

Checklist for Determination of Existing NEPA Adequacy

Document Title: Just Roughin' It Adventure Co. SRP renewal

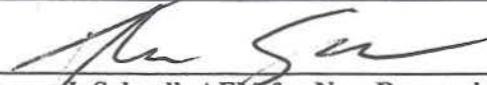
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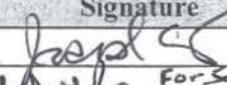
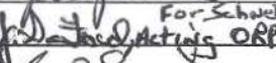
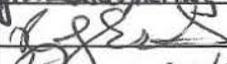
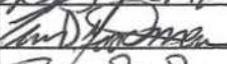
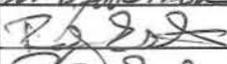
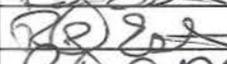
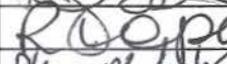
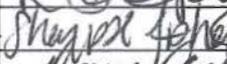
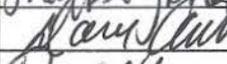
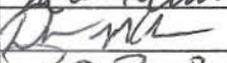
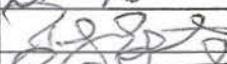
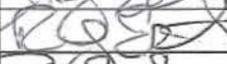
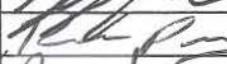
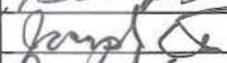
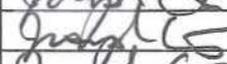
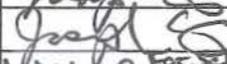
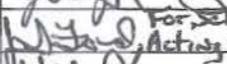
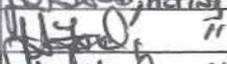
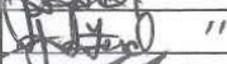

Thomas J. Schnell, AFM for Non-Renewable Resources

 
Tim Goodman Jeff Conn
 Biologist Assigned


Joe David, AFM for Renewable Resources (acting)

 (Acting)
Scott C. Cooke, SFO Field Manager

NEPA Coord. Assigned

Critical Elements and Other Issues	Specialists	Affected		Comments		Document Review Signature	Date
		Yes	No	Yes	No		
Air Quality*	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓		12/10/13
ACECs*	Tom Schnell		✓		✓	 For Schnell Acting ORP	10/18/13
Climate Change	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓		10/21/13
Cultural Resources*	Dan McGrew		✓		✓		11/12/13
Env. Jus. and Socio-economics	Tim Goodman		✓		✓		12/9/13
Floodplains*	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓		10/21/13
Hazardous Materials*	RJ Estes		✓		✓		10/21/13
Lands/Realty	Roberta Lopez		✓		✓		12/9/13
NEPA Maps	Sharisse Fisher		✓		✓		10/21/13
Nonnative/Invasive Plants*	Dave Arthun		✓		✓		12-13-13
Native American Rel.*	Dan McGrew		✓		✓		11/12/13
Prime/Unique Farmlands*	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓		10/21/13
Range	Dave Arthun		✓		✓		10/21/13
Soils	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓		10/21/13
Solid Waste*	RJ Estes		✓		✓		10/21/13
T&E Animal Species*	Tim Goodman		✓		✓		12/9/13
T&E Fish/Fisheries	Heidi Blasius		✓		✓		11/12/13
T&E Plant Species*	Tim Goodman		✓		✓		12/9/13
VRM*	Ron Peru		✓		✓		11/1/13
Water Quality (Grnd. & Srfc.)*	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓		12/10/13
Water Rights	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓		12/10/13
Wetlands/Riparian*	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓		12/10/13
Wild & Scenic River*	Tom Schnell / James Ford		✓		✓	 For Schnell Acting ORP	10/21/13
Wilderness*	Tom Schnell / "		✓		✓		10/21/13
Wilderness Characteristics	Tom Schnell / "		✓		✓		10/21/13
Wildlife	Tim Goodman		✓		✓		12/9/13

Other							
*required by law							
Attachments:							
Planning and Environmental Coordinator: <u><i>John Sear</i></u>						Date: <u>12/12/13</u>	
<u><i>John Sear</i></u>						Date: <u>12/12/13</u>	
Assistant Field Manager - Reviewed/Recommended						AZ-040-1790-2	
						(Rev. 08/02)	

To: NEPA Staff

From: J.Scott Ford

Date: 09/10/2013

Subject: Just Roughin It Company Special Recreation Permit Renewal

DNA Number: Not yet assigned

Case File: AZA 34650

Location: Gila and Salt River Meridian, Az

Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness

Description: Just Roughin It Adventure Company to provide guided hiking and backpacking tours in the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness. Length of stay will be 3 days and 2 nights per Aravaipa Canyon stipulations. Maximum group size would be 7. Company practices Leave No Trace ethics. Trash would be packed out and cat holes used to dispose of human waste. All toilet paper will be packed out. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided by Just Roughin It. Cooking is done with a stove and wood. This permittee has held past permits with the BLM, Forest Service, and National Park Service. There are no significant changes to the business plan on file. Standard stipulations will apply (see attached). This would be a 5-year permit.

