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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW AND APPROVAL

DOI-BLM-MT-L070-2013-0001-CX

Project Title: Zero Point Zero Productions Film Permit

Location: PMM, Blaine & Fergus Counties, Montana
BLM Administered Lands in T. 23 N., R. 18-22 E., and
T. 22 N., R. 24 E. Filming will be conducted between Stafford Ferry & Kipp Recreation Area. See case file for further legal description.

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A. Background

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: MTM-104553

Description of Proposed Action:

Zero Point Zero Productions is proposing to film crew floating the Upper Missouri for the Sportsman Channel. The filming of a hunt for an episode of the "Meat Eater with Steven Rinella". They will be filming while floating from Stafford Ferry to Kipp, as well as hunting activity and within designated campsites at night. Any off road travel will be strictly on foot, and there will be no surface disturbance activity. They will be camping with LNT principles. They are planning on floating between October 23-28, 2012. There will be a total of 8 individuals 4 on camera and 4 behind the scenes.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance *(select all that apply)*

- ☐ Headwaters RMP (approved in July 1984)
- ☐ West HiLine RMP (approved in September 1988 and on January 29, 1992 for the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River)
- ☐ Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP (approved on September 9, 1994)
- ☐ Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management Final EIS for Montana and North and South Dakota (approved on August 7, 1997)
- ☐ Off-Highway Vehicle EIS and Proposed Plan Amendment for Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota (approved on June 18, 2003)
- ☐ Fire/Fuels Management EA/Plan Amendment for Montana and the Dakotas (approved on September 26, 2003)
- ☒ Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Approved Resource Management Plan (approved on December 4, 2008)
- ☐ Other *(specify name/date approved)*

Conformance:

The proposed action is in conformance with the land use plan(s) selected above, which states as follows: *(If more than one plan applies, include the page no. and language from all applicable plans)*:

Page No.	***Language***
57	Film permits confined to the Missouri River and/or access roads in the Monument will be treated as minimum impact permits as defined at 43 CFR 2920.2-2.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with (select one):

☐ 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, *or* ☒ 516 DM 11.9

Appropriate CX number and text, or paraphrase of the text:

E (19)..Issuance of short term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations...

The proposed action has been reviewed and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply. This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having significant effects on the environment.

Explanation of why there is no potential for significant impacts:

The applicant will be filming a float down the river, and some limited filming of game hunting. There will be little if any impact to public lands, as access will be by foot to legally accessible lands, by a limited number of people. There will be no surface disturbance. While there is new information concerning climate change, global warming, and greenhouse gas emissions, the information does not add significantly to the site-specific environmental effects of the proposed action.

D: Signature

I considered this review and determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the proposed action.

Pertinent design features, stipulations or mitigation (if applicable):

1. Applicant can only access legally accessible BLM administered lands with this permit. This permit does not give permission to access non-BLM lands.

2. For any camping in upland areas with no established fire ring, fire pans/mats will be required for the camp site. Only dead and down wood can be used for campfires.

3. There will be no off road vehicle use.

4. Collection or disturbance of archaeological or cultural resources is prohibited.

5. Removal of vegetation or alteration of terrain is prohibited.

6. All Montana hunting & fishing regulations shall be complied with.

7. All watercraft and marine equipment must be cleaned and dried to eliminate the potential spread of harmful aquatic species. Water cooled motors, live wells, and other equipment that may harbor invasive species in components that can carry water need to be cleaned w/ a 10% bleach solution and dried prior to launch.

8. A portable toilet for containerization and carryout of solid human waste is required on overnight trips on the Missouri River.

9. Film credits should be made for the Bureau of Land Management – Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.

Authorizing Official: Gary L. Benes (Signature) Date: 10-17-2012

Name: GARY L. BENES
Title: District Manager