

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Project Lead: Arthur Callan

Field Office: Sierra Front

Lead Office: Sierra Front

Case File/Project Number: LLNVC02000-13501

Applicable Categorical Exclusion: Reference 516 DM 11.9. H. Recreation Management (1): Issuance of SRP's for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impacts no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan.

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2012-0027-CX

Project Name: Red Rock Dog Trial

Project Description: Permit Renewal: The Nevada Bird Dog Club proposes to conduct one annual field dog trial over the next five years at the established "Red Rock" dog trail area. The annual event would occur in the month of October. The proposed 2012 event is scheduled for October 6-7. This event typically draws 20-30 participants and up to 10 spectators. Proposed activities include riders on horseback to conduct dog trails and RV camping on public lands at the event location. Up to 20 vehicles could be expected at each annual event; however, past events usually draw around a dozen or so. Camping activities occur on existing disturbed areas and require less than one acre for staging. Access to the event is on existing roads. No permanent structures are used in the event activity. Small, self-supporting structures with flagging are typically used to define the test sections. Proponent would provide porta-potties and pack out all trash. Along with general permit stipulations, the following stipulations would be used:

- No grading of roads or trails may occur on any public lands without BLM authorization;
- Permittee shall not conduct operations within 150 feet of known "pepperweed" infestation occurring in the RR dog trail area.

The project area is not within preliminary general or priority habitat for the greater sage-grouse.

Applicant Name: Nevada Bird Dog Club

Project Location: T. 22 N., R. 18 E., S. 25-27, 34-36. Washoe County

BLM Acres for the Project Area: Approximately 50 acres

Land Use Plan Conformance: This action is in conformance with the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001); "Provide a wide range of quality recreation opportunities on public lands..." (REC-2).

Name of Plan: NV – Carson City RMP.

Screening of Extraordinary Circumstances: The following extraordinary circumstances apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (43 CFR 46.215). The BLM has considered the following criteria:

<i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i>	YES	NO
1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (project lead/P&EC)		X
2. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (EO 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas? (wildlife biologist, hydrologist, outdoor recreation planner, archeologist)		X
3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (project lead/P&EC)		X
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (project lead/P&EC)		X
5. Would the Proposed Action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? (project lead/P&EC)		X
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (project lead/P&EC)		X
7. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP as determined by the bureau or office? (archeologist)		X
8. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the list of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species? (wildlife biologist, botanist)		X
9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (project lead/P&EC)		X
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? (project lead/P&EC)		X
11. Would the Proposed Action limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)? (archeologist)		X
12. Would the Proposed Action contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112)? (botanist)		X

SPECIALISTS' REVIEW: During ID Team consideration of the above Proposed Action and extraordinary circumstances, the following specialists reviewed this CX:

Realty Specialist: Erik Pignata ___ or Perry Wickham PW

Outdoor Recreation Planner: Arthur Callan A

Hydrologist: Niki Cutler NC

Archaeologist: Jim Carter ___ or Rachel Crews ROC

Wildlife Biologist: Pilar Ziegler PZ

Botanist: Dean Tonenna DT Please include stipulations on weed-free forage - horses.

Planning & Environmental Coordinator: Brian Buttazoni BB

Range Management Specialist: Katrina Leavitt ___ or Ryan Leary RL or Kathryn Dyer ___

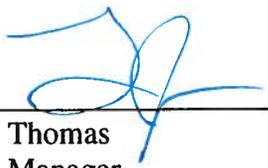
Wild Horse and Burro Specialist: John Axtell JA

Geologist: Dan Erbes DE or Joel Hartmann ___

Forester: Coreen Francis CF

CONCLUSION: Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS.

Approved by:



Leon Thomas
Field Manager
Sierra Front Field Office

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