

Checklist for Determination of Existing NEPA Adequacy

Document Title: Yellowhorn Outfitters Special Recreation Permit DNA

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Critical Elements and Other Issues	Specialists	Affected		Comments		Document Review Signature	Date
		Yes	No	Yes	No		
Air Quality*	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓	<i>James Scott Ford</i>	11/17/13
ACECs*	Tom Schnell		✓		✓	<i>Tom Schnell</i>	10/29/13
Climate Change	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓	<i>Robert Lopez</i>	11/19/13
Cultural Resources*	Dan McGrew		✓		✓	<i>Dan McGrew</i>	11/19/13
Env. Jus. and Socio-economics	Tim Goodman		✓		✓	<i>Tim Goodman</i>	11/19/13
Floodplains*	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓	<i>Robert Lopez</i>	11/19/13
Hazardous Materials*	RJ Estes		✓		✓	<i>RJ Estes</i>	11/19/13
Lands/Realty	Roberta Lopez		✓		✓	<i>Roberta Lopez</i>	11/19/13
NEPA Maps	Sharisse Fisher *		✓		✓	<i>Sharisse Fisher</i>	11/19/13
Nonnative/Invasive Plants*	Dave Arthun		✓		✓	<i>Dave Arthun</i>	11-19-13
Native American Rel.*	Dan McGrew		✓		✓	<i>Dan McGrew</i>	11/19/13
Prime/Unique Farmlands*	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓	<i>Dave Arthun</i>	11-19-13
Range	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓	<i>Dave Arthun</i>	11-19-13
Soils	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓	<i>Dave Arthun</i>	11-19-13
Solid Waste*	RJ Estes		✓		✓	<i>RJ Estes</i>	11-19-13
T&E Animal Species*	Tim Goodman		✓		✓	<i>Tim Goodman</i>	11/19/13
T&E Fish/Fisheries	Heidi Blasius		✓		✓	<i>Heidi Blasius</i>	11-19-13
T&E Plant Species*	Tim Goodman		✓		✓	<i>Tim Goodman</i>	11/19/13
VRM*	Ron Peru		✓		✓	<i>Ron Peru</i>	11/19/13
Water Quality (Grnd. & Srfc.)*	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓	<i>Robert Lopez</i>	11/19/13
Water Rights	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓	<i>Robert Lopez</i>	11/19/13
Wetlands/Riparian*	Appropriate RMS		✓		✓	<i>Robert Lopez</i>	11/19/13
Wild & Scenic River*	Tom Schnell		✓		✓	<i>Tom Schnell</i>	10/29/13
Wilderness*	Tom Schnell		✓		✓	<i>Tom Schnell</i>	10/29/13
Wilderness Characteristics	Tom Schnell		✓		✓	<i>Tom Schnell</i>	10/29/13
Wildlife	Tim Goodman		✓		✓	<i>Tim Goodman</i>	11/19/13

Other						
*required by law						
Attachments:						
Planning and Environmental Coordinator:			<i>Roberta Lopez</i>	Date:	<i>11-19-13</i>	
Assistant Field Manager - Reviewed/Recommended			<i>Roberta Lopez</i>	Date:	<i>11-19-13</i>	
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Worksheet
Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

U.S. Department of the Interior

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-AZ-G-010-2014-0001-DNA

A. BLM Office: Safford Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No. AZA34371

Project Title/Type: Yellowhorn Outfitters- Special Recreation Permit

Location of Proposed Action: Safford F.O. BLM lands in AZGF game management units 27,28,31&32.

Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures: Yellowhorn Outfitters to provide a guided hunts for big game in hunt units 27,28,31 and 32 which are within the Safford Field Office. Group size will be 5-6 clients per trip with 1-2 guides. Average length of each trip would be 1-2 weeks. No horses or pack animals will be used. Base and spike camps will be used. The outfitter would provide meals, snacks, and bottled water. Cooking facilities will include a stove, propane, charcoal and wood. All trash and game parts would be hauled out and properly disposed of. Pit and portable toilets will be used for human waste. First aid kits, fire extinguisher, signaling devices, cell phones, radios and extra food and water will be carried on each trip. Standard stipulations for all commercial recreation use will apply including noxious weed stipulations. Operator has had previous permits with other BLM offices, the Forest Service, Park Service, and Fish and Wildlife Service. This will 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 RMP Date Approved: ROD Part I Sept,1992 and ROD Part II July, 1994

LUP Name* _____ 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):

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

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents 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 and EA Number AZ-040-08-14.

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List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (*e.g.*, biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the 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.

