

NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

Categorical Exclusion (CX)



Bureau of Land Management
Safford Field Office
Safford, AZ

I. PROJECT INFORMATION

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2019-0042-CX	Serial/Case File No. AZ 44090																
Title: C-Spear (44090) Grazing Preference Transfer																	
Proposed Action/Type: Approval of transfers of grazing preference.																	
<p>Proposed Action: The proposed action is to transfer the grazing preference on the C-Spear Ranch Allotment No. 44090, a section 15 grazing lease from Mrs. Hope Jones to C-Spear LLC. The C-Spear Ranch Allotment is currently an active allotment, and would be issued a lease for a period of ten years under the authority of Section 402(c)(2) of FLPMA, 1976 as amended. This lease would contain the same mandatory terms and conditions as the previous lease (see Terms below).</p> <p>The allotment is located 32 miles northwest of Willcox, AZ, primarily in Cochise County with a small portion in Graham County, in T 12S, R 20E all of sections 18, 17,16,8,7,6, and 5. SW ¼ of Sec. 9 and all but the SE ¼ of section 19. The allotment is also located in T 11S, R 20E all of sections 32 and 31, S ½ of sec 29, E ½ SE ¼ of sec 30 and T 11S 19E SE ¼ and SE ¼ SW ¼ . The allotment is comprised of 440 acres of BLM-administered public land, 4,487 acres of State Land, and 1,052 acres of Private Land (see attached map).</p>																	
Table 1: Mandatory Terms and Conditions																	
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Other Terms and Conditions:																	
<p style="text-align: center;">1.) This lease embraces the following described public lands: Township 11 South, Range 20 East Section 29 - S1/2, Section 30 – E1/2SE1/4, Section 31 – NE1/4NE1/4 Total Acres 440</p>																	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map Attached																	
Applicant (if any): C-Spear LLC.																	
Applicable CX: 516 DM 11, 11.9, D (1): 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 partial Records 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)].

 9-18-2019

Project Lead

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>				
In accordance with 43 CFR 45.215, if any of the following extraordinary circumstances below are applicable to the action being considered, either an EA or EIS must be prepared for the action.				
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amelia Taylor	§45.215(a) Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	<i>AiDR</i>	9/23/19
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amanda Eavenson	§45.215(b) Have significant effects on such unique geographic characteristics as prime farmlands; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; wetlands (EO 11990); or floodplains (EO 11988).	<i>Amanda Eavenson</i>	9/18/19
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Wells	§45.215(b) 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 other ecologically significant or critical areas.	<i>Robert Wells</i>	9/19/19
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan McGrew	§45.215(b) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places, or on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources. §45.215(i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. §45.215(k) 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 (EO 13007).	<i>Dan McGrew</i>	9/19/19
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark McCabe	§45.215(h) 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. §45.215(b) Have significant impacts on migratory birds; or other ecologically significant or critical areas.	<i>Mark McCabe</i>	9/18/19
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Martin	§45.215(l) 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 EO 13112).	<i>Jason Martin</i>	9/18/19
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amelia Taylor	§45.215(c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [42 USC 4332(2)(E)].	<i>AiDR</i>	9/23/19
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brandon Schurch	§45.215(d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<i>Brandon Schurch</i>	9-18-19
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amelia Taylor	§45.215(e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<i>AiDR</i>	9/23/19
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brandon Schurch	§45.215(f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<i>Brandon Schurch</i>	9-18-19
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Derek Eysenbach	§45.215(j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898).	<i>AiDR</i>	9/23/19



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>Don McGrew</i>	9/19/19
2. TES Species	M. McCabe		X		X	<i>M. McCabe</i>	9/18/19
3. Floodplains/Wetlands	A. Eavenson		X		X	<i>A. Eavenson</i>	9/18/19
4. Invasive Species	J. Martin		X		X	<i>J. Martin</i>	9/18/19

Comments/Attachments: _____

IV. FINAL REVIEW

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with 516 DM 11, 11.9, D (1): Approval of transfers of grazing preference.

And

In accordance with 43 CFR 46.215, this categorical exclusion is appropriate for the proposed action because no extraordinary circumstances apply:

The action would not have significant adverse effects on public health and safety nor would 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 would not establish a precedent for future action nor 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 would not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The action would not 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.



