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DATE: May 29, 1992
TO: Chuck Wright, S.W. Area Land Manager
FROM: Fred Staedler, Anaconda Unit Manager
SUBJECT: SNOWSHOE GRAVEL PERMIT, SEC 16 T10N R7W

The Powell County Commissioners have requested that we issue them a Land Use License to remove gravel from Section 16 T10N R7W. They would like to remove 2000 cu. yds. in 1992, 2000 cu. yds. in 1993, 500 cu. yds in 1994 and 500 cu. yds. in 1995. This material is to be used for resurfacing the roads in the Snowshoe Creek area.

Environmental Action Checklist Additional Narrative

10. Previously permitted or leased activities on this tract resulted in special protective stipulations.

There is an existing Gravel License to Wayne Allen to remove 100 cu. yds. of gravel. In addition to the Gravel Permit Cliff Gravely holds the Grazing Lease for this section. Wayne Allen's License required him to: 1) Lay back all of the cut slopes, 2) Reseed all the disturbed areas with a mixture of 50% Streambank Wheatgrass and 50% Crested Wheatgrass at the rate of 20# per acre. All gates were to be left closed and he would be required to notify the Grazing Lessee when operations began. Since it doesn't make any sense to reclaim the spot where the 100 cu. yd. permit is located and then turn around and disturb the area again I recommend that if we sell Powell County the License, we require them to do the reclamation work on Wayne Allen's Permit. Powell County would have to accept the responsibility for the reclamation work on both licenses.

13. Tract contains areas with unique or special reclamation considerations.

The special considerations were discussed in item number 10. The Licensee will be required to stock pile the topsoil, recontour the pit at the end of the license, then respread the topsoil and grass seed it.

Recommendation

I recommend that we sell this License to Powell County with the following stipulations:

- 1) The price per cubic yard will be 40 cents.
- 2) The County will pay a minimum of \$200 per year for the use of this pit with this money applied to the price of the gravel removed.
- 3) The topsoil will be removed and stockpiled for later reclamation.
- 4) After removal of the gravel the County will contour all side slopes to a 2:1 gradient.
- 5) After respreading the topsoil over the pit it will be reseeded with a certified weed free grass seed mixture of 6# PLS/AC Timothy, 6# PLS/AC Streambank Wheatgrass, 6# PLS/AC Crested wheatgrass and 2# PLS/AC Alsike Clover.
- 6) One year following the reclamation of the pit it will be examined for any weed infestations. The County will eradicate any noxious weeds which are present.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CHECKLIST

DS-252

PROPOSED ACTION Powell County Gravel Pit

COUNTY Powell TOWNSHIP 10N RANGE 7W SECTION 16

*(Yes) (No) (NA)

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| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 1. Significant use of area by important wildlife and fish species. |
| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 2. Important vegetation communities present which may influence or be influenced by proposed project. |
| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 3. Significant historical, archaeological, or paleontological resource present. |
| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 4. Significant topographic features, terrain or aesthetic values are present. |
| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 5. Reconstruction of existing roads or trails or new road are proposed. |
| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 6. Important surface or groundwater resources present. |
| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 7. Fragile, compactible, or unstable soils present. |
| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 8. Buildings, structures, pipelines, powerlines or other utilities located nearby. |
| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 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) |
| <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | 10. Previously permitted or leased activities on this tract resulted in special protective stipulations. |
| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 11. Present tract management is influenced significantly by adjacent state, federal or private land management practices. |
| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 12. Tract is near designated Class I air area, or non-attainment area. |
| <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | 13. Tract contains areas with unique or special reclamation considerations (past mining, erosion, saline seep, etc.). |
| <u> </u> | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | 14. Public Interest. |

