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Idaho National Laboratory

SECTION A. Project Title: BLM Access Repairs

SECTION B. Project Description and Purpose:

The access areas of Lava Ridge Roads and Kyle Canyon/Juniper Ridge Road, and areas immediately surrounding them, are most often used by BLM grazing permittees to access established grazing allotments on the INL. These access areas have been degraded by frequent off-road vehicle use and need to be repaired to maintain acceptable access. Repairs will include stabilizing the areas with soil/fill material where off-road vehicle use has occurred, adding gravel to portions of the road that have been rutted, and establish/stabilize clear access points in the problem areas to prevent future ground disturbing off-road vehicle use. Signs and fencing may be added as necessary. See Figure 1 and 2 for project locations.

Figure 1. Project location in reference to the INL.

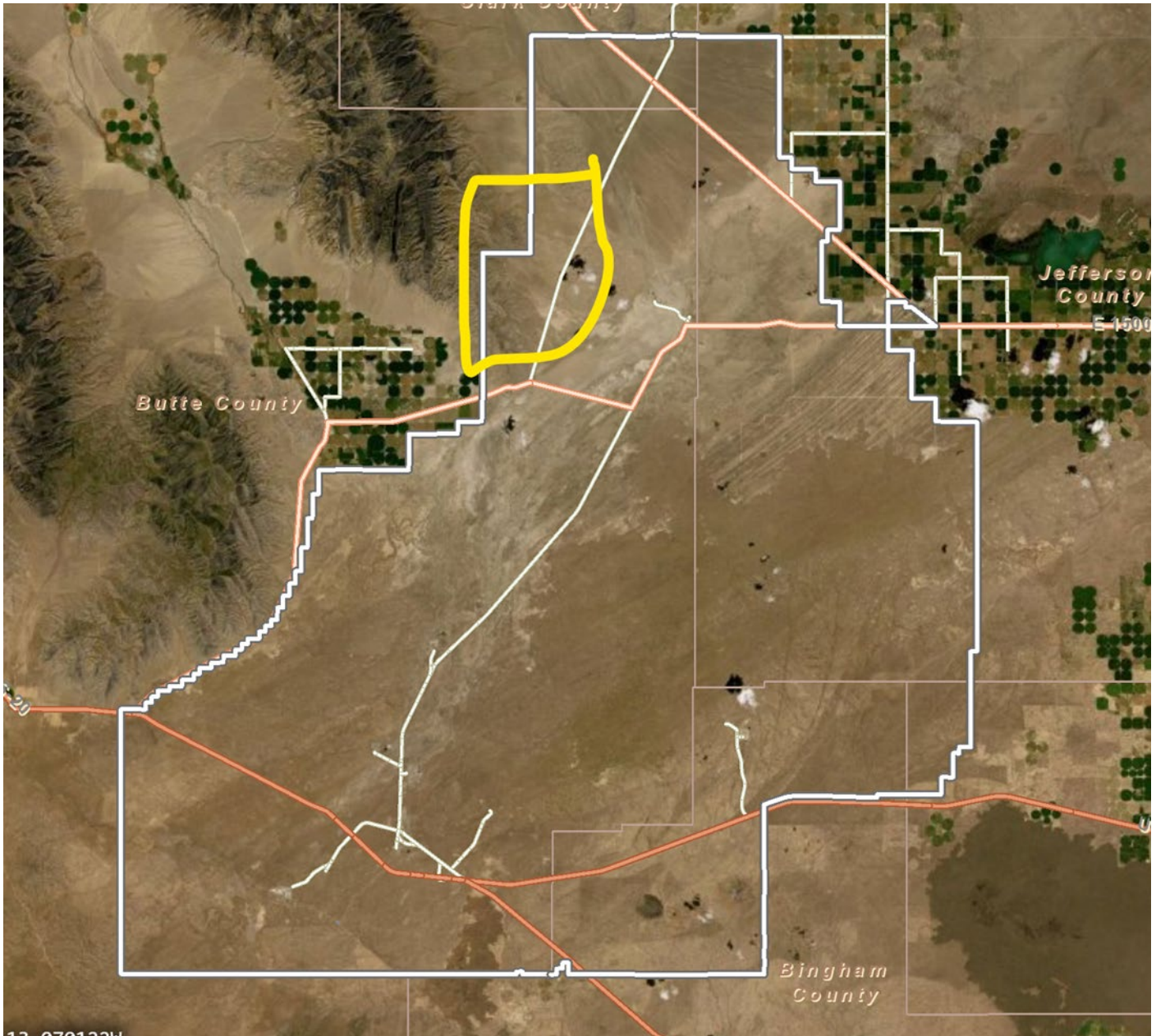
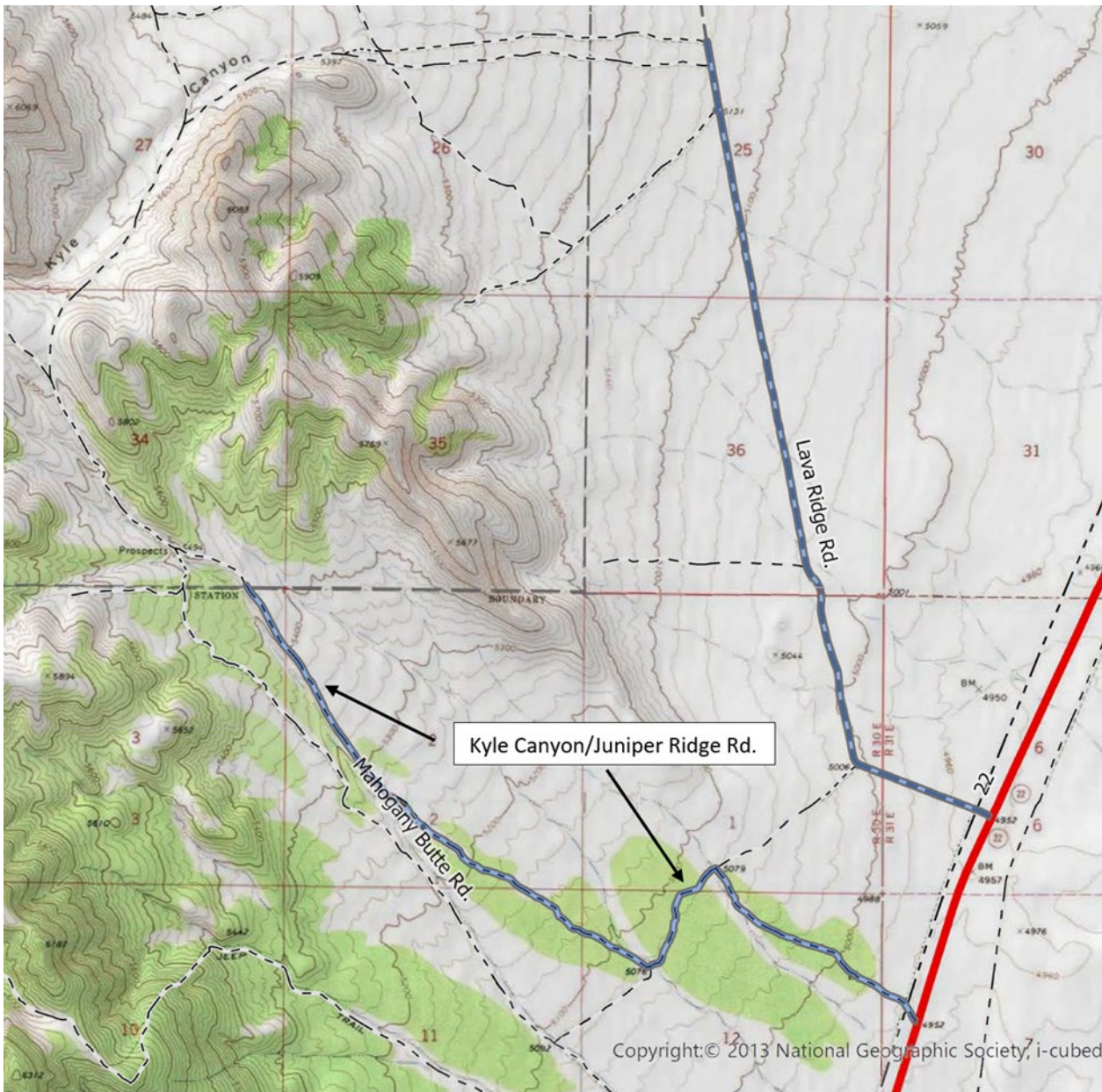


