

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

Office: Tucson Field Office

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-GO20-2013-0008-DNA

Project Name: Grand Canyon Brittany Club Special Recreation Permit Renewal

Case/Project No.: AZA 35725

Location (legal description): T 9S R17E W. Sec.

NLCS Unit: Las Cienegas NCA

Project Lead: Catie Fenn

Technical Review:

Criteria Applies?	NAME	CRITERIA	SIGNATURE	DATE
Yes No			NEPA TEAM	1/14/13
() ()		(1) The new proposed action is a feature of or essentially the same as the alternative selected in the document being reviewed.	NEPA TEAM	1/14/13
() ()		(2) A reasonable range of alternatives to the new proposed action was analyzed in the document being reviewed.	NEPA TEAM	1/14/13
() ()		(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	1/14/13
() ()		(4) The methodology and analytical approach used in the document being reviewed is appropriate for the new action.	NEPA TEAM	1/14/13
() ()		(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	1/14/13
() ()		(6) The new proposed action, if implemented, would not significantly change the cumulative impact analysis..	NEPA TEAM	1/14/13
() ()		(7) Public involvement in the document being reviewed provides suitable coverage for the new proposed action..	NEPA TEAM	1/14/13

Final Review:

Manager/Supervisor: /s/ Catie Fenn for Mark Rekshynskyj Date: 1/17/2013

Environmental Coordinator: /s/ Amy Markstein Date: 1/17/2013

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-G020-2013-0008-DNA

A. BLM Office: Tucson Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No. AZA35725

Project Title/Type: Grand Canyon Brittany Club Special Recreation Permit Renewal

Location of Proposed Action: Las Cienegas NCA

Description of the Proposed Action: Grand Canyon Brittany Club received a 1 year Special Recreation Permit 1 year ago and is qualified for a 5 year renewal Special Recreation Permit to hold dog trial events in LCNCA at a designated recreation site once a year. Events duration 3 days in January, with approximately 6-10 horses on the course at a single time. People bring camping RV's , approximately 12 horse trailers/trucks, approximately 50 people in attendance.

Applicant (if any): Karen Nelsen

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

LUP Name* Las Cienegas NCA Date Approved July 03

LUP Name* _____ Date Approved _____

Other document** _____ Date Approved _____

*List applicable LUPs (e.g., Resource Management Plans or applicable amendments).

**List applicable activity, project, management, water quality restoration, or program plans.

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

Excerpt from Approved LCNCA RMP/ROD July 2003 Page 44

a. 1. Special Recreation Permits

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 and issuance of permits is discretionary. Many applications for incompatible uses may be sought in areas that may not be suitable for the use and may conflict with the maintenance of certain desired resource conditions and established recreation settings. Indirect promotion of more primitive areas may also occur. Table 6 is designed to provide guidance and flexibility in considering the types, number, group sizes and frequencies of Special Recreation Permits in each Recreation Zone. (RR09)

- 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).

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

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The existing EA No. AZ 931-93-001 Special Recreation Permits for commercial Recreation Activities on Public Lands in Arizona was written for commercial guided tours on public lands, at that time the area now known as Las Cienega NCA was known as the Empire-Cienega Resource Conservation Area acquired in 1988 and under interim guidance found in the 1988 Phoenix RMP, then later in 2000 the area became a National Conservation Areas and the LCNCA RMP/ROD was developed and fully covers commercial motorized and group non-motorized activities and in Las Cienegas NCA as found on page 45 Table 6 Commercial guided tours are allowed within all recreation Zones in LCNCA

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 are 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?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

There is no new information or circumstances that would 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

Documentation of answer and explanation:

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

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The LCNCA RMP was developed by a public group.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
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Catie Fenn	Outdoor Recreation Planner	BLM BLM Tucson Field Office NEPA Review Team
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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.

DECISION:

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed action is either (a) in conformance with or (b) clearly consistent with terms, conditions, and decisions of the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my Decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures identified below.

Mitigation measures or other remarks:

 /s/ Brian B. Bellew
Field Manager

 1/19/2013
Date

This is a suggested outline, you may need to add or omit subjects or description headings that may or may not apply to your specific operating plan.

COMPANY GRAND CANYON BRITTANY CLUB Date August 30, 2011 (Revised)

A. INSTRUCTIONS: Please answer the questions below in sufficient detail to describe your operation. Attach additional information as needed. An electronic version is available.

