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DECISION
Special Recreation Permit

River of No Return Endurance Runs
Paul Lind (Event Coordinator)
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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Challis Field Office, has received and evaluated a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) application from Paul Lind, representing the 'River of No Return Endurance Runs.' The application was for a commercial SRP which would permit Paul Lind to conduct an annual endurance running (a non-motorized foot race) event on BLM managed lands west of Challis, Idaho.

The issuance of a SRP is a Federal action and is subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. The proposed action – issuing a Special Recreation Permit for the River of No Return Endurance Runs event – qualifies as a categorical exclusion (CX) under 516 DM 11.9 H(1). A CX is appropriate due to the fact that the proposed event is a non-motorized, non-speed based events. The event is light on the land and resources, with the entire event being conducted on existing roads and trails. Additionally, a staging/aid station will only occur at an authorized location.

An interdisciplinary team of Challis Field Office staff has identified no extraordinary circumstances that have the potential to significantly affect the environment. Based on review of the project and Field Office staff recommendations, the project is in conformance with the 1999 Challis Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the 2008 Challis Travel Management Plan (TMP).

The CX describing this proposal for permit (DOI-BLM-ID-I030-2014-0004-CX) is available at the following website: https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do or at the Challis Field Office

My decision is to approve the actions as proposed, and permit Paul Lind for the River of No Return Endurance Runs event.

Permit application fees and proof of insurance certificate (naming the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management as an additional insured) shall be required of the applicant prior to final permit authorization.

The decision may be appealed to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4, and the enclosed form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address), within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed is in error. In addition, within 30 days of the receipt of this decision, the appellant has the right to file a petition for a stay (suspension) of the decision together with the appeal in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 4.21.

Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor, at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay you have to have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

A petition for a stay of a decision pending appeals shall show sufficient justification based on the following four standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties of the stay is granted or denied,
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Contact Ben Roundtree, Challis BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner, at (208) 879-6212 or broundtree@blm.gov with any questions.

Field Manager /s/ Todd Kuck
Date 06/13/2014