

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

OFFICE: Humboldt River Field Office/Winnemucca District

TRACKING NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-W030-2012-0019-DNA

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: SRP # NVW01000-12-07

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: 2012 Gold Diggers MC Race

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

T37N R31E	T37N R32E	T36N R31E	T36N R32E	T35N R31E	T35N R32E
Sec. 25, 26	Sec. 30-32	Sec. 02, 03, 06, 07 10, 13, 15, 21-26, 28, 33-36	Sec. 06, 07, 18, 27 28, 30-34	Sec. 01, 03, 10-12 14, 15, 21, 22	Sec. 05-08

APPLICANT:

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A. Description of the Proposed Action with attached map(s) and any applicable mitigation measures. Mr. Curtis, representing the Gold Diggers Motorcycle Club of Elko Nevada, has applied for a Special Recreation Permit (SRP # NVW0100-12-07) in order to conduct a motorcycle race in an area adjacent to the South Jackson Mountains. The race is proposed to take place on November 10 & 11, 2012.

The proposed course would follow the route as described in EA #NV-020-02-28 and used for the Winnemucca 100 Motor Cycle Race run in November 2002. This course was also used in the Fall of 2007 and 2008 following completion of respective DNAs.

No new ground disturbance would result from this proposed race. The proposed course utilizes the same courses.

The proposed race course is northwest of the Jungo/Bottle Creek Road intersection and

South of the South Jackson Wilderness. The intermediate rated riders would race on a loop of approximately 16 miles on Saturday. The Masters race on Sunday would be on a loop of approximately 41 miles. As noted on the map, most of the intermediate race would use the same route as the Masters course, with the exception of a 3 mile stretch following an established two track. The Start/Finish /Pit area would be the same as utilized in 2007 and 2008. The proponent estimates approximately 70 racers on Saturday and 150 on Sunday. Spectators will be confined to the start finish area and be comprised of mostly friends and family of those participating in the races.

Road wardens with flags would be stationed on major road crossings and along check points spread throughout the course. Any racer that does not make all checkpoints would be disqualified. Temporary directional signs would be placed throughout the course as well as signs that warn the driver of potentially hazardous areas.

Upon conclusion of the race, the course would be ridden by race representatives in order to pick up any debris left by the racers and perform any necessary road or trail rehabilitation.

Most participants and spectators will be utilizing self-contained motor homes and trailers. The proponents would be required to provide potable restrooms. The proponents would also be required to provide for basic emergency medical care.

BLM representatives (LE Rangers and / or Outdoor Recreation Planners) would make on site visits during all phases of the race operation.

The proposed race route is on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands administered by the Black Rock Field Office/Winnemucca District.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: Sonoma-Gerlach MFP III Date Approved: July 1982

H-2930-1 Recreation Permit Administration Date Approved: 2006

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for the following LUP decisions: Motorcycle racing is not specifically addressed in the LUP

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions.

Objective R1: Provide as many recreational opportunities as possible without undo environmental degradation in the Sonoma-Gerlach area.

Although the sport of motorcycle racing was not specifically discussed in the Sonoma-Gerlach MFP, this action would be within the intent of the objectives of the land use plan. The location of the proposed course was established as being open to off-road vehicles.

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

List by name, number and date (DR/FONSI or ROD) all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

EA # NV-020-02-28
Winnemucca 100 Motorcycle Race
Decision date: 09/08/02

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).
Not Applicable

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA documents(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 information upon which the existing NEPA document is based remains valid and germane to the proposed action. The current proposed course is the same as that analyzed for previous races. The number of participants expected is the same or less than previous races. The dates of the proposed race are outside of migratory bird nesting season.

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

The current proposed route was previously evaluated and subsequently approved per EA # NV-020-02-28.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland 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 new information or circumstances identified since the completion of EA # NV-020-02-28 with the exception of the concern regarding the Greater Sage Grouse. None of the proposed route is within Preliminary Priority Habitat or Preliminary General Priority Habitat.

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 direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action are unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA documents. There would be temporary impacts to the previously used course, but as part of the stipulations for permitting the race members of the Gold Diggers would return to the course within a month to rehabilitate the course via dragging and raking berms and ruts. Depending on soil type and weather, all road and trail impacts are virtually unnoticeable after a one to three season rest.

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: Yes; In addition to the public involvement and interagency review associated with EA # NV-020-02-28, 'Interested Party' letters were mailed during the process of permitting the same exact race in 2007 and 2008. At that time no concerns were voiced. A post to the Winnemucca District web site will further provide information concerning this proposal

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

See Attached Section E for Review Signatures and Conclusion

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E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

Name /Title	Resource/Agency Represented	Signature/Date	Comments (Attach if more room is needed)
Cultural Resources	Kathy Ataman	\S\ K Ataman 9/17/12	
Native American Religious Concerns	Mark Hall	\S\ Mark e Hall 9/18/12	None
Paleontological Resources	Kathy Ataman	\S\ K Ataman 9/17/12	
Realty	Julie McKinnon	\S\ J McKinnon 9/17/12	Notify land owners & interested parties & local governments
Recreation	Joey Carmosino	\S\ VJ Carmosino 9/13/2012	None
Rangeland Management	Angie Arbonies	\S\ Angela Arbonies 9/19/12	None
Hazardous Wastes	John Callan	\S\ John L Callan 10/1/12	None
Fire Management	Mike Fetic	\S\ P Donovan for Mike Fetic	Don't start fires
Vegetation/Soils	Rob Burton	\S\ Rob Burton 09/17/2012	None
Invasive, Non-Native Species	Eric Baxter	\S\ Eric baxter 9/17/2012	None
T7E Species, Special Status Species, General Wildlife Habitat	Kathy Cadigan	\S\ K Cadigan 09/21/12	None
Wild Horse & Burro	Melanie Mirati	\S\ Melanie Mirati	None
GIS	Dan Kozar	\S\ Dan Kozar	None

Lands w/ Wilderness Characteristics	Kristine Struck	\S\ Kristine Struck 9/13/12	Not Present
NEPA Coordinator	Zwaantje Rorex	\S\ Zwaantje Rorex 10/9/12	

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 *(If you found that one or more of these criteria is not met, you will not be able to check this box.)*

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' compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

\S\ VJ Carmosino
Signature of Project Lead

\S\ Zwaantje Rorex
Signature of NEPA Coordinator

\S\ Gerald Dixon
Signature of the Responsible Official

10/23/12
Date

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.