

CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Name: Lewis Road
 Proposed Implementation Date: March 1, 2004
 Proponent: Lewis Charitable Remainder Unitrust c/o Mark Lewis
 Type and Purpose of Action: To authorize access across a State section to his deeded land for purposes of ranch management.
 Location: Sec. 36, T7S R24E
 County: Carbon

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I. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT		LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OFFICE
1.	PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AGENCIES, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED: Provide a brief chronology of the scoping and ongoing involvement for this project.	This came to SLO's attention by a complaint from Mr. Lewis that the lessee had bermed-over his entry to this historic trail which Mr. Lewis has used for years to access his property. The lessee was contacted and the problem has been resolved. The purpose of this action is to authorize future use of this trail by Mr. Lewis so he can continue to access his holdings beyond this State tract.
2.	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST OF PERMITS NEEDED:	None
3.	ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:	1. No action- this would virtually lock Mr. Lewis out of his deeded ground. 2. Find and use an alternative route- The current route is the logical access. Since Mr. Lewis and the lessee have their problem resolved this alternative doesn't make much sense. 3. The proposed action is the logical choice.

II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
RESOURCE	[Y/N] POTENTIAL IMPACTS
	<p>N = Not Present or No Impact will occur. Y = Impacts may occur (explain below)</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>[N] This is an established trail/road and the route has been used for years.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>[N] This route crosses dryland range in the <10 inch Ppt zone.</p>
<p>6. AIR QUALITY: Will pollutants or particulate be produced? Is the project influenced by air quality regulations or zones (Class I airshed)?</p>	<p>[N]</p>
<p>7. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY: Will vegetative communities be permanently altered? Are any rare plants or cover types present?</p>	<p>[N] This is very short grass prairie with extensive exposed barren soil.</p>

II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
<p>8. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS: Is there substantial use of the area by important wildlife, birds or fish?</p>	<p>[N]</p>
<p>9. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: Are any federally listed threatened or endangered species or identified habitat present? Any wetlands? Sensitive Species or Species of special concern?</p>	<p>[N]</p>
<p>10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: Are any historical, archaeological or paleontological resources present?</p>	<p>[N] The potential exists but I have found nothing of any significance over the years.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>[N] Some nice views of the Pryor's from here though.</p>
<p>12. DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY: Will the project use resources that are limited in the area? Are there other activities nearby that will affect the project?</p>	<p>[N]</p>
<p>13. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA: Are there other studies, plans or projects on this tract?</p>	<p>[N]</p>

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 ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION: Will the project add to or alter these activities?	[N]
16. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT: Will the project create, move or eliminate jobs? If so, estimated number.	[N]
17. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES: Will the project create or eliminate tax revenue?	[N]
18. DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES: Will substantial traffic be added to existing roads? Will other services (fire protection, police, schools, etc) be needed?	[N] Not from Mr. Lewis for sure. However, the lessee is concerned with recreational users of this road, as that was his primary reason for berming the entry to this tract. This entry and tract are not fenced, so locking the gate is not an option. SLO is considering putting up some signs to try and eliminate illegal recreational use of this road. We are also considering other options to eliminate illegal use.

<p>19. LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS: Are there State, County, City, USFS, BLM, Tribal, etc. zoning or management plans in effect?</p>	<p>[N]</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>[Y] This State tract has legal access all along the east boundary. There's potentially some pretty good deer hunting on this tract. It should also hold some pretty good possibilities for Huns and Sharptails.</p>
<p>21. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING: Will the project add to the population and require additional housing?</p>	<p>[N]</p>
<p>22. SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND MORES: Is some disruption of native or traditional lifestyles or communities possible?</p>	<p>[N]</p>
<p>23. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY: Will the action cause a shift in some unique quality of the area?</p>	<p>[N]</p>
<p>24. OTHER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES:</p>	<p>[N]</p>

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IV. FINDING

25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:	3. Authorize this access through a LUL
26. SIGNIFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:	No additional impacts are expected from authorizing existing use which is minimal.
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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