

NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

Categorical Exclusion (CX)



Bureau of Land Management
Safford Field Office
Safford, AZ

I. PROJECT INFORMATION

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G010-2018-0010-CX	Serial/Case File No.: 40020																
Title: San Francisco (40020) Grazing Preference Transfer																	
Proposed Action/Type: Approval of transfers of grazing preference.																	
<p>Proposed Action (Who, What, When, Where, How): A section 03 grazing lease transfer of preference from Richard Kaler to Kaler Ranch LLC. The allotment is located 6 miles North of Clifton, AZ, in Greenlee county. BLM Sections Included in the allotment in whole or in part: T 3S R 30E Sec. 17, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, T 4S R 30E Sec. 5, 6, 7 T 3S R 29E 24, 25 T 4S R 29E 1</p> <p>The allotment consists of approximately 8 section and is predominantly BLM with some State Trust Land and some private land. Approximately 6 sections are BLM.</p>																	
Authorization Schedule Information:																	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map Attached																	
Applicant (if any): Greenlee County																	
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), Final Environmental Impact Statement (August 1991), 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)].

Paul Peterson
Project Lead

11-21-17
Date



III. RESOURCE PROGRAM CONSULTATION & COORDINATION

III (A). CX Applicability/ Exception Review

Date Internal Scoping Initiated: <u>11-21-17</u>		Date Internal Scoping Closed: <u>11-21-17</u>		
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"/>	RJ Estes	§45.215(a) Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	<i>RJ Estes</i>	11/21/17
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Opall	§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>Laura Opall</i>	11/21/17
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dodge DiVall	§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>Dodge DiVall</i>	11-21-17
<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>	11-21-17
<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>	11/21/17
<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>	11/21/17
<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>Amelia Taylor</i>	11/21/17
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Peterson	§45.215(d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<i>Ryan Peterson</i>	11-21-17
<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>Amelia Taylor</i>	11/21/17
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Peterson	§45.215(f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<i>Ryan Peterson</i>	11-21-17
<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy Corathers	§45.215(j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898).	<i>Amy Corathers</i>	11/21/17



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		✓		✓	<i>D. McGrew</i>	11/21/17
2. TES Species	M. McCabe		X		X	<i>M. McCabe</i>	11/21/17
3. Floodplains/Wetlands	L. Opall		X		X	<i>L. Opall</i>	11/21/17
4. Invasive Species	J. Martin		X		X	<i>J. Martin</i>	11/21/17

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.

Mitigation Measures/Stipulations: None



NEPA Coordinator: *AIT* Date: 11/21/17

Assistant Field Manager: *AIT* Date: 11/21/17
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: *AIT* Date: 11/21/17
for Scott C. Cooke
Field Manager

San Francisco Allotment (40020)

Legend

- SFO Grazing Allotment
- BLM
- Private
- State
- USFS
- *** Fence Lines
- Interior fence 020979
- boundry fence 020978
- Pipelines
- + Cattleguard
- Corral
- Developed Spring
- ⌋ Dirt Tank
- Solar Pump
- Spring
- Storage Tank
- ⌋ Trough
- Well

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