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CX NEPA Compliance Record
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Mitigation Measures/Stipulations: NONE

NEPA Coordinator: *[Signature]* Date: 9/23/19

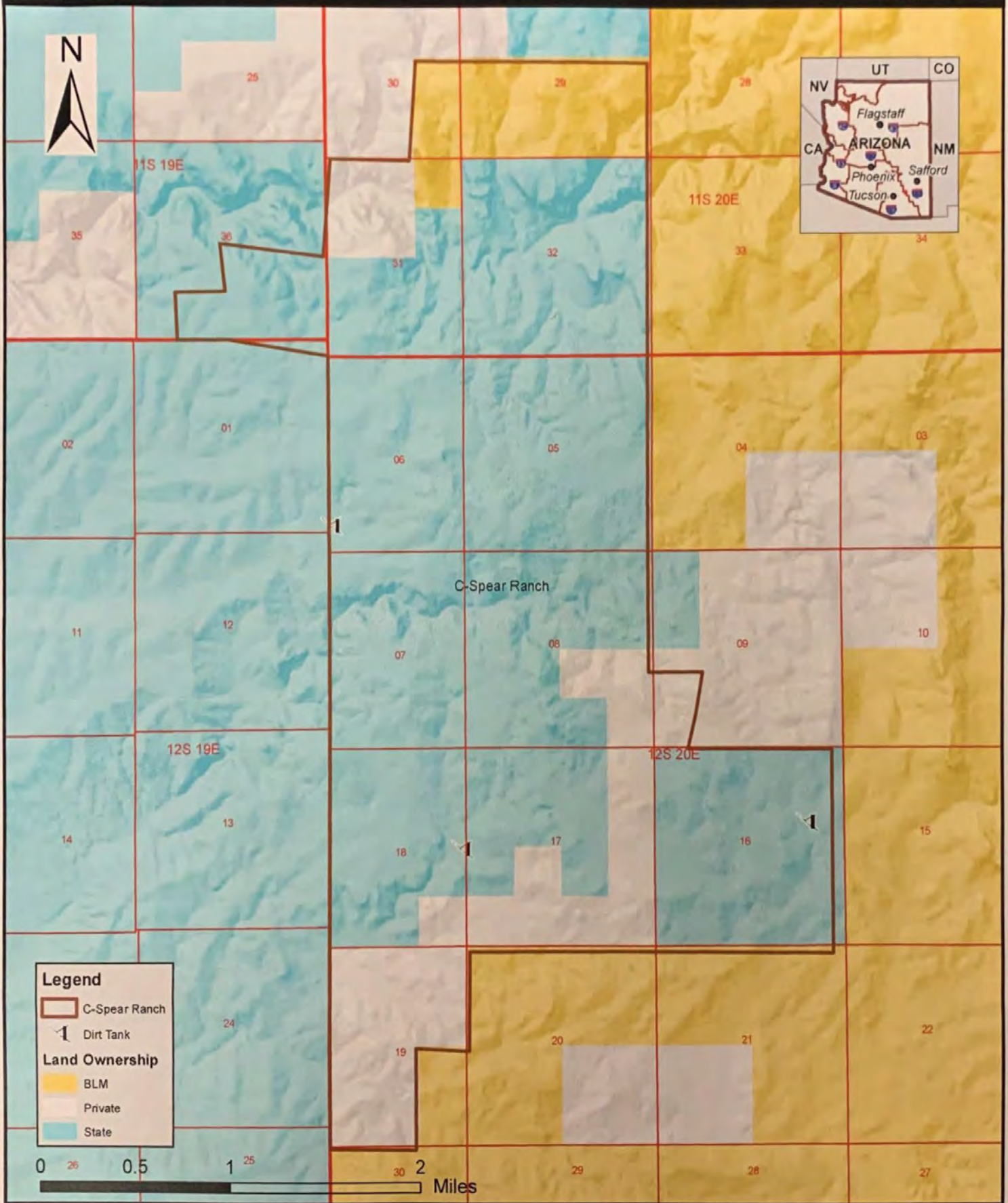
Assistant Field Manager: *[Signature]* Date: 9/23/19
Recommended

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: *[Signature]* Date: 9/23/19
Scott C. Cooke
Field Manager





Legend

- C-Spear Ranch
- Dirt Tank
- Land Ownership**
- BLM
- Private
- State

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