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<b>CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT</b>	
<b>Project Name:</b> Robert Cox temporary road use Land Use License application	<b>Proposed Implementation Date:</b> July 1, 2004 to June 15, 2005 JUL 21 2004
<b>Proponent:</b> Robert Cox, adjacent land owner	
<b>Type and Purpose of Action:</b> The proponent has requested to use approximately 500 feet of an existing 2 track road on state trust land commonly referred to as the Ten mile Tract for ingress and egress of vehicles and heavy equipment to move a mobile home onto his adjacent private land. A portion of the proposed route is currently open to recreational vehicle use while approximately 300 feet of 2 track from the open recreational use road to his private land is not open to vehicle use.	
<b>Location:</b> T7S R10W, Sec. 16	<b>County:</b> Beaverhead

I. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	
1. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AGENCIES, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED: Provide a brief chronology of the scoping and ongoing involvement for this project.	DNRC Central Land Office Staff, Lessee - Harrington Ranch Company, Robert Cox – proponent.
2. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST OF PERMITS NEEDED:	None
3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:	1) Allow use of existing road 2) Do not allow use of existing road

II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
RESOURCE	[Y/N] POTENTIAL IMPACTS
	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 unusual geologic features? Are there special reclamation considerations? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[ Y ] Special reclamation features include requiring the proponent to replace the fence along the property line between his private and the state land to prevent unauthorized motorized vehicle use. No long term cumulative impacts are expected to occur as a result of the project.
5. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION: Are important surface or groundwater resources present? Is there potential for violation of ambient water quality standards, drinking water maximum contaminant levels, or degradation of water quality? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[ N ]
6. AIR QUALITY: Will pollutants or particulate be produced? Is the project influenced by air quality regulations or zones (Class I airshed)? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed	[ N ]

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action?	
7. <b>VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY:</b> 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 ]
8. <b>TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS:</b> Is there substantial use of the area by important wildlife, birds or fish? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[ N ]
9. <b>UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES:</b> 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 ]
10. <b>HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:</b> Are any historical, archaeological or paleontological resources present?	[ N ]
11. <b>AESTHETICS:</b> 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 visible from State Highway 278 which traverses Section 16 North of the proposed road use project, no cumulative impacts are expected.
12. <b>DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY:</b> Will the project use resources that are limited in the area? Are there other activities nearby that will affect the project? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[ N ]
13. <b>OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA:</b> Are there other studies, plans or projects on this tract? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of other private, state or federal current actions w/n the analysis area, or from future proposed state actions that are under MEPA review (scoping) or permitting review by any state agency w/n the analysis area?	[ N ]

<b>III. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION</b>	
RESOURCE	[Y/N] POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES
14. <b>HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY:</b> Will this project add to health and safety risks in the area?	[ N ]
15. <b>INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION:</b> Will the project add to or alter these activities?	[ N ]
16. <b>QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT:</b> Will the project create, move or eliminate jobs? If so, estimated number. Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[ N ]
17. <b>LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES:</b> Will the project create or eliminate tax revenue? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[ N ]
18. <b>DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES:</b> 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. <b>LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS:</b> Are there State, County, City, USFS, BLM, Tribal, etc. zoning or management plans in effect?	[ N ]

20. ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES: Are wilderness or recreational areas nearby or accessed through this tract? Is there recreational potential within the tract? Are cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of this proposed action?	[ N ]
21. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING: Will the project add to the 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 some disruption of native or traditional lifestyles or communities possible?	[ N ]
23. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY: Will the action cause a shift in some unique quality of the area?	[ N ]
24. OTHER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES: Is there a potential for other future uses for easement area other than for current 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?	[ N ]

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IV. FINDING	
25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:	1) To allow use of the road by the proponent for ingress and egress of construction equipment from July 1, 2004 through June 15, 2005.
26. SIGN4IFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:	Potential impacts will be mitigated by the proponent, Robert Cox. The proponent will be required to: 1) Close the proposed entrance from Trust Lands to his private land to prevent additional unauthorized vehicle traffic; 2) use existing two-track road to access the construction site; 3) Monitor for noxious weed infestations along the 2 track used for the stated purposes of the agreement for a period of 2 years. The proponent, Robert Cox will be responsible to control any noxious weeds along this road; 4) Use of the existing road is restricted to periods when soils are dry or frozen sufficient to prevent rutting. Proponent will repair any damages to road surface caused by improper use.
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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