

Checklist for Interdisciplinary Review of Categorical Exclusions

Document Title: White House and Oso Largo allotment transfer


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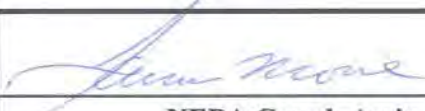


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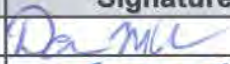


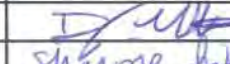

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Critical Elements and Other Issues	Specialists	Affected		Comments		Document Review Signature	Date
		Yes	No	Yes	No		
1. NRHPP/Cultural	Dan McGrew		✓		✓		1/29/15
2. T&E Species	Jeff Conn		✗		✗		1/28/15
3. Floodplains/Wetlands	AFM Renewable		✗		✗		1/14/15
4. Invasive Species	Doug Whitbeck		✗		✗		1/28/15
5. NEPA Map	Sharisse Fisher		✗		✗		1/28/15

Attachments:

Planning and Environmental Coordinator:  Date: 1/30/15

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Authorized Officer - Reviewed/Recommended

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

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Proposed Action Title/Type: White House and Oso Largo Allotment Transfer

Location of Proposed Action (include name of 7.5 topographic map): The White House and Oso Largo Allotments are located approximately fourteen miles northwest of Safford, Arizona in Graham County. The allotments are adjacent to each other and will be managed as part of a much larger ranch which includes the East and West Spear Allotments to the south. The general location is Township 6 South Range 23 East and Township 6 South Range 24 East. The area is covered by the Eden USGS Quadrangle, Arizona (7.5), and is shown in Figure 1.

Description of Proposed Action: Transfer the White House and Oso Largo Allotments from Diann Brown with the 7 Lazy A Ranch LLC to Calvert Allred. This will be a 3 year lease agreement where Calvert will manage his mother's (Diann) ranch and cattle. The authorized use will remain the same. Permits are for three years.

Table1. Mandatory terms and conditions for the White House Allotment.

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

Table2. Mandatory terms and conditions for the Oso Largo Allotment.

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

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

1/14/15

Date

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-G010-2015-0013 White House and Oso Largo 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.

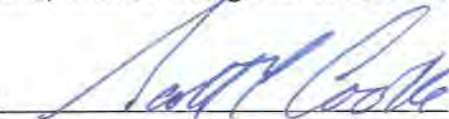
The action does not have significant adverse effects on public health and safety nor does the action adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water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

