

**DECISION MEMORANDUM**  
**British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)**  
**DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2015-0011-CX**  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Ironwood Forest National Monument

**Project Description**

The applicant is requesting a filming permit to film a segment of their One Planet documentary within the Ironwood Forest National Monument. The filming will capture various native vegetation and the desert landscape aimed to capture the low flying point of view of a Harris Hawk. The filming will have minimal impacts to the environment and not cause ground surface disturbance or vegetation damage. The filming methods will be by two methods a standard hand held digital camera, a hand held Movi M10 gyro digital-stabilized camera and typical filming equipment such as tripods. There will be no use of running tracks or octocopters with this permit. Still camera shots will be used to capture still and timelapse filming. The MOVI will capture low level scenes while walking with very little shake.

The filming crew will consist of 6 people, 2 vehicles, and 2 cameras. The permit is requested for 2 days around May 7th through May 11th, with the dates adjusted as needed. The filming will occur within the boundaries of the IFNM; the exact filming areas are not defined at this time but will be determined prior or at the time of the issuance of the permit. TFO and IFNM staff will assist the company in finding suitable filming locations. All vehicular travel will stay on existing roads and trails. There will be off road foot traffic occurring while filming when there is a need to go off road and trail. No wildlife will be harassed or injured by the filming activities, nor will there be any removal of vegetation or new ground disturbance as a result of the filming activities.

**Approval and Decision**

Based on a review of the project described in the attached Categorical Exclusion documentation and Ironwood Forest National Monument staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the Ironwood Forest National Monument Resource Management Plan (approved February 2013) and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed. See the attached permit stipulations.

**Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities**

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the attached Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed at Tucson Field Office, 3201 E Universal Way, Tucson AZ 85756 within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition (pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) (request) for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the Office of the Solicitor (Department of the Interior, Office of the Field Solicitor, Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Court House #404, 401 West Washington Street SPC44, Phoenix, AZ 85003-2151) (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.



Filming Permit Stipulations  
British Broadcasting Corporation-One Planet  
AZA 36724

1. All vehicular filming activities will be contained to existing roads and trails. No off road travel is allowed.
2. There shall be no new ground disturbances as a result of the filming activities.
3. There shall be no vegetation removal or trimming, and no harm or harassment to wildlife.
4. Any subsurface archaeological, historical, or paleontological remains discovered during operation and maintenance shall be left in place; all work in the area shall stop immediately and the Authorized Officer shall be notified immediately. Commencement of work shall be allowed only upon clearance by the Authorized Officer.
5. The permittee will notify the BLM or local law enforcement agencies of any incidents or encounters that pose an unsafe or threat to them and their activities. If necessary the permittee shall leave the area immediately.
6. The uses of any drones or octocopters are prohibited in use of this permit.
7. All trash and debris from the filming activities will be picked up and removed by the permittee. The filming areas will be left cleared of trash and debris.