

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

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

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T030-2013-0023-CX

A. Background

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

Proposed Action Title/Type: Jimmy Lewis Motorcycle Class Special Recreation Permit

Location of Proposed Action: Croy Creek Trailhead, 3.5 miles west of Hailey, Idaho.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Shoshone Field Office has received and evaluated a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) application from Jimmy Lewis. A commercial SRP would be issued to Jimmy Lewis to conduct an off-road motorcycle rider instruction and safety training 8 AM to 5 PM, August 10 and 11, 2013. The class would be put on at the Croy Creek Trailhead (Wood River Recreation Area 3.5 miles west of Hailey, ID.) and associated motocross track. There would be approximately 10 riders/day with few to no spectators. All vehicles would be required to stay on the marked route (existing roads and trails). The permit includes general and specific stipulations regarding commercial events.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Sun Valley Management Framework Plan (MFP).

Date Approved/Amended: December 1981/August 2003.

The proposed action is within the Big Wood Analysis Unit as described in the MFP. The proposed action is within the Wood River Recreation area and therefore is directly addressed in the Sun Valley MFP. It states "Continue to recognize present uses of the Wood River Recreation Area. This area provides for intensive ORV use and reduces pressure on other areas within the unit. This provides an area for many types of ORV events, reducing the need on adjoining public lands."

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.

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/ Elizabeth Maclean

Date: 8/5/13

Name: Elizabeth Maclean

Title: Shoshone Field Manager

Contact Person

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.