B. WHAT PUBLIC LANDS DO YOU NEED TO USE IN YOUR OPERATION? (Include map showing the area, sites or travel routes proposed for use)

General description:

- “Airstrip Group Sites” and “Maternity Well.”
- Group sites of Las Cienegas NCA
- Overnight camping site of Road Canyon

Roads or trails (number or description and/or reference on maps):

- LC 900
- LC 900-A
- LC 901
- LC 902
- LC 902-A

C. PUBLIC BENEFIT, SERVICES, FACILITIES AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. Public Benefits: What is the market for your operation? What demand niche do supply? What special or unique benefits do you offer your clients?

- Events are held for recreation use of owners/handlers of American Kennel Club recognized Pointing Breeds for competitive purposes.

2. Access to/from public lands: What are the access routes needed to get to public lands?

(Show on map)

- LC 900
- LC 900-A
- LC 901
- LC 902
- LC 902-A

3. Vehicles Used: What kind of vehicles are used? How many do you normally have available? (Attach list with description and license plate numbers)

- Automobiles, pick-up trucks, horse trailers, and motorhomes

4. Transportation Livestock Used: What kind of transportation livestock is used? How many

do you normally have available?

- Horses – There will be approximately 6-10 horses on the course at a single time. Total horses approximately 25.

5. Group/Trip Characteristics: On a typical group/trip: How many persons? How many vehicles or riding livestock? How many guides/staff?

- Number of Persons at event: approximately 50
- Number of Vehicles (Motorhomes, trucks, cars): approximately 30
- Number of Riding Livestock (horses): approximately 25
- Number of Staff: approximately 15

6. Estimated Use: When does the operating season start and end? When is the peak use period? How many groups/trips are estimated during the entire season? Based on an average group/trip size, what is the estimated number of clients served during the season?

- Use: January of each year for one three-day weekend.
- Other questions are based on “Guide/Group” event and are not applicable.

7. Client pick up/drop off: Where are clients met or picked up/dropped off at the beginning/end of the trip?

- Not applicable

8. Facilities or structures: What facilities or structures are needed for the operation?

- Portable toilets supplied by the Grand Canyon Brittany Club
- Water tanks of potable water for horses and dogs supplied by the Grand Canyon Brittany Club

9. Waste/Trash: What kind of waste is generated from your operation? How is it handled and disposed of?

- Trash: General household, paper, recyclable plastic and glass containers
- Waste: Collected and removed from site to large waste containers

10. Food/Water: If food or drinking water is provided, how is it prepared, stored and handled?

- Food: Participants provide their own food. The Club will provide some lunches. All food is refrigerated or in ice chests.
- Water: Participants provide their own drinking water. The club will provide water for horses/dogs.

11. Safety Risks, Practices, Emergency Plan: What are the main safety risks associated with your operation? What equipment and safety practices do you employ to minimize risks and prevent accidents? What would you do in case of an accident while in the field?

- The main safety risk is horse related injuries.
- Dogs could be injured from the protrusions of debris in the “deadfall” piles.
- Participants are provided with local emergency organizations as well as phone numbers.
- On Call and on premises veterinarians are also listed.
- Snake bites are also a safety risk.
- Emergency information is also posted at “Camp Central” and on Bracing Sheets.
- Live ammunition is not used.
- Starter pistols loaded with blanks are used on course.

12. Impacts and Use Conflicts: What impacts do you expect to have on public lands and the resources on it? What are the potential conflicts with other uses?

- Vehicle parking would be direct to both sides of the Airstrip site and Maternity Well and/or other staging areas as approved.
- Horses may graze off the land.
- There is horse and foot traffic.
- There are no known potential conflicts with other uses.

13. Resource Protection Practices: What measures do you take to protect resources on public land and mitigate conflicts from your use and activities?

- All sites would be groomed following the activity.
- Noticeable holes would be filled in.
- Participants would be advised of any additional rules to be followed.

D. OWNERS, OPERATORS AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. (Please attach a list of employees and guides) Names of owners and positions:

Jerry Rosenberg (President)
2840 W. Glen Haven Dr.
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928-237-9271

Karen Nelsen (Secretary/Treasurer)
2961 Pilots Rest Airstrip
Paulden, AZ 86334
928-636-9939

E. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AND REFERENCES

Authorized representatives have been organizing, planning, and participating in field events for more than twenty years.

References: Sahuaro Brittany Club; Greater Phoenix Brittany Club; Northern Arizona German Shorthaired Pointer Club; Southern Arizona German Shorthaired Pointer Club; California Brittany Club; German Wirehaired Pointer Club of Southern California.

