

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Tres Rios Field Office
29211 HWY 184
Dolores, CO 81323

NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-CO-SO10-2015-0021-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Tres Rios Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: NA

Proposed Action Title/Type: CMAUSA

Location of Proposed Action: T 41N R 7 W

Description of Proposed Action: Group motorcycle rides on the Alpine Loop August 27 – 30 for 1 year. 60 max participants. This will be permitted for 1 year as an organized group permit.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Tres Rios Field Office Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: February 27, 2015

Special recreation permits are issued in order to provide a variety of safe high-quality recreation opportunities to visitors and provide fair return to the United States for commercial recreation use of federal lands. Local outfitters/guides and other recreation professionals provide services to visitors who want additional knowledge, guidance, equipment, and/or support for a safe and rewarding recreational experience within the planning area.

2.15.44 Allowable uses and capacity for specific activities within certain geographic areas are consistent with a capacity and needs analysis. Permitted activities are compatible with the desired ROS setting, and SRMA direction. One time/event permits (competitive, organized group) generally occur outside high use seasons to minimize impacts to casual use visitors and their recreational experience.

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2 11.9 (H) that states:

“Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impacts no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan.”

Compliance and Monitoring: Monitoring will be accomplished by seasonal or permanent recreation and/or law enforcement staff as available to ensure permit stipulations are followed.

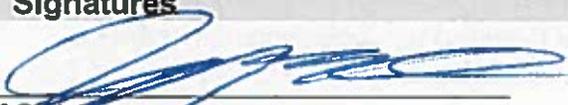
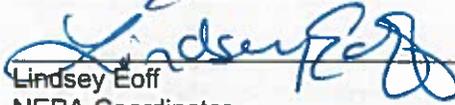
Terms / Conditions / Stipulations: Standard Special Recreation Permit Terms, Conditions, and Stipulations will be signed by all permit applicants prior to permit issuance.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the following extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

Yes	No	Exception
	X	Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.
	X	Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principle drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.
	X	Have highly controversial environmental effects.
	X	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.
	X	Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.
	X	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.
	X	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
	X	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species.
	X	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.
	X	Threaten to violate a Federal, State, Local Government or Tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

I considered the timing, limited scope (number of participants and use of designated routes), and duration of this event and have determined that there is no potential for significant impacts.

D. Signatures

 _____ Jeff Christenson Outdoor Recreation Planner	7/23/15 _____ Date
 _____ Lindsey Eoff NEPA Coordinator	7/23/15 _____ Date
 _____ Connie Clementson Field Office Manager	7.23.15 _____ Date

E. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:

Matt Dayer

970-749-8125