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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CHECKLIST

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PROPOSED ACTION Non-Mechanized Prospecting - LUL-237-92

COUNTY Lewis and Clark TOWNSHIP 12N RANGE 5W SECTION 5

*(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 road 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.).
- 14. Public Interest.

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

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

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Based on my review of the above action I have included that a EA is/is not required
because: Impacts should be minimal with (Circle appropriate response.)
non-mechanized exploration.

Area Manager/Bureau Chief [Signature] Date 5/21/92
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Narrative Action Checklist

1. Whitetail utilize the riparian areas along the perennial stream of Canyon Creek for thermal cover. The foothills along the riparian area provides forage for the whitetail and mule deer. Some grouse are found along the sagebrush canopy in the foothill areas.

The Canyon Creek stream provides pools for rainbow and brown trout.

2. The native range consist of blue bunch wheatgrass, sub-irrigated hay meadows of bluegrass, and established alfalfa-grass cropland.
6. Perennial stream of Canyon Creek, irrigation water that flows through the pivot system and irrigation ditches. Sub-irrigation in the hay meadows along Canyon Creek.
7. Sub-irrigated hay meadows that can be torn up in early spring when the frost comes up.
8. Pivot irrigation system, hay yard, irrigation pump, power line and secondary highway 279.
9. Acreage is in a Block Management Area with Fish, Wildlife and Parks. During hunting season NO hunter access without permission.
- 11 This acreage is part of the Grady Ranch Company hay base operation, spring and fall grazing program.
- 15 See attached letter from landowner.