

**PROGRAM CONSULTATION & COORDINATION/DNA CHECKLIST**  
**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
**TUCSON FIELD OFFICE**  
**Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**

Office: Tucson Field Office

NEPA #: **DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0001-DNA**

Project Name: JB Photo & Video

Case/Project No.: AZA35289

NLCS Unit: San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area / Las Cienegas National Conservation Area

Project Lead: Jim Mahoney, Outdoor Recreation Planner

Technical Review:

Criteria Applies?	NAME	CRITERIA	SIGNATURE	DATE
YES		(1) The new proposed action is a feature of or essentially the same as the alternative selected in the document being reviewed.	NEPA TEAM	10/15/2012
YES		(2) A reasonable range of alternatives to the new proposed action was analyzed in the document being reviewed.	NEPA TEAM	10/15/2012
YES		(3) The information or circumstances upon which the document being reviewed are based are still valid and germane to the new proposed action.	NEPA TEAM	10/15/2012
YES		(4) The methodology and analytical approach used in the document being reviewed is appropriate for the new action.	NEPA TEAM	10/15/2012
YES		(5) The direct and indirect impacts of the new proposed action do not significantly differ from, or essentially the same as, those identified in the document being reviewed.	NEPA TEAM	10/15/2012
YES		(6) The new proposed action, if implemented, would not significantly change the cumulative impact analysis..	NEPA TEAM	10/15/2012
YES		(7) Public involvement in the document being reviewed provides suitable coverage for the new proposed action..	NEPA TEAM	10/15/2012

Final Review:

Manager/Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ /S/ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/29/2012

Markian Rekshynskyj  
 NLCS Manager, San Pedro RNCA and Las Cienegas NCA

Environmental Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ /S/ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/29/2012

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**Worksheet**  
**Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance**  
**and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**  
U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0001-DNA

**A. BLM Office:** Tucson Field Office

**Lease/Serial/Case File No.:** AZA35289

**Project Title/Type:** JB Photo & Video – Special Recreation Permit (SRP) Renewal

**Location of Proposed Action:** San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area / Las Cienegas National Conservation Area

**Description of the Proposed Action:**

The Bureau of Land Management will issue a two-year Special Recreation Permit to Mr. John Buono, dba/ JB Photo & Video. The activity will include workshop-style photography and video instruction of amateur and semiprofessional photographers with an interest in landscape and historical photography. Normal demand is less than 20 individuals. (The applicants' completed package, including, operating plan, maps, and certificate of insurance are in the Tucson Field Office.)

Workshops will be conducted at the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA), including: San Pedro House area, Fairbank, Millville, Little Boquillas Ranch, Presidio Santa Cruz de Terrenate; and Las Cienegas National Conservation Area (LCNCA), including: Empire Ranch House area. Some hiking will be done to and around these locations, using designated trails.

This is the third year for this BLM permitted event, and monitoring of the event has shown the activities covered by this permit to have negligible impacts to SPRNCA / LCNCA natural or cultural resources. The event provides the public with a unique and memorable experience of the SPRNCA and LCNCA. This DNA will authorize this commercial activity for FY 2013 and through FY 2014. Subsequent authorization is based upon the applicant's yearly compliance with BLM stipulations regarding fiduciary, insurance and environmental responsibilities.

**Applicant (if any):**

John Buono, JB Photo & Video, 1508 Chantilly Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

**B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans**

**LUP Name\*** Approved Las Cienegas Resource Management Plan & Record of Decision

**Date Approved:** July 2003

**LUP Name\*** San Pedro River Riparian Management Plan and EIS **Date Approved:** June 1989

**LUP Name\*** Safford District RMP

**Date Approved:** August 1991

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because **it is specifically** provided for in the following LUP decisions:

Excerpt from Approved Las Cienegas Resource Management Plan & Record of Decision, July 2003, page 44: Many types of Special Recreation Permits may be applied for on Las Cienegas NCA for commercial, competitive and organized group events. These applications will continue to be considered on a case-by-case basis...”

Excerpt from San Pedro River Riparian Management Plan and EIS, June 1989, page 14:

1. Allow commercial uses only if compatible with the management of the San Pedro.
2. Allow equestrian use.

Excerpt from Safford Resource Management Plan/ROD, August 1991, page iii:

“The San Pedro River Riparian Management Plan, BLM 1989, provides for the direction of the natural and cultural resources of that property...This Resources Management Plan [Safford RMP] incorporates the decisions of the San Pedro River Riparian Management Plan...”

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 (objectives, terms, and conditions):

### **C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.**

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

EA No. AZ 931-93-001 Special Recreation Permits for commercial Recreation Activities on Public Lands in Arizona.

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., source drinking water assessments, biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, rangeland health standard’s assessment and determinations, and monitoring the report).

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### **D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

#### **1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed?**

Yes, in the existing EA No. AZ 931-93-001 Special Recreation Permits (SRP) for commercial Recreation Activities on Public Lands.

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

Yes, the range of alternatives in the existing NEPA documents is appropriate with current concerns and circumstances.

**3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; inventory and monitoring data; most recent lists of endangered species listing; updated BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?**

No new information, reports, assessments or circumstances would substantially change the analysis of 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?**

Yes, the proposed action fits within the analysis found in the NEPA documents.

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

Yes, the LUP and EA documents listed in this DNA were all developed with interagency and public input.

**E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
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Tucson Field Office NEPA Review Team

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 existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitute BLM’s compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked

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Signature of Project Lead

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Amy Markstein  
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Signature of NEPA Coordinator

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Date: 10/29/2012

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Tucson Field Manager  
Signature of Responsible Official

**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.