Figure 2. Locations of Lava Ridge and Kyle Canyon/Juniper Ridge Roads



SECTION C. Environmental Aspects or Potential Sources of Impact:

Air Emissions

Fugitive dust may be generated during ground disturbance activities.

Discharging to Surface-, Storm-, or Ground Water

N/A

Disturbing Cultural or Biological Resources

Project activities such as vehicle traffic and grading have the potential to disturb cultural and biological resources.

Generating and Managing Waste

N/A

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Releasing Contaminants

Although it is unlikely, there is the potential for spilling during re-fueling activities or spills from vehicle failure.

Using, Reusing, and Conserving Natural Resources

N/A

SECTION D. Determine Recommended Level of Environmental Review, Identify Reference(s), and State Justification: Identify the applicable categorical exclusion from 10 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 1021, Appendix B, give the appropriate justification, and the approval date.

For Categorical Exclusions (CXs), the proposed action must not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environmental, safety, and health, or similar requirements of Department of Energy (DOE) or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources (see 10 CFR 1021). In addition, no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal exist that would affect the significance of the action. In addition, the action is not "connected" to other action actions (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1) and is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1608.27(b)(7)).

References:

B1.3 "Routine Maintenance"

Justification:

The National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedure; Final Rule Categorical Exclusion (CX) B1.3 "Routine Maintenance, Custodial Services for Buildings, Structures, Infrastructures, Rights-of-Way, Equipment", covers actions such as corrective, preventive, and predictive maintenance of infrastructure (including pathways, roads).

Is the project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) Yes No

Approved by Jason L. Anderson, DOE-ID NEPA Compliance Officer on: 06/27/2022