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 Yellowhorn Outfitters propose 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 Yellowhorn Outfitter's proposed guided hunts. 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 involving 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, indirect and cumulative 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 existing environment has not changed substantially since 1993, necessitating further analysis of impacts from commercial recreation uses.

The methodology/analytical approach previously used is appropriate for the Proposed Action. Since the existing EA covers a broad range of commercial recreation activities over a large area (public lands in the

entire State of Arizona), the analysis is somewhat general in nature. The proposed commercial activities, however, are simple, and really no different than the same activities carried out by thousands of private hunters, hikers, and horseback riders using public lands annually. The analysis in the existing EA is appropriate to cover the effects of the proposed operations.

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

Documentation of answer and explanation:

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

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

Name	Title	Resource/Agency Represented
J. Scott Ford		Recreation
Dan McGrew		Cultural Resources
Tim Goodman		Wildlife, T&E Species, Environmental Justice
David Arthun		Nonnative/Invasive Plants/Range/Water Quality
Roberta Lopez		Lands/Realty
Heidi Blasius		Fisheries
Roberta Lopez		Lands/Realty
Ron Peru		VRM
Sharisse Fisher		NEPA Maps

Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

CONCLUSION

X 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.

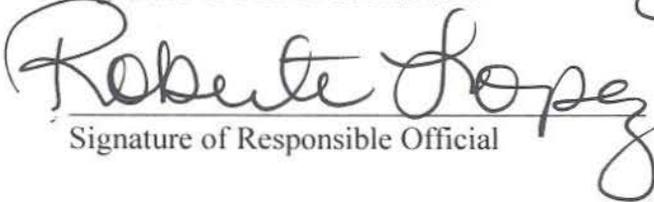
Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked



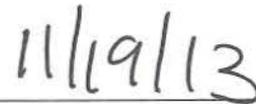
Signature of Project Lead



Signature of NEPA Coordinator



Signature of Responsible Official



Date

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.

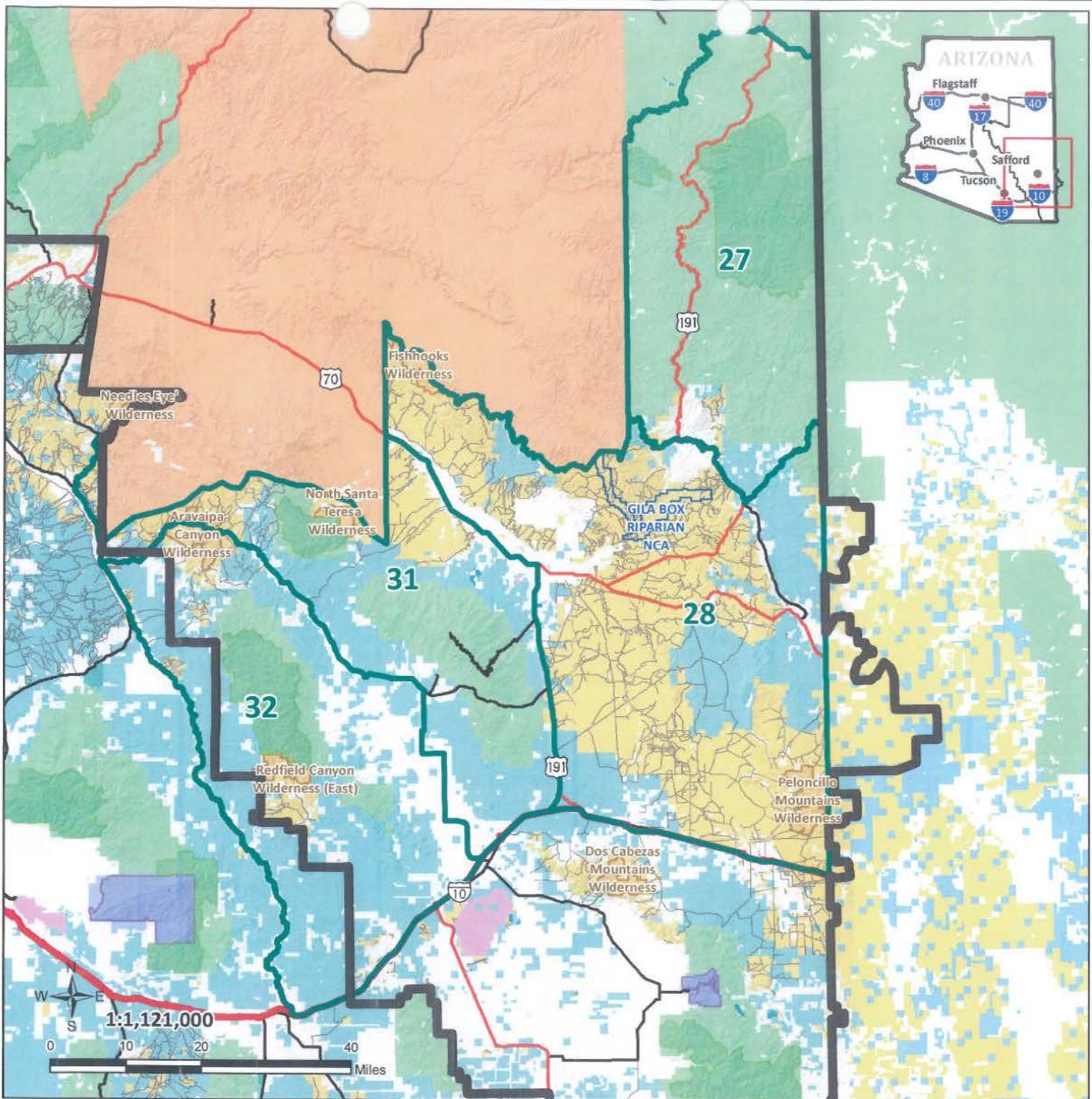
Mitigation measures or other remarks:



