

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

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**Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format When Using Categorical Exclusions Not
Established by Statute**

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T030-2013-0010-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Shoshone Field Office. Lease/Serial/Case File No.: Not Applicable

Proposed Action Title/Type: Outlaws and Angels Off-Highway Vehicle Ride

Location of Proposed Action: North of Bliss, Idaho.

The Shoshone Field Office has received an application for a special recreation permit to conduct an Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) ride sponsored by Outlaws and Angels and associated with the Hannah's Hope for Life benefit. Participants would leave Bliss, Idaho at 11 am on April 20th (third weekend in April) driving trucks, jeeps, ATVs or other types of OHVs. They would follow a predetermined route north of Bliss with three stops along the way (see attached map). Route intersections would be marked with pin flags and a crew would follow the last vehicle to pick up the pin flags and trash. Approximately 300 people or 100-150 vehicles are expected and the event should take approximately 4-5 hours. All vehicles would be required to stay on the marked route (existing roads).

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Bennett Hills Timmerman Hills Management Framework Plan (MFP). Date Approved/Amended: 1980.

The proposed action is in conformance with the Bennett Hills Timmerman Hills MFP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s), Maintain existing opportunities for off-road vehicle use, and increase the convenience for ORV operators by removing or avoiding obstacles and by providing desired facilities.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with the Categorical Exclusion reference in 516 DM 11.9 H (1) which states, Issuance of Special Recreation Permits 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. This CX cannot be used for commercial boating permits along Wild and Scenic Rivers. This CX cannot be used for the establishment or issuance of Special Recreation Permits for "Special Area" management (43 CFR 2932.5).

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

See Outlaws and Angels Categorical Exclusion Review Sheet. The proposed action does not include any surface disturbance, is temporary, and does not require motorized cross-country travel; thus any potential wilderness characteristics would not be affected. The requested locations are not within a Wilderness Study Area (WSA).

The type of impacts and associated stipulations have been considered and it has been determined that there is no potential for significant impacts. OHV use has occurred in this area using the proposed routes for decades. As long as the permittee follows the operating plan and stipulations, impacts are expected to be negligible and pose no significant impacts to other resource values.

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: /s/ Brandon Brown

Date: 4/17/2013

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For additional information concerning this CX review, contact John Kurtz, Outdoor Recreation Planner, 208-732-7200, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, ID. 83352.

Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.