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Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Project Creator: Dan Westermeyer

Field Office: Stillwater

Lead Office: Stillwater

Case File/Project Number: CA-170-12-016

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-2013-C010-0054-CX

Project Name: Sierra Safari Dual Sport Ride 2013-2017

Project Description: Annual Dual Sport Motorcycle Ride

Sierra Safari has submitted a Plan of Operation and course route to the Bishop BLM Field Office to conduct their annual dual sport motorcycle run. This event is authorized through a 5 year permit (CA-170-12-016, 2012-2017) administered through the Bishop office. This event is for single axle, dual sport motorcycles and utilizes existing and established routes consisting of bladed county roads, right-of-way access roads and jeep trails. This will be a low speed, family oriented event where no cross country travel is permitted. Event organizers are anticipating 15 participants and 5 support crew who will travel the course in small groups each year. There will be a lead and sweep vehicle provided by the sponsor. The course provides for several alternate sections where inexperienced riders are able to avoid the more technical sections of the route.

The course passes through public lands in the Bishop and Carson City District and the Toiyabe National Forest. In the Carson City District, the course passes through 20 miles near Whisky Flat and 21 miles near the Lucky Boy area. The event will begin in Mammoth, Ca, with the participants riding to Hawthorne, NV. The route for Day 1 will be through Whisky Flat area where riders can continue directly to Hawthorne or ride to Lucky Boy Pass and then to Hawthorne. During Day 2, participants will leave Hawthorne, drive past the Lucky Boy Mine, up to Cory Peak, through Lucky Boy Pass, through USFS lands, have lunch in Bridgeport, then return using the same route. On Day 3, participants will return to Mammoth riding past the Lucky Boy Mine, Corey Peak, and Lucky Boy Pass. After the pass, participants will turn east

BLM Acres for the Project Area: NA

Land Use Plan Conformance:

Section 8 – REC-2: Desired Outcomes, 1: “Provide a wide variety of recreation opportunities on public land under the administration of the Carson City Field Office.”

Section 8 – REC-2: Land Use Allocations, 1: “All public lands under CCFO jurisdiction are designated open to Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use unless they are specifically restricted or closed.”

Section 8 – REC-6: Administrative Actions, 4: “On public land designated open for off highway vehicles, there will generally be no restrictions on use. Organized competitive OHV events have been allowed in Mason Valley, Wilson Canyon, Hungry Valley OHV Area, Moon Rocks, Lemmon Valley MX Area, Dead Camel Mountains, Salt Wells Area, Wassuk Range and in the Frontier 500 and Carson Rally OHV corridors. Organized events will be handled on a case-by-case basis through the Special Recreation Permit review and Environmental review process. Organized activity is generally restricted to existing roads and trail

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

SPECIALISTS' REVIEW:

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

Planning Environmental Coordinator, Angelica Rose: *ADR 9/23/13*
Public Health and Safety/Grazing/Noxious Weeds, Jill Devaurs: *JD 9-23-13*
Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC, Dan Westermeyer:
Wildlife/T&E (BLM Sensitive Species), Chris Kula: *ck 9/23/13*
Archeology, Jason Wright: *jr 9/23/13*
Soils, Jill Devaurs/Linda Appel/Chelsy Simerson: *CS 9/23/13*
Range: Linda Appel/Chelsy Simerson *CS 9/23/13 la 9/23/13*

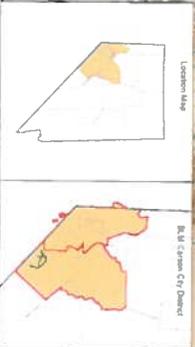
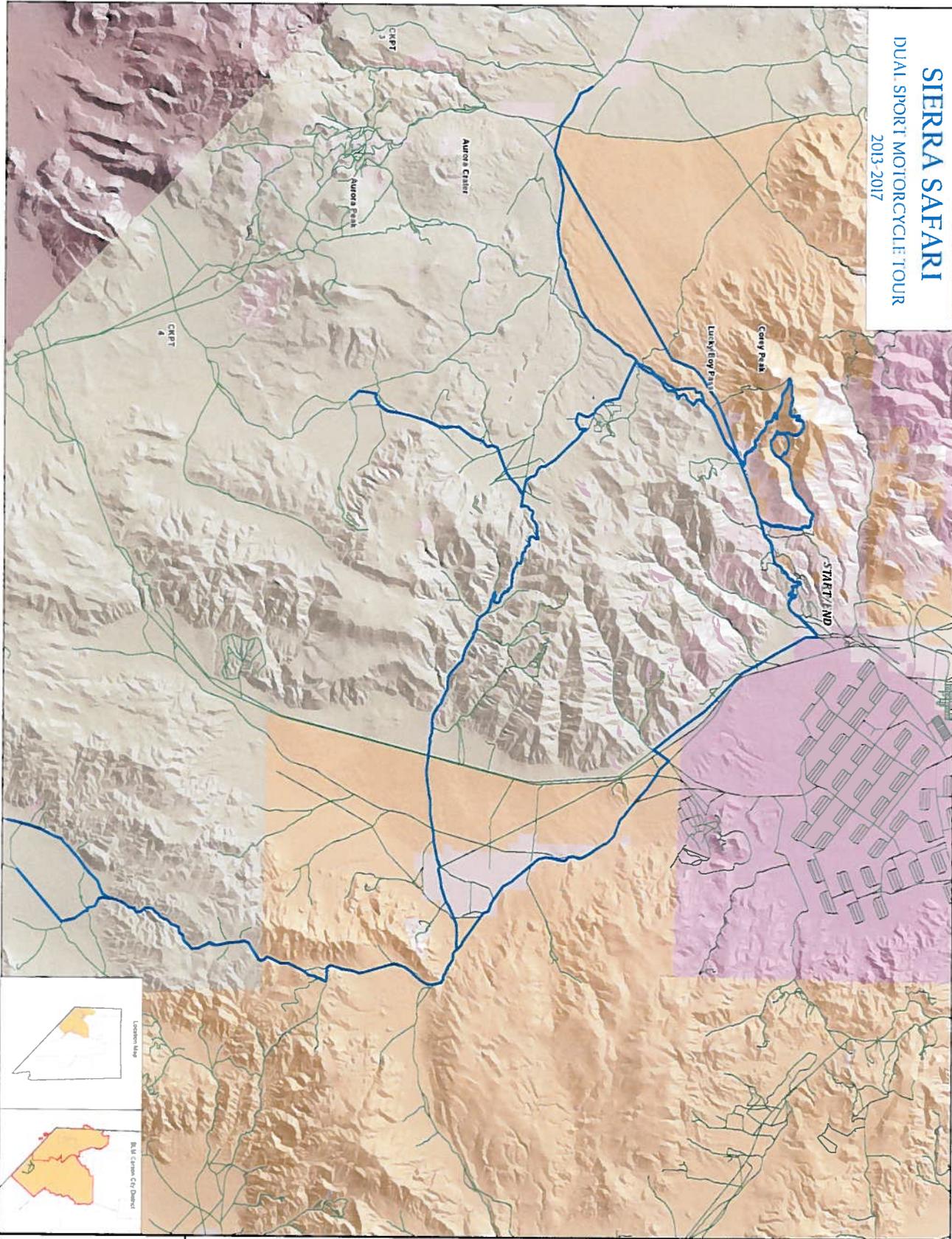
CONCLUSION: Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS. A categorical exclusion is not subject to protest or appeal.

Approved by:

Teresa J. Knutson 9/25/2013
Teresa J. Knutson (date)
Field Manager
Stillwater Field Office

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2013-2017



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