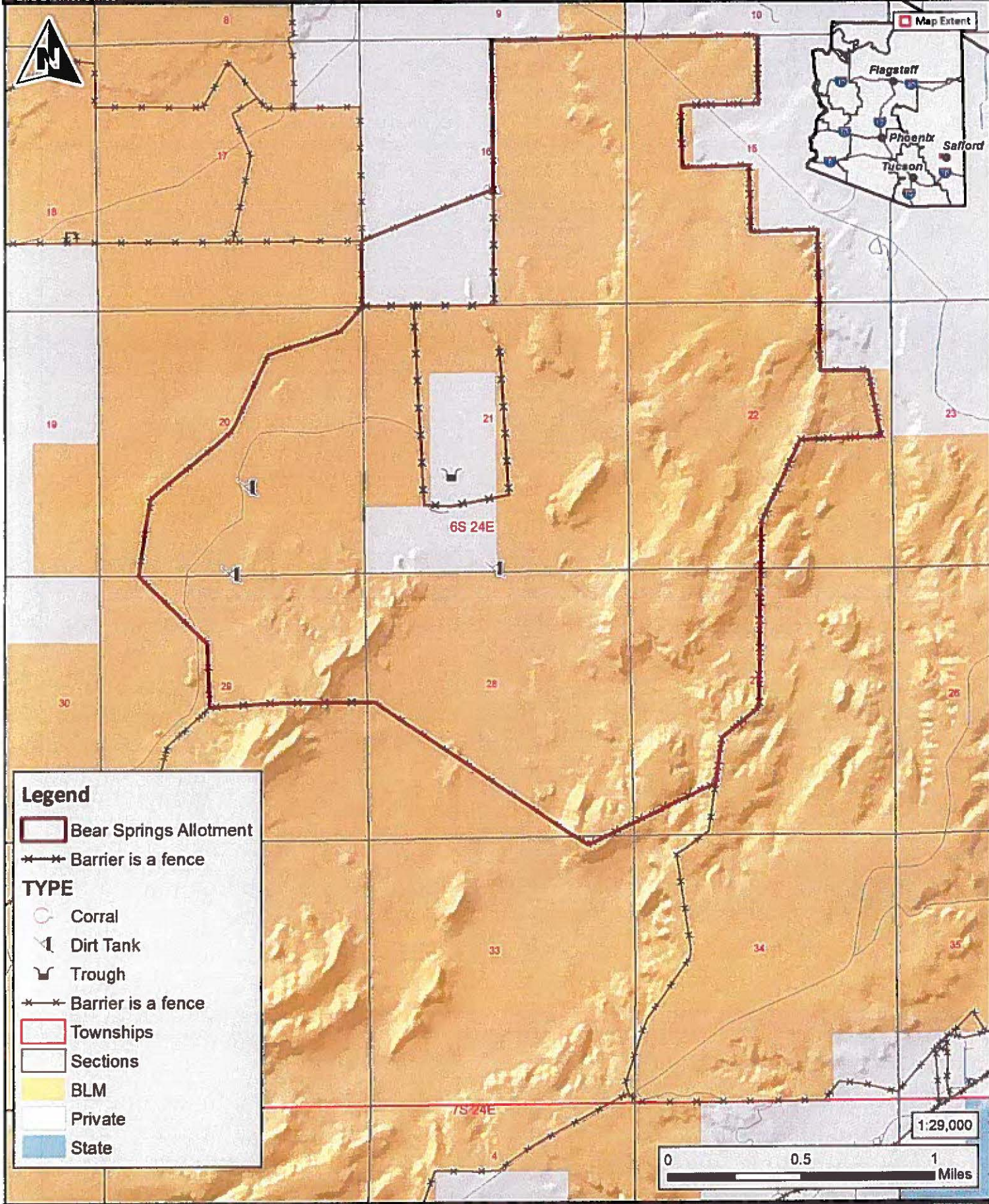
Authorized Official:

*[Handwritten signature]* (acting)  
Scott C. Cooke  
Field Manager

Date: 11/6/19



# Bear Springs Allotment



**Legend**

- Bear Springs Allotment
- Barrier is a fence

**TYPE**

- Corral
- Dirt Tank
- Trough
- Barrier is a fence
- Townships
- Sections
- BLM
- Private
- State

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### 800.3 INITIATION OF THE SECTION 106 PROCESS.

**Project Name & Number:** Bear Springs, Pima, and Mesa Allotment (01800)  
Grazing Preference Transfer CX

(a) Establish undertaking. The agency official shall determine whether the proposed Federal action is an undertaking as defined in § 800.16(y) and, if so, whether it is a type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties.

(1) No potential to cause effects. If the undertaking is a type of activity that does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties, assuming such historic properties were present, the agency official has no further obligations under section 106 or this part.

DLM Under taking has no potential to cause effects on historic properties.

### WAIVER OF CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

Although Class III Intensive field inventory of the Area of Potential Effect are performed for most land use actions, inventory is waived for the following reason(s) checked (Handbook H-8110, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona, June 1999):

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Previous natural ground disturbance has modified the surface so extensively that the likelihood of finding cultural properties is negligible.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Human activity within the last 50 years has created a new surface to such an extent as to eradicate locatable traces of cultural properties.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Existing Class II or equivalent inventory data are sufficient to indicate that the specific environmental situation did not support human occupation or use to a degree that would make further inventory information useful or meaningful

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Inventory at the Class III level has previously been performed, and records documenting the location, methods and results of the inventory are available. Such inventories must have been conducted according to current professionally acceptable standards.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Natural environmental characteristics are unfavorable to presence of cultural properties (such as recent landslides or rock falls).

DLM 6. The nature of the proposed action is such that no impact can be expected on significant cultural resources.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Conditions exist which could endanger the health or safety of personnel, such as the presence of hazardous materials, explosive ordinance, or unstable structures.

Comments:

Signed 

Daniel McGrew  
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Safford Field Office