

APPENDIX I. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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No construction or routine maintenance activities shall be performed during periods when the soil is too wet to adequately support construction equipment. If such equipment creates ruts in excess of two (2) inches deep, the soil shall be deemed too wet to adequately support construction equipment.

Construction sites shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times; waste materials at those sites shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate waste disposal site. "Waste" means all discarded matter including human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, oil drums, petroleum products, ashes, and equipment.

The holder shall remove only the minimum amount of vegetation necessary for the construction of structures and facilities. Topsoil shall be conserved during excavation and reused as cover on disturbed areas to facilitate regrowth of vegetation.

The holder shall restore drainages, to the greatest extent possible, to the original bank configuration, stream bottom width, and channel gradient. Loose soil, fill, and culverts shall be removed from drainage channels.

The holder shall protect existing telephone, telegraph, and transmission lines, roads, trails, fences, ditches, and like improvements during construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the system. Holder shall not obstruct any road or trail without the prior approval of the authorized officer. Damage caused by holder to utilities and improvements shall be promptly repaired by holder to a condition which is satisfactory to the authorized officer.

In areas where grading is necessary, the holder shall recontour the disturbed area and obliterate all earthwork by removing embankments, backfilling excavation, and grading to re-establish the approximate original contours of the land on the right-of-way.

After site restoration, holder shall construct waterbars along graded areas of the right-of-way as required by the authorized officers.

The holder shall protect all survey monuments found within the right-of-way. Survey monuments include, but are not limited to, General Land Office and Bureau of Land Management Cadastral Survey Corners, reference corners, witness points, U.S. Coastal and Geodetic benchmarks and triangulation stations, military control monuments, and recognizable civil (both public and private) survey monuments. In the event of obliteration or disturbance of any of the above, the holder shall immediately report the incident, in writing, to the authorized officer and the respective installing authority if known. Where General Land Office or Bureau of Land Management right-of-way monuments or references are obliterated during operations, the holder shall secure the services of a registered land surveyor or a Bureau cadastral surveyor to restore the disturbed monuments and references using surveying procedures found in the Manual of Surveying Instructions for the Survey of the Public Lands in the United States, latest edition. The holder shall record such survey in the appropriate county and send a copy to the authorized

¹ Please note that this list is not inclusive of all BLM SOPs.

officer. If the Bureau cadastral surveyors or other Federal surveyors are used to restore the disturbed survey monument, the holder shall be responsible for the survey cost.

Permittees may not leave unattended personal property on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management for a period of more than 48 hours without written permission of the authorized officer, with the exception that vehicles may be parked in designated parking areas for up to 14 consecutive days. Unattended personal property is subject to disposition under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 as amended.

Cans, rubbish, and other trash shall not be discarded, buried, or dumped on public lands or related waters. Wet garbage such as egg shells, orange peels, leftover solid food, bones, melon rinds, etc., must be carried out. Trash cleanup at campsites and day use areas will include all litter or discarded items including small items such as bottle caps and cigarette butts.

Washing or bathing with soap is not permitted in tributary streams, springs or other natural water sources. Dishwater must be strained prior to dispersal. Dishwater and bathwater may not be dumped within 100 feet of streams, springs, or other natural water sources. Only biodegradable soap may be used.

No camping is permitted within 300 feet of a known prehistoric or historic site.

No camping is permitted within 300 feet of a water source other than perennial streams unless prior authorization is received from the authorizing officer.

Personal sanitation and disposal of human waste is not permitted within 200 feet of a water source, trail or campsite. Human waste will be deposited in a cat hole (6inches deep) and covered with soil. Groups of eight or more people are required to dig a trench to accommodate the group size and to consolidate the waste to one area.

All Special Recreation Use Permit holders will abide by National, State and Monticello BLM stipulations.

Acts of Nature present risks which the permit holder assumes. The user is responsible for inspecting and locating campsite and immediate adjoining area for dangerous trees, hanging limbs, possibility of flash flood or wildfire and other hazardous conditions. Permits and permit fees are not guaranteed against such acts of God including inclement weather and difficult trail condition. The use of rock climbing equipment to access archaeological sites is not allowed. Using a safety rope as an aid along a hiking route is permissible.

All riding and pack animals must be fed certified weed-free feed for 48 hours in advance of and for the duration of the trip on public lands.

Riding and pack animals may not be tied for more than one hour to live trees.

Livestock shall not be tied, hobbled, or picketed for more than one hour within 300 feet of a natural water source other than perennial streams.

All animals will be under control en route and in camp to protect wildlife, other livestock, and range forage.

Corrals located on public lands may not be available for public or permittee use. Prior authorization is required for the use of such corrals.

No climbing or rappelling is allowed over petroglyphs.

On climbing and rappelling sites, no permanent protection (bolts or fixed pitons) will be used other than the minimum necessary to rappel.

Camping is permitted and encouraged in well used campsites. Back-packer camping is not allowed within a mile of the San Juan River in either Grand Gulch or Slickhorn Canyon.

NO IN CANYON FIRES (no charcoal fires or fires from wood harvested on site or brought into the canyons) for warming or cooking in all Cedar Mesa Canyons including Grand Gulch.

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