The Proposed action conforms with the following land-Use Plan: Yes No

The proposed action conforms with the Safford District Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision approved September 1992 and July 1994

Worksheet
Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

AZ-
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
NEPA#

A. **BLM Office:** Safford Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No. AZA 34650

Proposed Action Title/Type: Just Roughin It Adventure Co SRP

Location of Proposed Action: Graham and Pinal Counties

Description of the Proposed Action: Just Roughin It Adventure Company to provide guided hiking and backpacking tours in the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness. Length of stay will be 3 days and 2 nights per Aravaipa Canyon stipulations. Maximum group size would be 7. Company practices Leave No Trace ethics. Trash would be packed out and cat holes used to dispose of human waste. All toilet paper will be packed out. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided by Just Roughin It. Cooking is done with a stove and wood. This permittee has held past permits with the BLM, Forest Service, and National Park Service. No significant changes to the business plan on file. Standard stipulations will apply. This would be a 5-year permit.

Applicant (if any): _____

B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans

LUP Name*	Safford Resource Management Plan (RMP)	Date Approved	<u>ROD Part I Sept, 1992 and ROD Part II July, 1994</u>
LUP Name*	_____	Date Approved	
Other document**	_____	Date Approved	
Other document**	_____	Date Approved	
Other document**	_____	Date Approved	

*List applicable LUPs (e.g., Resource Management Plans or applicable amendments).

**List applicable activity, project, management, water quality restoration, or program plans.

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions) and, if applicable, implementation plan decisions:

The Safford District will endeavor to provide a variety of recreational opportunities that meet public demand and are compatible with the Bureau's stewardship responsibilities.

C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

Special Recreation Permits for Commercial Recreation Activities on Public Lands in Arizona EA Number AZ-931-93-001.

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., source drinking water assessments, biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, rangeland health standard's assessment and determinations, and monitoring the report).

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Yes

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The proposed actions are provided for in the Safford RMP. Additionally the existing special recreation permit EA for commercial recreation activities on public lands in Arizona analyzes day use and multiple day trips for commercial recreation operators who propose activities that comply with the standard stipulations shown in Attachment A of the EA. Much of the EA analyzes overnight camping, multiple day activities, vehicle use, use of pack stock, use of campfires, and use of latrines. Just Roughin It Adventure Company's use of the public lands is to lead guided hiking and backpacking tours in the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness. Meals and filtered water will be provided by guide service. Cat hole method to be used for disposal of human waste. All trash and toilet paper will be packed out.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances? Yes

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The trips Just Roughin It Adventure Company proposes are included in the types of activities analyzed in the 1993 SRP EA. The types of activities proposed are covered by the analysis of the existing EA.

3. Is the existing analysis adequate and are the conclusions adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (including, for example, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; Unified Watershed Assessment categorizations; inventory and monitoring data; most recent Fish and Wildlife Service lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action? Yes

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The existing EA analyzes two alternatives, the Proposed Action Alternative (issues a commercial permit with stipulations) and the No Action Alternative (no permitting). That range of alternatives adequately covers the Just Roughin' It Adventure Company proposed hiking and backpacking tours. There has been no significant change in the circumstances or significant new information germane to the Proposed Action. Additional wildlife species have been listed under the Endangered Species Act since preparation of the existing EA. The Safford Field Office reviewed the current Fish and Wildlife Service; County Species List in relation to the actions specified in the permit request in conjunction with the standard special recreation permit stipulations and concluded that there would be no effect from the proposed action on listed species. There are no issues regarding invasive species, water quality, and Environmental Justice.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document? YES

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed guiding business are not significantly different than those identified in the existing SRP EA. The impacts of these activities would be less than many of the overnight activities analyzed in the existing EA. Further, additional beneficial economic impacts would result from the issuance of a permit for the proposed guiding activity.

The proposed guide business would not change the analysis of cumulative impacts in the existing EA because it is included in the types of commercial activities analyzed in that EA. Further, the existing environment has not changed substantially since 1993, necessitating further analysis of impacts from commercial recreation uses.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequately for the current proposed action? Yes

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Public involvement in the existing SRP was substantial. About 700 EAs were mailed for review and comment during preparation of the analysis. Many individuals, organizations, and agencies were asked to review the EA.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Resource Represented</u>
J.Scott Ford	Recreation/Wilderness/ACEC's
Dave Arthun	Range
Roberta Lopez	Lands/Realty
Tim Goodman	Wildlife
Dan McGrew	Cultural
Heidi Blasius	Fisheries

CONCLUSION

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitute BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked



Signature of Project Lead



Signature of NEPA Coordinator



Signature of Responsible Official

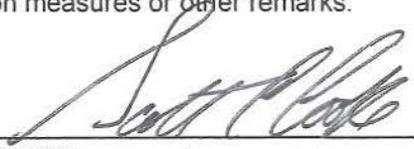
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Note: The signed CONCLUSION on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

DECISION:

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed action is either (a) in conformance with or (b) clearly consistent with terms, conditions, and decisions of the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my Decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures identified below.

