

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Coeur d'Alene Field Office
3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID

DECISION RECORD

Expedition Idaho Eco Challenge
DOI-BLM-ID-C010-2014-0007-DNA

1. Background

Expedition Idaho has applied for a special recreation permit for an eco-challenge event that will taking place from August 10th through August 16th. On August 14th - 16th approximately six four-person teams (24 people total) will be racing through the Grandmother Mountains WSA on foot. The teams will be entering the WSA from the north, heading south along the Delaney Cr National Recreation Trail, then turning north on the Lookout Mountain National Recreation Trail. The racers will exit the Lookout Mountain trail on the north side of the Wilderness Study Area and continue on a USFS road beyond BLM boundaries. At this point of the race it is anticipated that the teams will be widely scattered and no more than a single team will be visible at a time.

On August 10th – 11th the participants will be kayaking across Coeur d'Alene Lake from Harrison, ID and exiting the lake at Windy Bay Boater Park. The participants will then begin the next stage of the competition, which is a run from Windy Bay to St. Maries, ID.

2. Decision

It is my decision to approve the application described above and grant the special recreation permit, with the attached stipulations.

3. Authority

This permit is granted under authorities of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq., and the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act, 16 U.S.C. 6801 et seq., as outlined in of 43 CFR 2931.3.

4. Rationale

This decision is in compliance with 43 CFR 2931.8 and the Coeur d'Alene Resource Management Plan (RMP). Analysis in the Proposed RMP and Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS) identified no significant impacts.

5. Public Involvement

The public was given numerous opportunities and was very involved in the development of the PRMP/FEIS. This in depth involvement is more than adequate for the current proposed action.

6. Protest and Appeal

This decision constitutes my final decision. Any party that is adversely affected by it may appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals in accordance with the regulations

contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. A notice of appeal must be filed in this office (see address in header) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The Notice of appeal must be sent certified mail. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error in a statement of reasons. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300-QC, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days of filing the notice of appeal with the authorized officer. In accordance with 43 CFR 2931.8, this decision will go into effect immediately and will remain in effect while appeals are pending unless a stay is granted. Any request for stay of this decision, in accordance with 43 CFR 4.21, must be filed with your notice of appeal.

/s/ Kurt Pavlat
Kurt Pavlat
Field Manager

August 5, 2014
Date