

# **Finding of No Significant Impact**

## **DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2013-0012-EA**

### **Carpenter 1 Fire Temporary Closure in Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area**

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts (per Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2013-0012-EA), I have determined that the proposed action with the mitigation measures described below will not have any significant impacts on the environment and an environmental impact statement is not required.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

##### **Recreation**

1. To deter cross country travel public education and signs are needed to inform the public of the necessity of the closure and of alternative areas to utilize for recreational activities. Coordinate these efforts with the RRCNCA Recreation Specialist.
2. This closure may also create new user created trails in other locations of the RRCNCA as OHV users look for similar experiences nearby. It will be necessary to adequately sign these nearby areas, including the Grapevine route ( Dirt road # 5), Dirt road #14 and 15, #11, and #12 (map M24 RRCNCA RMP).

##### **Resources not carried forward for analysis (from Table 1 and 2)**

1. All activities vehicles and equipment are restricted to existing roads and disturbed areas.
2. Any material such as boulders, rocky materials, etc. necessary for the implementation of the action shall be obtained within existing disturbed areas.
3. For closure activities, vehicles must be free of plant parts, mud, and seeds (including undercarriages) prior to entering BLM land for each event. Vehicles must also be washed if they travel through a weed infested area prior to moving to a new area. Do not stage or park in weed infested areas. Weed infestations located on or near the courses or staging areas should be flagged and avoided.
4. All activities will take place in existing roads, turnouts and disturbed areas. The use of a small bobcat may be used only within existing disturbed areas to place boulders across roads to be closed. All other activities including de-compaction of roads, will take place using hand tools only.
5. A speed limit of 25 miles per hour shall be required for all vehicles travelling on the existing access roads.
6. Should a desert tortoise enter the area of activity, all activity shall cease until such time as the animal has left the area on its own accord.
7. Workers will be instructed to check underneath all vehicles and equipment before moving them as tortoises often take cover underneath parked vehicles during the active season.

8. Workers will be provided educational information on the desert tortoise which includes the legal protection and consequences for the violation of the Endangered Species Act (Desert Tortoise Fact Sheet attached in Appendix B).
9. To reduce horse and burrow issues, the top wire of fencing should be at least 4' tall and should be flagged so it is visible to the animals. Additional specification for barb wire fencing are provided in Appendix C.
10. Conformance with seasonal fire restrictions apply. Restrictions can be in effect any time between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>
11. Ensure that private land owners have ingress/egress to inholdings (providing a key to installed gates is acceptable).

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