Field Manager

11/19/13

Date



Yellowhorn Outfitters SRP
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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------------|
| Interstates | AGFD Game Units | BLM | Military | State Wildlife Area |
| US Highways | BLM National Conservation Area | BR | NPS | USFS |
| State Highways | BLM Wilderness Area | Indian Lands | Private | |
| Forest Service Wilderness Area | Local or State Parks | State | | |

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 Safford Field Office

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Special Recreation Permit
OPERATING PLAN

Commercial Competitive, Fundraising or Organized Group Events
Safford Field Office BLM

It is important that you fill out the form as completely as possible. If something does not apply to you, note "n/a" in that section. A map must be attached that includes all routes, checkpoints, start and finish areas, and camping, staging, pit and corral areas. Incomplete plans will delay permit processing which could jeopardize permit.

1. Business/Organization Information:

Business/Organization Name: YELLOWHORN OUTFITTERS

Classification: Individual Partnership Corporation Other

Owner/Partner(s) Names, if applicable: PETER A. CIMELLARO

Event Organizer/Director:

Address: 5118 E. FLOWER ST. PHX. AZ. 85018

Phone Number: 602-840-8749 Cell Phone Number: 602-793-5575

Fax Number: 602-840-1550 E-Mail Address: PCIMELLARO@COX.NET

Website Address: YELLOWHORN OUTFITTERS.COM

Brief description of your business/organization (or attach business plan):

OUTFITTING AND GUIDING

Others authorized to represent your business (i.e. office managers, agents):

Name

Position

CATHERINE M. CIMELLARO (WIFE)

2. Event Information:

Type of Event: HUNTING OR PHOTOGRAPHY TRIPS

Date of Event: OPEN, LEGAL HUNTING SEASONS

Expected number of participants: UNKNOWN

Expected number of spectators: 0

Expected number of employees/volunteers: ONE OR TWO

Expected number of vehicles: THREE TO FIVE

Expected number of RVs/horse trailers: PERHAPS ONE RV (TRAILER)

Detailed Description of Event:

Describe your event in detail including all activities and times, participant meeting times, and plans for camping, parking, fueling, security, etc. (Attach flyers, registration brochures, etc. given to participants.)

OUTFITTED AND GUIDED HIKES
CAMPING DURING THESE ACTIVITIES
GO TO: YELLOWHORNSOUTFITTERS.COM FOR DESCRIPTION

Are participants required to register, enter or complete an application?

Yes ___ No N/A

Will one or more individuals contest an established record such as for speed or endurance?

Yes ___ No N/A

Will cash prizes be awarded? Yes ___ No X

Will the event be publicly advertised? Yes ___ No X (if yes, attach copy)

Course Summary:

Will there be a predetermined course or area designated? Yes ___ No N/A

Will more than one course be needed (i.e. for various experience levels or jetting)?

Yes ___ No N/A (if yes, please explain and be sure to include on map)

What is the approximate length of each course? N/A

What is the number of laps for each course?

What is the length of each lap?

