

**NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)
Safford Field Office**

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2015-0011-CX

Serial/Case File No. 06176

Proposed Action Title/Type: Puerco Ridge Allotment Transfer

Location of Proposed Action (include name of 7.5 topographic map): The Puerco Ridge Allotment is located approximately seventy-eight miles east of Holbrook, Arizona in Apache County. It is bounded on the east by the deeded land and the Long H Allotment, deeded land to the south and the Navajo Reservation to the north and west. The general location is Township 18 North Range 27 East. The area is covered by the Hogan Well USGS Quadrangle, Arizona (7.5), and is shown in Figure 1.

Description of Proposed Action: Transfer the Puerco Ridge Allotment from Broken L Badlands to Lance and Kristen Knight. The authorized use will remain the same. Permits are for ten years.

Table 1. Mandatory terms and conditions for the ^{Puerco Ridge} Jarvis Wash Allotment.

Livestock		Grazing Period		% PL	AUMs
Number	Class	Begin	End		
23	Cattle	03/01	02/28	100	276

Applicant (if any): Bureau of Land Management

PART I: 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 1617.3).


Specialist Signature

1-11-15
Date

PROGRAM CONSULTATION & COORDINATION/CX CHECKLIST
 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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PART II: CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

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ASSIGNMENT AND REVIEW

Subactivity: _____
 Case/Project No.: 06176

Project Name: Puerco Ridge Allotment Transfer
 Location (legal description): T 18N, R. 27E.
 NLCS Unit: _____
 Quad Name: Hogan Well
 Project Lead: Doug Whitbeck

Draft Review: Unit Manager/Supervisor: Lann Moore Date: 2/5/15
 Technical Review: _____

Applies? Yes No	NAME	EXCEPTION	SIGNATURE	DATE
() (X)	R.J. Estes	(1) Have Significant adverse effects on public health or safety?	<i>RJ Estes</i>	2/5/15
() (X)	Lann Moore	(2) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as principal drinking water aquifers, or wetlands.	<i>Lann Moore</i>	1/12/15
() (X)	Todd Murdock	(3) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, or ecologically significant or critical areas including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.	<i>Todd Murdock</i>	1/12/15
() (X)	Dan McGrew	(4) Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners.	<i>Dan McGrew</i>	1/12/15
() (X)	Jeff Conn	(5) Have adverse effects on species listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	<i>Jeff Conn</i>	1/14/15
() ()	Doug Whitbeck	(6) Contribute to the introduction, continuation existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.	<i>Doug Whitbeck</i>	1/14/15
() (X)	Lann Moore	(7) Have highly controversial environmental effects	<i>Lann Moore</i>	1/12/15
() (X)	Lann Moore	(8) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<i>Lann Moore</i>	1/12/15
() (X)	Lann Moore	(9) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<i>Lann Moore</i>	1/12/15
() (X)	Lann Moore	(10) Individually Insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.	<i>Lann Moore</i>	1/12/15
() (X)	Jason Martin	(11) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.	<i>Jason Martin</i>	1/12/15

Final Review: _____

Environmental Coordinator: Lann Moore Date: 2/5/15

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under the Environmental Policy Act in accordance with 516 DM 11, 11.9, D (1): Rangeland Management-*Approval of transfers of grazing preference*. DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2015-0011 Puerco Ridge Allotment Transfer.

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.

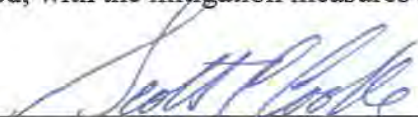
The action does not have significant adverse effects on public health and safety nor does the action adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water 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:

No mitigation measures or stipulations are warranted in this transfer. Standard Terms and Conditions described within the Grazing Lease (Form 4130-2a) apply.

Part III: 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 major adverse impacts on other 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 mitigation measures attached.

