

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Project Name/ Applicant: Wide Eye Productions Commercial Film Permit

Project/Case File Number: IDI-37798

Project Lead: Becky Lazdauskas, Realty Specialist

CE Number: DOI-BLM-ID-I010-014-0037-CX

Date of Preparation: September 2, 2014

PROPOSED ACTION:

On August 7, 2014, Jennifer Isenhardt, on behalf of Wide Eye Productions submitted an application (Form 2920-1) requesting a film permit to allow for commercial filming on public lands within the Upper Snake Field Office area. Wide Eye Productions is proposing to film a small group of fly fisherman along the canyon area South Fork of the Snake River.

In general the area is from Conant Boat Ramp to Lufkin Bottoms, sections within T. 5 N., Rs. 37, 38 and 39 E., Boise Meridian, Jefferson County, Idaho. They would access the by boat and may anchor and film from public land. The only equipment to be used, other than the fishing gear, is a handheld camera. The filming would be allowed for a one-day period between September 6th and September 10th.

There would be no surface disturbing activities authorized with this action; therefore, no rehabilitation or bonding would be required.

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION:

A description of the proposed action was posted to the online NEPA register. This is available to members of the public through the USFO webpage. No comments were received and no issues/conflicts have been identified for this project.

FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed action is categorically excluded as outlined in 516 DM 11.9, Appendix 5.4 E (19) and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in None of the exceptions found 43 CFR 46.215 apply. This exclusion states that one-time issuances of short-term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations for such uses as storage sites, apiary sites, and construction sites where the proposal includes rehabilitation to restore the land to its natural original condition may be excluded from further environmental review.

I recommend that film permit, IDI-37798, be issued to allow for commercial filming on public lands located in Bonneville County as generally described above (see Exhibit A). The permit

would be issued from September 6 through September 10, 2014, allowing one day of filming. The authorization would be approved subject to the attached current terms and conditions (Exhibit B). The permit would be granted under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761) and current Bureau regulations found at 43 CFR 2920.

I recommend that rent should be charged according to the Commercial Filming Schedule found in Instruction Memorandum No. UT 2010-043. The rental fee for 1 to 30 people is \$250 per location per day. As the permit allows for one day of filming within a 5-day period, I recommend that \$250 be collected for rent.

DECISION AND RATIONALE FOR THE DECISION:

It is my decision to authorize film permit, IDI-37798, allowing commercial filming on public land along the Canyon Area of the South Fork of the Snake River as described in the proposed action. The permit would be issued from September 6 through September 10, 2014, subject to the attached current terms and conditions (Exhibit B). Rent would be collected as outlined in Instruction Memorandum No. UT 2010-043.

Issuance of the permit would cause no significant environmental disturbance. The subject action qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion and meets the criteria contained in 516 DM 11.9, Appendix 5.4 E (19). None of the exceptions found 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE:

The proposed action is in conformance with the Medicine Lodge Resource Management Plan (1985).

APPEALS INFORMATION:

43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) or 43 CFR 2801.10

/s/ Becky Lazdauskas

Becky Lazdauskas, Realty Specialist

Date: 9/3/2014

/s/ Jeremy Casterson

Jeremy Casterson, Upper Snake Field Manager

Date: 9/3/2014

Extraordinary Circumstances Requiring Preparation of an EA or EIS

(43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 46.215)

