

FOR: CONNIE DARUK

DS-252

CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Name: LUL 1127 Cedar Breaks Outfitters Road Use Plan Proposed
 Implementation Date: February 2004-February 2008
 Proponent: Cedar Breaks Outfitters

Type and Purpose of Action: Application for a Land Use License for the purpose of accessing private lands through the use of designated existing two-tracked trails on State land, in conjunction with commercial outfitting.

Location: Sections 13,15,16,21, Twn 4S Rng 53E County: Powder River

I. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	
1. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AGENCIES, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED: Provide a brief chronology of the scoping ongoing involvement for this project.	Due to the small nature of this project and limited potential impacts no public involvement was sought.
2. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST PERMITS NEEDED:	No other governmental agencies have jurisdiction and no permits needed.
3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: RECEIVED MAR 16 2004 LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OFFICE	No Action: Continue current use of the roads and not allow use. Action Alternative: Allow use of existing designated two-track trails for Cedar Breaks Outfitters to access private land for the purposes of commercial outfitting, while also capturing additional income for the school trust through the collection of annual rental for the road use.

II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
RESOURCE	[Y/N] POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES N = Not present or No Impact will occur. Y = Impacts may occur (explain below)
4. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE: Are fragile, compactible or unstable soils present? Are there unique geologic features? Are there special reclamation considerations? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of proposed action?	[N] Road use would be restricted to dry or frozen conditions, no road use would be allowed if the road surface is subject to rutting.
5. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION: Are important surface or groundwater resources present? Is there potential for violation of ambient water quality standards? Is there potential for violation of drinking water maximum contaminant level degradation of water quality? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of proposed action?	[N] Due to low precipitation, lack of perennial streams and no new road construction there is no potential for violation of ambient water quality. No cumulative impacts would likely occur as a result of the proposed action.

6. AIR QUALITY: Will pollutants or particulates be produced? Is the project influenced by air quality regulations or zones (CMAA airshed)? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[N]
7. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY: Will vegetative communities be permanently altered? Are any rare plants or cover types present? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[N]
RESOURCE	[Y/N] POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES
8. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE HABITATS: Is there substantial use of the area by important wildlife, birds or mammals? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[N] The area is used by many species of terrestrial and avian wildlife. Due to their inherent mobility and small nature of this project, there would be no impacts to these species. No cumulative impacts would likely occur as a result of this action.
9. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR IRRADIATED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: Are any federally listed threatened or endangered species or identified habitat present? Any wetlands? Sensitive Species or Species of Special Concern? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[N] No known threatened or endangered species or identified habitat is known to be present in or near the proposed project. No cumulative impacts would occur as a result of the proposed action.
10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: Are any historical, archaeological or paleontological resources present?	[N] None noted
11. AESTHETICS: Is the project on a prominent topographic feature? Will it be visible from populated or scenic areas? Will there be excessive noise or light? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[N] The project is in a remote location and is proposed only to use existing roads therefore no cumulative impacts to aesthetics would occur as a result of the proposed action.
12. DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF WATER, AIR OR ENERGY: Will the project use resources that are limited in the area? Are there other activities nearby that affect the project? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[N]
13. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA: Are there other studies, plans or projects on this tract? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of private, state or federal current actions in the analysis area, or from future private or state actions that are under MEPA (scoping) or permitting review by any agency w/n the analysis area?	[N]

III. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION	
RESOURCE	[Y/N] POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES
14. HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY: Will this project add to health and safety risks in the area?	[N]
15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL	[N]

III. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION	
ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION: Will the project add to or alter these activities?	
16. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT: Will the project create, move or eliminate jobs? If so estimated number. Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of proposed action?	[N]
17. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES: Will the project create or eliminate tax revenue? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[N]
18. DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES: Will substantial traffic be added to existing roads? Will other services (fire protection, police, schools, etc) be needed? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[N]
19. LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING GOALS: Are there State, County, City, BLM, Tribal, etc. zoning or management in effect?	[N]
20. ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATION AND WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES: Are wilderness recreational areas nearby or accessed from this tract? Is there recreational potential within the tract? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[N] Recreational opportunities for the general public are limited to legally accessible state and BLM Lands. The main access route to the Patten Ranch Headquarters is the only tract with legal access to the public. Conflicts between general recreational users and the outfitter may occur. These conflicts would be mitigated through road use stipulations of no hunting by the outfitter on these roads.
21. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING: Will the project add to population and require additional housing? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[N]
22. SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND MORES: Is there a disruption of native or traditional lifestyles or communities possible?	[]
23. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY: Will the proposed action cause a shift in some unique characteristics of the area?	[]
24. OTHER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES: Is there a potential for future uses for easement area other than timber management? Is future use hypothetical? What is the estimated return to the trust. Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[]

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IV. FINDING

25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:	The Action Alternative is the selected alternative/
26. SIGNIFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:	The proposed use of existing designated two tracked trails located on state lands for the purpose of accessing private lands by a commercial outfitter would not result in nor cause significant environmental impacts.
27. Need for Further Environmental Analysis: <input type="checkbox"/> EIS <input type="checkbox"/> More Detailed EA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Further Analysis	

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