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

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

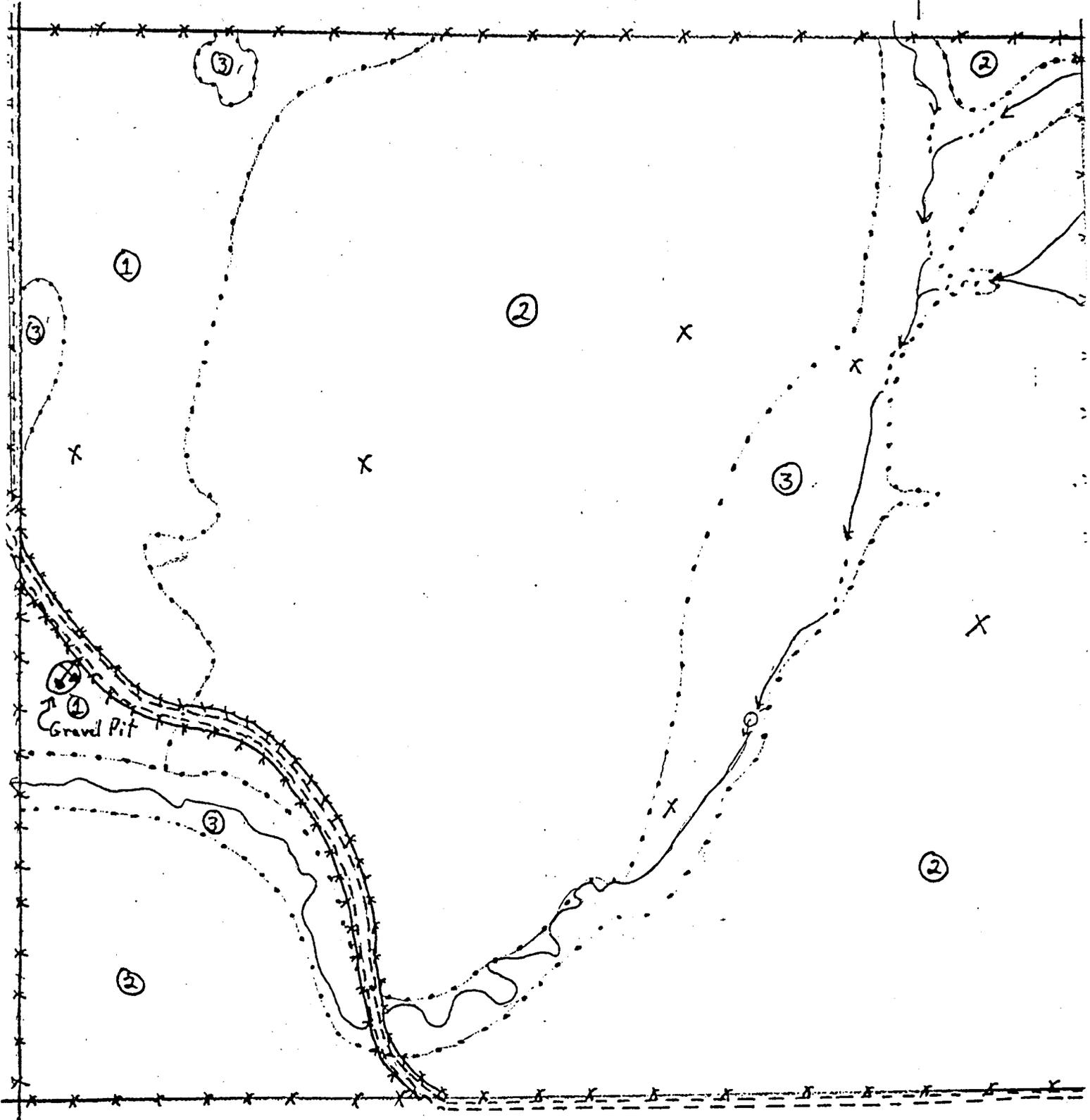
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Based on my review of the above action I have included that a EA is (is not) required
(Circle appropriate response.)
because:

Area Manager/Bureau Chief *Robert H. Stow* Date *September 8, 1992*
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S16, T10N, R7W

... Range Type Boundary



8" = 1 Mile