

KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SCOPING FORM

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NEPA Document Number

RMP Implementation No.

Document Location

Land Description:

Applicant: Sharon Noake DBA NATRC – Horse Nut Stables

Authorization: SRP #AZ-310-14-011

Legal Description: T21 R19 and R20

Acres: 40 Acres

INVOLVEMENT: Indicate in the left column which disciplines need to provide information into the EA.

Needed Input (X)	Discipline	Signature
	Lands	
	Minerals	
	Range	
X	Wild Horse and Burro	/s/ Chad Benson 10/15/2014
X	General Recreation	/s/ Matthew Driscoll 06/10/2014
X	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	/s/ Tim Watkins 10/15/2014
	Wilderness	
	Soils	
	Surface and Groundwater Quality/Water Rights	
	Air Quality	
X	Wildlife	/s/ Rebecca Peck 10/20/2014
X	Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals	/s/ Rebecca Peck 10/20/2014
X	Migratory Birds	/s/ Rebecca Peck 10/20/2014
	Surface Protection	
	Hazardous Materials	
X	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	/s/ Rebecca Peck 10/20/2014
	Visual Resources	
	Socio-Economics/Environmental Justice	
	General Botany/Noxious Weeds	
	Energy Policy	

Writer: /s/ Matthew Driscoll

Date: 06/10/2014

Environmental Coordinator: /s/ Daryl Edwards

Date: 10/15/2014

Field Manager: /s/ Ruben Sanchez

Date: 10/22/2014

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

EA Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2015-0007-EA

Lease/Serial Case File No.

Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Competitive Horseback Rides Special Recreation Permit

Location of Proposed Action:

T21N R19W Sections 19, 20, & 30

T21N R20W Sections 23-25

Applicant (if any): Sharon Noake DBA NATRC – Horse Nut Stables

CONFORMANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAND USE PLAN:

This proposed action is in conformance with the Kingman Resource Management Plan approved March 1995.

RR18/V Commercial and competitive recreation uses would continue to be accommodated through the issuance of special recreation permits. Proposals for these permits would be analyzed on a case-by-case basis (page 76).

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR PROPOSED ACTION:

The purpose for the action is to respond to a Special Recreation Permit application to conduct a competitive horseback ride in the Black Mountains. The need is established by 43 CFR 8371 which requires authorization for commercial recreation activities on BLM-administered public lands.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION ALTERNATIVE

Issue a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) to the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) – Horse Nutt Stables for a two-day competitive horseback trail ride event. Rides will consist of a short, long, and open ride (see attached map). The long ride would follow existing BLM routes and navigable washes for approximately 20 miles. The short ride would follow existing BLM routes and navigable washes for approximately 10 miles. The open ride would take place on day-two of the event and follow same route as the day one's short ride. Approximately 5-20 participants are expected in each of the rides. It is likely that the long ride would have closer to 5 participants while the short ride could have closer to 10-15 participants. Two stops would take place on public land (see attached map) and consist of a water stop for the animals and veterinarian check where the animal's pulse would be checked. All staging associated with the event would take place on private lands. In addition, portions of the long, short, and open rides would follow Mohave County maintained dirt roads until reaching BLM-managed public lands.

DESCRIPTION OF NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE

Under the no action alternative, a competitive special recreation permit would not be issued to NATRC – Horse Nutt Stables to conduct competitive horseback rides on BLM-administered public lands.

AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

The affected environment was considered and analyzed by an interdisciplinary team as documented in the KFO Project Scoping Form found in the Administrative Record for this proposal. Resources of concern that are either not present in the project area or would not be impacted to a degree that requires detailed analysis will not be discussed here. Resources which could be impacted by the proposed action or alternatives are discussed below.

This section describes the existing conditions of the environment and expected impacts. The table below summarizes the resources reviewed for this project. Resources not present within the project study area, as well as those present and not affected, are not discussed. Those resources that have been identified by an interdisciplinary team as present and potentially affected are discussed further below.

PROJECT RESOURCE review			
Resources Considered	Not Present	Present and Not Affected	Present and/or Potentially Affected
Air Quality*	X		
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern*		X	
Cultural and Historic*		X	
Environmental Justice* / Socioeconomics	X		
Floodplains*	X		
Grazing			X
Hazardous or Solid Waste*	X		
Invasive and Non-native Species*	X		
Land Use	X		
Migratory Birds*			X
Native American Religious Concerns*		X	
Prime and Unique Farmland*	X		
Threatened, Endangered Species, and Critical Habitat*	X		
Vegetation			X
Visual Resources	X		
Water Quality*	X		
Wetland or Riparian Zones*	X		
Wild and Scenic Rivers*	X		
Wilderness*	X		
Wildlife			X
* Consideration Required By Law or Executive Order			

Present and Not Affected:

Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC): The proposed action occurs within the Black Mountains ACEC. Various resource values exist within the Black Mountains ACEC including premier desert bighorn sheep and wild burro habitat, BLM Sensitive Species plant habitat, outstanding scenic values, open space near major population centers, rare and outstanding cultural resources and high locatable mineral potential. However, as this action is limited in group size and to existing roads, trails, and navigable washes there would be “no affect” to values of the Black Mountains ACEC.