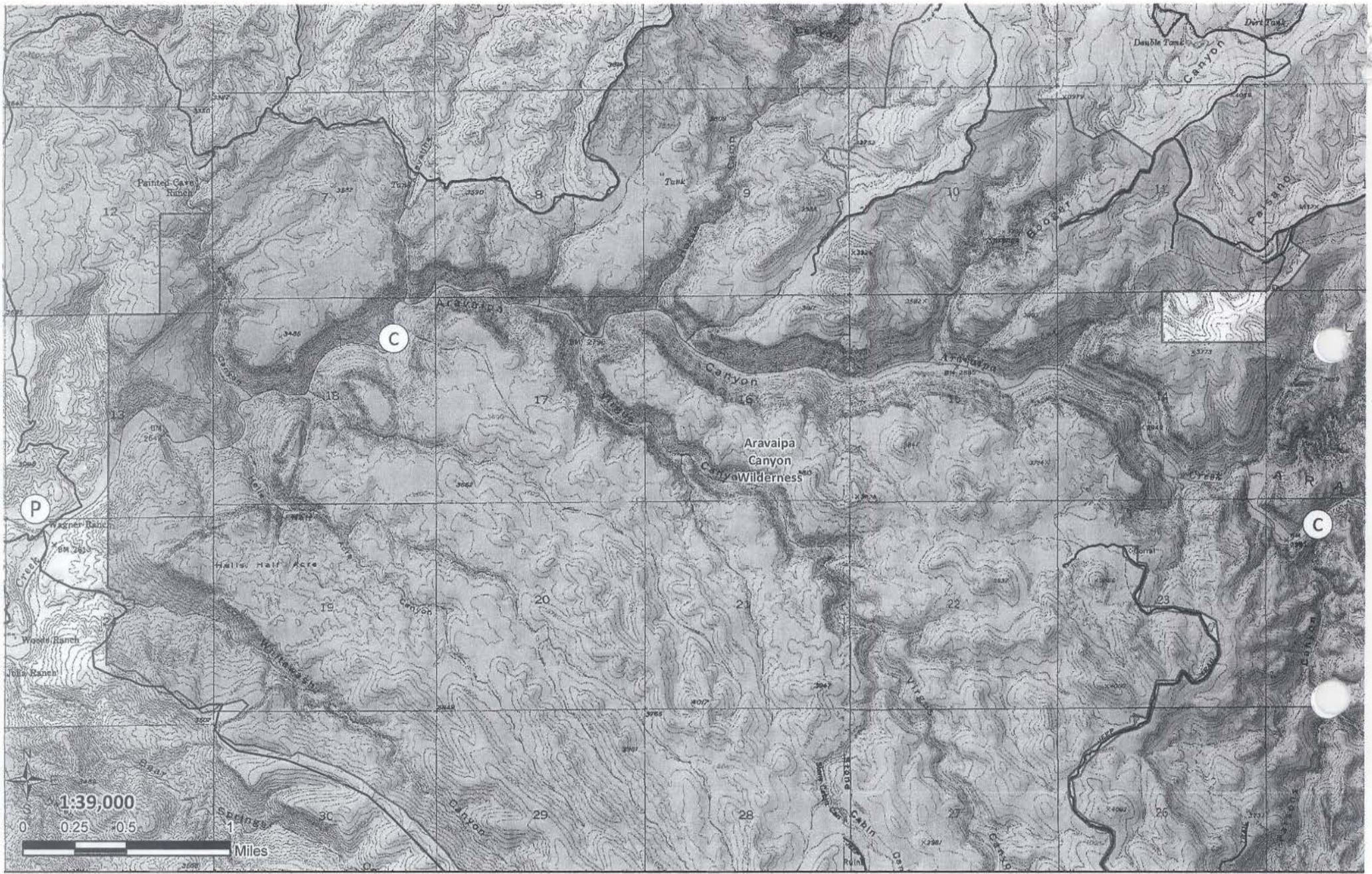
Mitigation measures or other remarks:



Field Manager

12/13/13

Date



**Just Roughin' It Adventure Co. SRP Renewal
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- P Parking
- BLM Wilderness Area
- BLM
- C Camp Area
- Private