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

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Project Creator: Dan Westermeyer

Field Office: Stillwater

Lead Office: Stillwater Field Office

Case File/Project Number: N/A

Applicable Categorical Exclusion The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, 1.11 "Activities which are educational, informational, advisory, or consultative to other agencies, public and private entities, visitors, individuals, or the general public."

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2013-0029-CX

Project Name: ATV and Tread Lightly Training at Sand Mountain Recreation Area

Project Description: Nevada Outdoor School has partnered with BLM Stillwater Field Office to conduct ATV safety training and Tread Lightly outdoor ethics training to the OHV community at Sand Mountain Recreation Area. Grant funding from the State of Nevada Recreational Trails Program will provide funding for Nevada Outdoor School to continue providing programming promoting safe and responsible OHV use at Sand Mountain will result in more knowledge of Tread Lightly principles. This knowledge will in turn help ensure open access to recreation areas.It will also help keep Sand Mountain clean and enjoyable for people and wildlife.

Applicant Name: BLM Stillwater Field Office

Project Location: Sand Mountain Recreation Area

BLM Acres for the Project Area: 100 Acres

Land Use Plan Conformance:

This action is in conformance with the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001) page REC-2 –Desired Outcomes –1) "Provide a wide range of quality recreation opportunities on public lands under management by the Carson City Field Office."; REC-7 SOP 1) "A broad range of outdoor recreation opportunities will continue to be provided

on all segments of the public land, subject to the demand for such opportunities and the need to protect other resources…

Name of Plan: Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001)

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: (Specialist review: initial in appropriate box)

If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.	**YES**	**NO**
1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (Range-Jill Devaurs)		JD
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? (Archeology, Recreation, Wilderness, Wildlife, Range by allotment, Water Quality)		JD SMC
3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (PEC)		NO
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (PEC)		NO
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? (PEC)		NO
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (PEC)		NO
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? (Archeology)		SMC
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)		[illegible]
9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (PEC and Archeology)		NO SMC
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? ((PEC)		NO
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)? (Archeology)		SMC
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)? (Range-Jill Devaurs)		JD

SPECIALISTS' REVIEW:

During ID Team review of the above Proposed Action and extraordinary circumstances, the following specialists reviewed this CX:

Planning Environmental Coordinator, Steve Kramer: [signature] 3/28/13
Public Health and Safety/Grazing/Noxious Weeds, Jill Devaurs: [signature] 3-28-13
Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC, Dan Westermeyer: [signature] 3/27/13
Wildlife/T&E (BLM Sensitive Species),: [signature] 3/28/13
Archeology, Susan McCabe: [signature] SPA Appendix C. 21
Soils, Jill Devaurs/Linda Appel/Chelsy Simerson: [signature] 3-28-13

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. A categorical exclusion is not subject to protest or appeal.

Approved by:

Carla James, Acting 3-29-13

Teresa J. Knutson (date)
Field Manager
Stillwater Field Office