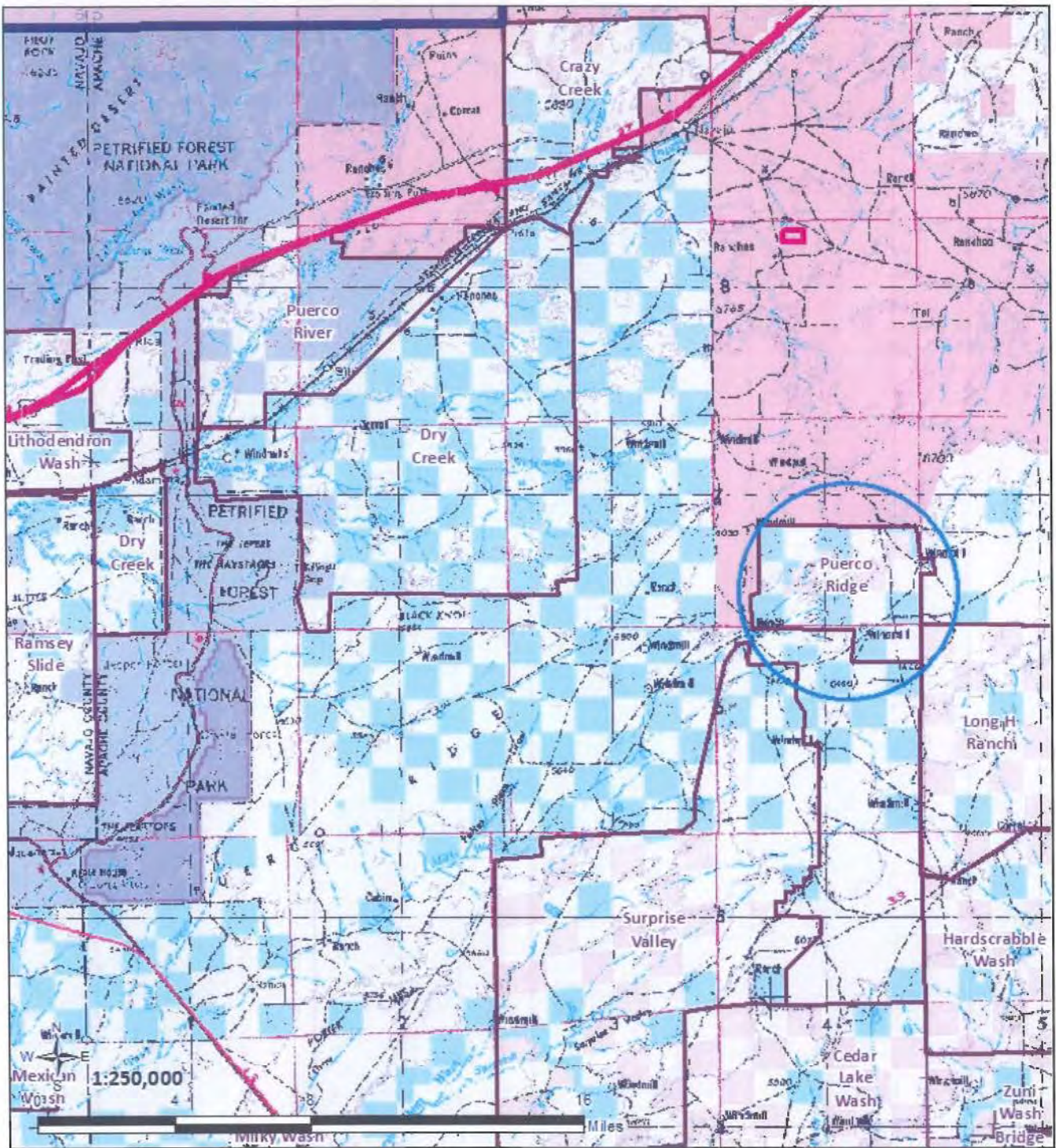
Authorized Official: _____



Date: _____



Puerco Ridge Allotment Transfer



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