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August 28, 2012

DECISION
Special Recreation Permit

Sun Valley Trekking : Special Recreation Permit
Joe St. Onge :
PO Box 1300 :
Hailey, ID. 83333 :

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Shoshone Field has received and evaluated a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) application from Sun Valley Trekking. A SRP will be issued to amend Sun Valley Trekking's (SVT) existing Special Recreation Permit to include guided mountain biking and hiking tours in the Wood River Valley; specifically the Croy Creek trail network consisting of Bull Dog, Bullion Connector, Two Dog, Wilson Gulch, Centerline, Lambs Gulch, Hidden Valley and Punchline. Also included are the BLM portions of the following primitive roads: Quigley, Indian Creek and Slaughterhouse canyons. Seasons of use will be spring, summer and fall.

The issuance of a SRP is a Federal action and subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. It has been determined that the proposal qualifies as a categorical exclusion (CX) because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The CX (BLM-DOI-ID-T030-2011-0058-CX) describing the permit is available at the following website: https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do or at the Shoshone Field Office.

Based on my review of the project and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the applicable land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. I have decided to approve the actions.

Permit fees and proof of insurance certificate naming the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management as an additional insured shall be required of the applicant prior to permit authorization.

The decisions of the authorized officer regarding Special Recreation Permits may be appealed to the IBLA in accordance with the following procedures:

Appeals: Individuals who believe they are adversely affected by a BLM decision to issue or deny an SRP may appeal the decision. Appeals are made to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4, and the enclosed form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address), within 30 days of publishing this decision. It is anticipated that the decision will be posted on August 31, 2012. The decision will be published at: https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do

Contact John Kurtz, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at (208) 732-7296 or jkurtz@blm.gov with any questions.

/s/ Jim Tharp
 Jim Tharp
 Acting Shoshone Field Manager

Enclosures:
 Form 1842-1
 Distribution List

Distribution List

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