N/A

Will any road closures be necessary? Yes ___ No N/A (if yes, please explain)

3. Logistics and Facilities:

Camping/Staging/Pit/Corral Area Set-up:

Type (check one): Camping Staging _____ Pit _____ Corral

Location: BLM, RIVERVIEW OR Dates of use:

Facilities: OWL CREEK

Type (check one): Camping _____ Staging _____ Pit _____ Corral

Location: _____ Dates of use:

Facilities:

Type (check one): Camping _____ Staging _____ Pit _____ Corral

Location: _____ Dates of use:

Facilities:

Checkpoints:

Will the event require checkpoints? Yes _____ No N/A (if yes, complete below)

List the dates and times the checkpoints will be staffed:

Equipment and personnel required (check all that apply):

Vehicles _____ Toilets _____ Medical _____ Food _____ Water

Communications _____ Mini Pit _____ Other (specify)

Sanitation:

Trash containers provided (indicate number to be used): Dumpsters _____ Cans _____ Where will they be located?

Toilets provided (indicate number to be used): Pit Portable _____ Chemical _____ Where will they be located?

WASTE WILL BE COMPLETELY COVERED UPON COMPLETION OF HUNT

Describe plans for solid and liquid waste removal:

List the dates that the trash containers and/or toilets will be on public lands:

Will there be a shower unit? Yes _____ No N/A

If yes, what company?

Will grey water be contained? Yes _____ No N/A

If yes, how will it be contained and disposed of?

Food:

Do you provide food? Yes No (if yes, check which meals)

Breakfast Lunch Dinner Snacks

Do you provide potable water? Yes No (if yes, check all that apply)

Bottled water Filter Truck Other

Cooking facilities (check all that apply):

Stove Wood Charcoal Firepan Trailer

Will there be a caterer? Yes No

If yes, what company?

Will grey water be contained? Yes No

If yes, how will it be contained and disposed of?

Note: All Arizona Department of Transportation, Department of Health and Department of Environmental Quality requirements must be met. Grey water must be contained, stored and properly disposed of unless waived in writing by the authorized officer.

4. Pack and Riding Animals:

Number and types of animals to be used in event: n/a

Will temporary corrals be used? Yes No

Will hitch lines be used? Yes No

Describe how animals will be used, fed and watered, and controlled:

5. Vendor Information: n/a

Will vendors be used at the event? Yes No (If yes, complete below)

Vendor Name	Phone Number	Type of Service/Supplies Offered
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Do you wish for these vendors to be included with your permit? Yes No

Are they covered under your liability insurance policy? Yes _____ No _____
(If no, the vendors **must** obtain a vending permit from the BLM)

6. Medical and Safety:

Medical:

Do you have an emergency medical plan in case someone is lost or injured?

Yes ~~N/A~~ No _____ (if yes, please attach plan)

If no, how will emergency medical care be provided?

FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINED
CONTACT LOCAL SHERIFFS DEPT FOR EMERGENCY
TREATMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

If providing contracted or volunteer emergency personnel at the event (i.e. Air Evac ~~N/A~~
Helicopter/Sheriff's Posse), please list below:

Name	Type of Emergency Service Area Located (i.e. staging/checkpoint)
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Do you or your employees have training or certification in the following (check all that apply): First Aid CPR Emergency Training _____ Other _____

If no contracted or volunteer emergency personnel will be at the event, please list all employees or volunteers who can provide emergency medical services:

Name	Emergency Medical Training/Certifications
<u>Pete CIMELIARO</u>	<u>ATTACHED</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

Safety: N/A

Will there be a designated spectator area? Yes _____ No
Will spectators be allowed at the checkpoints? Yes: _____ No
Will play riding be allowed in the camping/staging areas? Yes _____ No
How close will the spectators and/or play riding be to the routes or courses?

Will security personnel be available at the event? Yes _____ No N/A
If no, how will you provide for the safety of the spectators and personal property?

7. Fee Information:

List all registration fees, by type or category if applicable (or attach brochure or flyer):
OUR RATES VARY ON PRICE
FULLY OUTFITTED & GUIDED, 10 DAYS \$7,000.00
GOLDEN ONLY \$5,000.00
SPECIAL PRICING ON REQUEST

8. Background Information:

List other permits you have held (i.e. State, Forest Service):
NPS, BLM, USFS, USFWS

In the past two years, have you or any of your company representatives or employees been convicted of a federal, state, or local violation in connection with outfitting/guide operations or associated activities (including AZ Game & Fish violations)?
Yes _____ No X

Have you had a BLM or USFS permit denied, suspended, or revoked?

Yes _____ No

If you answered yes to either question, please explain:

9. Certification

I certify that the information given by me in this application is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that I am required to comply with the terms, conditions and stipulations on Form 8370-1 and all additional stipulations that are required by the authorized officer when the permit is issued. I further understand that providing false information, or the failure to keep this Operating Plan or other permit information updated, are grounds for probation, suspension, or revocation of the permit.



Applicant Signature

10-9-13

Date