U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT

Within the spirit and intent of the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 40 CFR 1500-1508), and other statutes, rulings, orders, and policies to ensure environmental factors are weighted equally when compared to other factors in the decision making process, I have established the following administrative record and have determined that the proposed action of Perscribed burning on Peda WPA in Stutsman Co.

X is a categorical exclusion as provided by 516 DM 8.5 and/or [43 CFR 46.210] (see attached documentation).

___ is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment.

___ is found to have special environmental conditions as described in the attached environmental assessment. The attached Finding of No Significant Impact will not be final nor any actions taken pending a 30-day period for public review [40 CFR 1501.4(e)(2)].

___ is found to have significant effects and, therefore, a notice of intent will be published in the Federal Register to prepare an environmental impact statement before the project is considered further.

___ is denied because of environmental damage, Service policy, or mandate.

___ is an emergency situation. Only those actions necessary to control the immediate impacts of the emergency will be taken [40 CFR 46.150] (see attached documentation). Other related actions remain subject to NEPA review.

Other Supporting Document(s) (list):

Dan Severson — 4/12/2017

Agency Administrator — **Date**