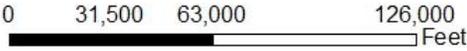
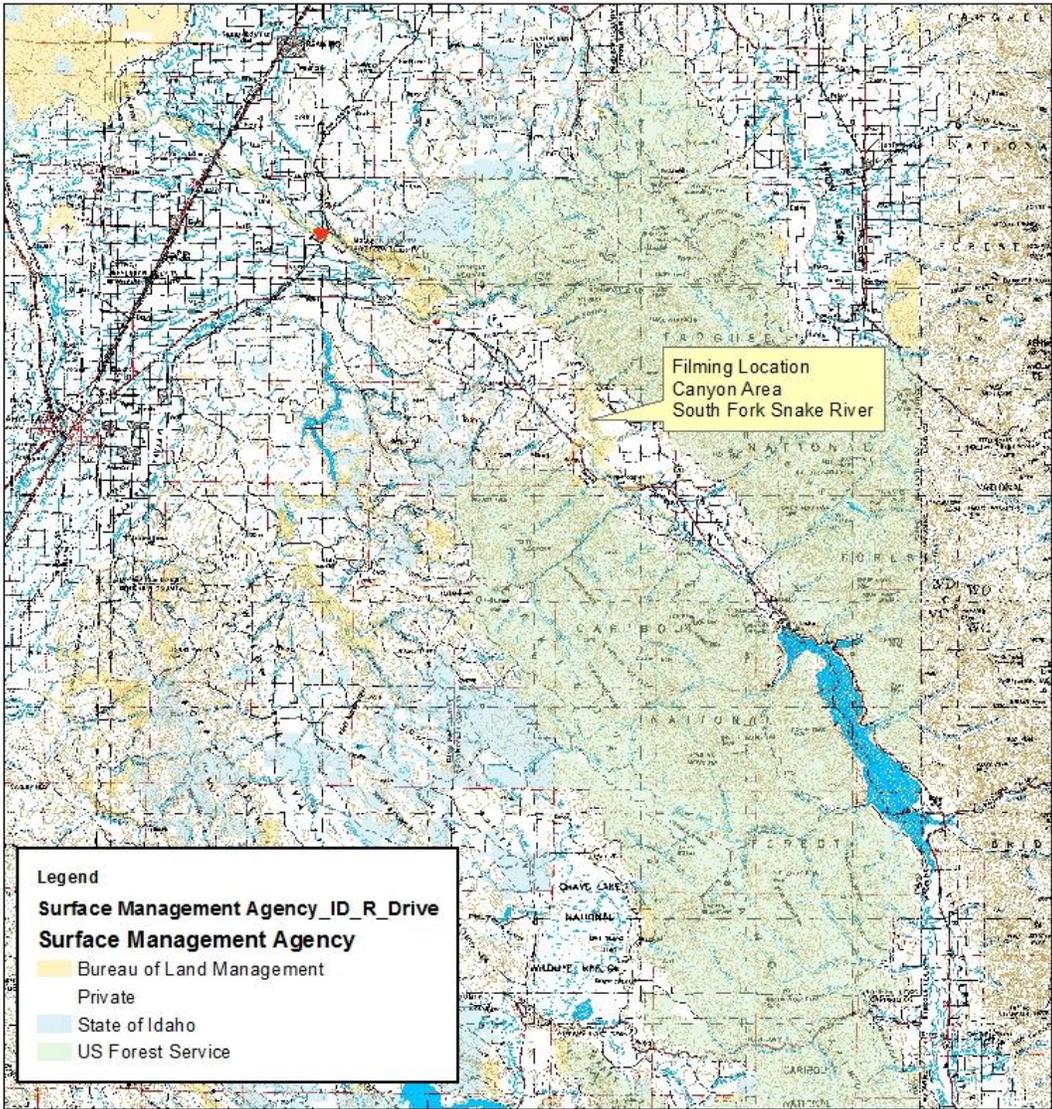
The action described in categorical exclusion # ID- I010-2014-0037-CX has been reviewed to determine that none of the extraordinary circumstances listed below pertain to the proposed action.

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<p>Have significant impacts on public health or safety. <i>The proposed action would have no significant impacts on health or safety of the public.</i></p>		X
<p>Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas. <i>No wilderness, wilderness study areas or wild and scenic rivers are present near the project area. The ROW proposal would not impede opportunities for recreation.</i> <i>This project is located within the Snake River ACEC however this project would not impede protection, maintenance, or enhancement of relevant and important values for which the ACEC was designated.</i> <i>This project is not located within a Research Natural Area (RNA).</i> <i>No significant impacts to riparian-wetland areas would occur.</i> <i>Although migratory birds are present within the project area, however, no significant impacts to migratory birds would be expected.</i> <i>No known historic or cultural resources are located within the project area.</i></p>		X
<p>Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]. <i>Action would not have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources. The film permit would not impact water quality or stream channels and floodplains.</i></p>		X
<p>Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. <i>Action would not impact water quality or stream channels and floodplains. No known highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or unique or unknown environmental risks would result from the issuing of the permit.</i></p>		X
<p>Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. <i>The proposed action would not establish a precedent for future actions.</i></p>		X
<p>Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. <i>The proposed action would not have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. No cumulatively significant effects are anticipated. No cumulatively significant effects would occur in stream channel/floodplain.</i></p>		X

	<u>Extraordinary Circumstance</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	<p>Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office. <i>As there are no known historic properties listed or eligible for listing on the NRHP located in the project area, the proposed action would have no significant impacts.</i></p>		X
	<p>Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated critical habitat for these species. Issuing a film permit would impact <i>T&E or Proposed species, or critical habitat present within the project area, no significant impacts to these species would occur.</i></p>		X
	<p>Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. <i>The proposed action does not violate any federal law or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.</i></p>		X
	<p>Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). <i>The proposed action would have no adverse effect on low income or minority populations.</i></p>		X
	<p>Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007). <i>There are no sacred sites known to occur in the project area. Furthermore, the proposed action would not limit access to Indian sacred sites on Federal lands or impact traditional resource use in the area.</i></p>		X
	<p>Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112). <i>The proposed action would not contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.</i></p>		X

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EXHIBIT A
Canyon Area - South Fork Snake River
September 2, 2014



No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management for use of the data for purposes not intended by BLM.

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Exhibit B
Stipulations

1. The holder shall have a copy of this permit at all times when filming on the BLM location.
2. All vehicular traffic shall be confined to the designated access routes, roads, or trails.
3. There are no surface disturbance activities authorized with this action.
4. Filming locations shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times; waste materials at those sites shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate waste disposal site. 'Waste' means all discarded matter including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, oil drums, petroleum products, ashes, and equipment.
5. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.
6. The final filming product will have written and/or verbal acknowledgement of filming location on public lands managed by the Bureau of the Land Management, Upper Snake Field Office, if feasible.
7. The holder shall contact Becky Lazdauskas, Realty Specialist, at the Upper Snake Field Office upon completion of filming to report the location and the date of filming and any other pertinent information.