

Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

FIELD OFFICE:

NEPA NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2011-0524-DNA

CASEFILE PROJECT NUMBER: NVN 066753

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: Hodges Transportation Permit Renewal

LOCATION/LLEGAL DESCRIPTION: See Case File and EA

APPLICANT (if any): Hodges Transportation, Inc. / Nevada Automotive Test Center

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

For the renewal of Land Use Permit NVN 066753 issued May 22, 2008, for three years for commercial vehicle testing activities both on and off roads in parts of Douglas, Lyon and Churchill Counties, Nevada. Other than the addition of one administrative stipulation to the permit, no changes to the current authorized use are proposed in this renewal. A detailed description of the vehicle testing activities and locations are contained in EA NV-030-01-021.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: Carson City Consolidated Resource Management Plan

Date Approved: May 2001

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable land use plan because it is specifically provided for in the following land use plan decision:

LAND Administrative Actions #6, page LND-7: "Exchanges and minor non-Bureau initiated realty proposals will be considered where analysis indicates they are beneficial to the public."

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

Name of Document: Hodges Transportation / Nevada Automotive Test Center Land Use Authorization – Test Course Operation

Document Number: EA NV-030-0-021

Date of Approval: May 20, 2002

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The proposed action is a renewal; therefore, it is more than essentially similar to the analysis in the existing NEPA document – it is the same action analyzed in the existing NEPA document. However, at the time of the last renewal, in 2008, Figure 10 of the EA was revised by Exhibit E of the current permit which removed some testing activity areas from the authorization in the Sand Mountain “OPEN” area, as well as restricting portions to existing OHV routes in the same area. This difference is not substantial because it is more restrictive than the original project analyzed.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Documentation of answer and explanation: A reasonable range of alternatives was analyzed.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, range- land health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation: There has been no significant change in circumstances or significant unanticipated new information germane to the proposed action.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The effects analyzed in the original document are the same for this proposed action.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation: There was extensive public involvement and appropriate coverage of the proposed action.

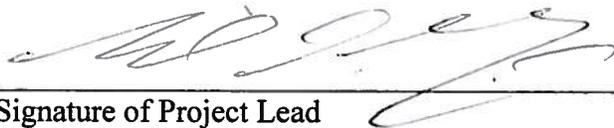
E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
Steve Kramer	Planning Environmental Coordinator	BLM <i>AKR</i>
Jill Devaurs	Public Health & Safety/Grazing/Noxious Weeds	BLM <i>JD 7-12-11</i>
Dan Westermeyer	Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC	BLM <i>DW 7/12/11</i>
Pilar Ziegler	Wildlife, T&E Species	BLM <i>PZ 5-9-11</i>
John Wilson	Wildlife, T&E Species	BLM <i>JW 4-27-11</i>
Dean Tonenna	Botany	BLM
Susan McCabe	Archeology	BLM
Jim Carter	Archeology	BLM <i>JC 7/14/11</i>
Gabe Venegas	Water Quality	BLM <i>GV 7/12/11</i>
Jill Devaurs	Soils	BLM <i>JD 7/12/11</i>
Linda Appel	Soils	BLM <i>LA 7/12/11</i>

Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.



Signature of Project Lead



Signature of NEPA Coordinator



Signature of Responsible Official

Date 07/20/2011

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.