

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

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Case File/Project Number: NVC02-13004

Applicable Categorical Exclusion: 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-C020-2013-0011-CX

Project Name: National Amateur Gun Dog Championship

Project Description: New Permit: The German Shorthair Pointer Club of America proposes to conduct one field dog trial April 19-25, 2013 within the established "Hungry Valley North" and "Hungry Valley South" (HVS) dog trial areas. The first two days (April 19-20) of the event would occur in HVS. Up to five days (April 21-25) of use would occur in HVN. The proposed event would draw between 50-75 walking participants and 15 spectators. Other proposed activities include 3-4 judges and two marshals on horseback and RV camping on public lands. Up to 40 campers are expected. Camping activities would occur on existing disturbed area and require less than two acres for staging. Access to all event sites would be on existing roads. No permanent structures are proposed in the event activity. Test fields are generally defined by flagging that is immediately removed upon completion of event. Along with general permit stipulations, the following stipulations would be used:

- No SRP event camping or shooting shall be authorized within one (1) mile of occupied buildings in the HVS area;
- No camping or vehicle parking shall be authorized within one hundred feet (100') of existing water wellheads in the HVS area;
- No grading of roads or trails may occur on any public lands without BLM authorization.

Is the project located within preliminary general habitat for sage-grouse? Yes No

Is the project located within preliminary priority habitat for sage-grouse? Yes No

Applicant Name: German Shorthair Pointer Club of America (Willie Stevens)

Project Location (include Township/Range, County): T. 21 N., R. 20 E., S. 5-6; T. 22 N., R. 20 E., S. 19-22, 27-34; Washoe County.

BLM Acres for the Project Area: Dispersed use in HVS and HVN Dog Trial Areas comprise 8,389 acres. Camping/staging area is less than two 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

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

3-28-13

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