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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CHECKLIST

PROPOSED ACTION: Non-mechanized Prospecting

COUNTY Madison TOWNSHIP 05S RANGE 04W SECTION 16

*(Yes) (No) (NA)

- 1. Significant use of area by important wildlife and fish species.
- 2. Important vegetation communities present which may influence or be influenced by proposed project.
- 3. Significant historical, archaeological, or paleontological resource present.
- 4. Significant topographic features, terrain or aesthetic values are present.
- 5. Reconstruction of existing roads or trails or new roads are proposed.
- 6. Important surface or groundwater resources present.
- 7. Fragile, compactible, or unstable soils present.
- 8. Buildings, structures, pipelines, powerlines or other utilities located nearby.
- 9. Land has been included as a part of a baseline study or other type of report, for any purpose. (e.g. Natural Area Program, Resource Development Bureau projects, rights-of-way, easements, or other leasing actions)
- 10. Previously permitted or leased activities on this tract resulted in special protective stipulations.
- 11. Present tract management is influenced significantly by adjacent state, federal, or private land management practices.
- 12. Tract is near designated Class I air area, or non-attainment area.
- 13. Tract contains areas with unique or special reclamation considerations (past mining, erosion, saline seep, etc.).

*Explain all "yes" answers in narrative form and attach to checklist.

*(Yes) (No) (NA)

X _____ 14. Public interest.

X _____ 15. Additional Comments: (If so, explain in attached narrative).

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Based on my review of the above action I have concluded that an EA is/is not required because: *Impacts should be minimal if recommendations followed.* (Circle appropriate response.)

Area Manager/Bureau Chief: *J. [Signature]* Date: 3/16/92

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Additional Comments
EA Checklist
T05S;R04W;Sec.16
LUL 262-92 for Non-mechanized Prospecting

The proposed action is non-mechanized prospecting for gold, silver, and associated minerals.

6. Branch Creek flows through the section. No activity should be allowed within 50 feet of the creek.
9. An EA Checklist was prepared for non-mechanized prospecting for zinc (LUL M-103) in 1985. A lease renewal evaluation was made in August, 1985.
14. Lessee stated they didn't want "people driving all over tearing up the ground." Slopes in the area are steep with sandy loam soils highly susceptible to erosion if disturbed. A two track road which the lessee has closed shows signs of erosion. Vehicle use should be limited to the County Road.
15. No noxious weeds were noted on the section. A \$1,000.00 bond should be required for this LUL.

