

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

FIELD OFFICE: Sierra Front Field Office (SFFO)

NEPA NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2014-0035-DNA

CASEFILE PROJECT NUMBER: NVC02-14106

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: Special Recreation Permit (SRP): Off-Highway Vehicle Race in the SFFO and Stillwater Field Office (SFO).

LEAD OFFICE: Fifty-five percent of the course and all event staging is located within the jurisdiction of the SFFO, subsequently; the SFFO will retain the lead office duties for administering the SRP.

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: West Wassuck Range/Gray Hills; Multi-loop 100 mile race; approximately 53 miles in Lyon County in the SFFO and 44 miles in Mineral County in the Stillwater Field Office (SFO).

Sierra Front Field Office:

T. 13 N., R. 26 E., S. 12-13, 23-27, 34
T. 12 N., R. 26 E., S. 3, 9-10, 14-16, 22-23, 25, 36
T. 11 N., R. 26 E., S. 1
T. 14 N., R. 27 E., S. 31-32
T. 13 N., R. 27 E., S. 4-9, 17
T. 11 N., R. 27 E., S. 2-8, 11, 17-20

Stillwater Field Office:

T. 13 N., R. 27 E., S. 1-4, 9-12, 14-17, 20-23, 26-28, 33-34
T. 12 N., R. 27 E., S. 3, 10-11, 13-14, 24, 26-27, 31, 35
T. 12 N., R. 28 E., S. 18-19

APPLICANT: Mason Valley Dirt Squirts (MVDS)

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

The Proposed Action is to conduct a competitive motorcycle race on BLM public lands east of Yerington, Nevada and south of Highway Alternate 95. The main multi lap race, mini race, and pee-wee race would be conducted on Sunday, September 21, 2014.

The proponent proposes to use approximately 97 miles of previously approved routes for this event. The proposed event is a long distance race and would be conducted on established dirt roads and sandy washes. MVDS would use a previously authorized start and finish area approximately four acres in size for these activities. The camp and pit area

is about 12 acres. The camp area would accommodate spectators, parking, and staff camping.

The pit area would accommodate refueling, mechanical repairs and related support of the riders and machines.

There would be approximately 250 total participants (main and mini) and approximately 150 spectators. With officials, spectators and riders, total attendance would be around 400 persons on event day. Portable toilets and a trash dumpster would be provided outside the pit area. Emergency medical personnel would be on-site during the event.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name* Carson City Field Office - Consolidated Resource Management Plan

Date Approved May 2001: 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):

Section 8- REC- 2: Desired Outcomes, 1: "Provide a wide variety of recreation opportunities on public land under the administration of Carson City Field Office."

Section 8 – REC- 2: Land Use Allocation, 1: "All public lands under CFFO jurisdiction are designated open to Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use unless they are specifically restricted or closed."

Section 8 – REC-6: Administrative Actions, 4: "On public land designated open for off-highway vehicles, there will generally be no restrictions on use. Organized competitive OHV events have been allowed in...Wassuk Range...and Carson Rally OHV corridors. Organized events will be handled on a case-by-case basis through the Special Recreation Permit review and Environmental review process. Organized activity is generally restricted to existing roads and trails."

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

Name of Document: Mason Valley Dirt Squirts – Motorcycle Race
Document No: DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2010-0016-DNA
Date of Approval: 8/27/2010

Name of Document: Mason Valley Dirt Squirts- Motorcycle Race
Document No.: DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2009-0018-DNA
Date of Approval: 7/30/2009

Name of Document: Mason Valley Dirt Squirts – OHV Race
Document No.: DNA-NV-030-08-06
Date of Approval: 9/15/2008

Name of Document: Mason Valley Dirt Squirts

Document No.: EA-NV-030-07-027

Date of Approval: 9/14/2007

Cultural Resource Reports: CRR 3-595, CRR 3-1716, CRR 3-1716-1, CRR 3-2410

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

The proposed 2014 event is similar to the Proposed Action analyzed in the 2007 EA and essentially the same as the approved 2007 through 2010 events. The course and pit locations are the same as in previous permitted years (2007-2010). The proposed 2014 event consists of approximately the same type of vehicles, number of entrants and spectators. The event is being held the same time of year as analyzed in the 2007 EA.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Yes. The environmental concerns, interests, and resource values have not changed from the analysis performed in the referenced 2007 EA. The range of alternatives in the 2007 EA remains appropriate.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, range-land health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

The existing 2007 analysis remains valid. No known studies, inventories or assessments have been completed since the 2007 analysis that would change the Finding of No Significant Impact.

The event area is not within preliminary general or preliminary priority habitat for the greater sage-grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*). The anticipated impacts to the resources have not significantly changed from the 2007 EA. The Proposed Action would not have any adverse effect on the range-land health, human health or environment of minority and low income populations. The Proposed Action describes measures that will be taken which will limit and prevent cumulative impacts.

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. The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the current Proposed Action are the same as those analyzed in the 2007 EA both quantitatively and qualitatively and are sufficient.

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

Yes. The 2007 EA provided adequate internal and external review opportunities.

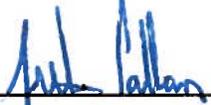
E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted or Notified

Walker River Paiute Tribe	August 7, 2014 Notification Letter
Yerington Paiute Tribe	August 6, 2014 Notification Letter

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

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the Proposed Action and constitute BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.


_____ for Melanie Hornsby
Signature of Project Lead

Date 8/25/14



Signature of Sierra Front Field Office
NEPA Coordinator

Date 8/25/2014



Signature of Stillwater Field Office
NEPA Coordinator

Date Aug. 25, 2014



Signature of Responsible Official
Sierra Front Field Office

Date 9-10-14



Signature of Responsible Official
Stillwater Field Office

Date 9/5/2014

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.



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