Cultural and Historic: Collection or disturbance of cultural resources would be prohibited in this proposed action and no new ground disturbance would be authorized. In addition, the proponent would ensure that all event participants stay on existing trails/areas of disturbance or in washes to ensure that fragile cultural resources would not be adversely affected.

Wild Horse and Burro: The proposed action occurs within the Black Mountain Herd Management Area. Harassment of wild burros would be prohibited, no impact to wild burros would occur.

Proposed Action

Present and/or Potentially Affected:

Grazing: The proposed action occurs within the Black Mountain Grazing Allotment. Cattle may be flushed from grazing areas as horseback riders pass, but could return to normal grazing habits as these activities are of a short duration. No grazing facilities exist near the proposed race route, reducing the potential for this action to disrupt grazing operations. Under the proposed action any harassment to cattle would be prohibited, limiting the potential for grazing operations to be affected. Furthermore, the grazing allotment permittee would be contacted to be made aware of the event.

Migratory Birds: Migratory birds may occur near the proposed race course, but the primary nesting season is over. The noise and disturbance created from horseback riders and staff associated with the event might flush birds, but disturbance to nesting birds would be unlikely. Aside from the area in the wash where water and a veterinarian would be staged (these disruptions could be up to 8 hours), the horseback riders would pass through a given area rather quickly allowing for any birds that were flushed to return to normal behavior shortly after the riders pass. At the site in the wash, as this area would be staffed with people for a prolonged period of time (6-8 hours), birds may be disturbed for a greater period of time than those along the race course. No nesting habitat would be affected.

Vegetation: Diverse types of vegetation occur proximate to the proposed access routes and photography workshop locations. A potential for the crushing of vegetation exists as the event would follow tight navigable washes, which could only be navigated on horseback. However, through mitigating measures within the supplemental stipulations attached to the permit, the permittee would be responsible for reclamation activities associated with vegetative disturbance.

Wildlife: Proximate to the proposed race route, multiple species of wildlife exist and can be seen. While the race routes are confined to existing trails and navigable washes, the presence of horseback riders and people could cause short term disturbances (maximum of 8 hours) and displacement of wildlife. Harassment of wildlife would be prohibited minimizing the affects to wildlife.

The desert tortoise, a federal candidate species for listing under the Endangered Species Act, exists within a portion of the proposed project area. This area has been designated as Category 3 desert tortoise habitat which is generally characterized by lower densities of desert tortoises minimizing the potential for tortoise encounters or fatalities. Tortoises could be affected by handling of event participants or staff, or injured or killed by horseback riders or vehicle encounters. Mitigating measures such as not handling a tortoise and distributing guides for handling desert tortoise would be in place to minimize the potential for tortoise harassment, injuries, or fatalities in the event of an encounter.

There is a potential for the American peregrine falcon and golden eagle, both of which are BLM Sensitive
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Species, to be encountered within the project area. Nesting birds would be unlikely at this time of year. Individual birds could be disturbed as horseback riders or vehicles pass if they are near event activities. As this event is of a short duration (2 days), birds would be able to return to normal habits upon conclusion of the event. These birds typically nest atop tall escarpments. No nesting habitat would be affected.

There is potential for burrowing owls, a BLM Sensitive Species, and their burrows to be encountered within the project area. There would be no affect to their burrows or fatalities as the route is along existing roads and within washes. Burrowing owls do not nest in wash bottoms or on roads. If encountered at the staging area, disturbance could last 8 hours or less as event staff work in the area.

Multiple bats listed as BLM Sensitive Species exist with the project area. Many of these bats can be found in abandoned mines and in the rock fissures of high cliff faces. Permitted activities would prohibit the entry of event staff or participants into abandoned mines. Additionally, event activities would be limited to existing roads and navigable washes minimizing the potential for bat encounters. Any bat roosts existing proximate to the project area could become adversely affected, but as these activities are short in duration (8 hours or less) the potential for bats to be affected is minimal.

The proposed action would be proximate to bighorn sheep habitat, some of which could be used for lambing in the late winter and spring, and migration. Areas east of Union Pass are critical for bighorn sheep migration from south to north of State Route 68. This migration area is near a portion of the event course (**see attached map**). Frequent disturbance to ewes that are pregnant or have lambs can cause increased heart rates and escape responses. This can result in lower survivorship of lambs. Special Stipulations such as not permitting horseback riders or event staff to approach bighorn sheep and not permitting dogs at the event would help to mitigate and reduce potential human caused impacts to bighorn. Furthermore, as this event is of a short duration (2 days) and takes place in the fall, the event is not expected to affect bighorn lambing habits.

There are no listed species, proposed species, or critical habitat found within the project area. Therefore there would be no affect to threatened and endangered species or critical habitat.

No Action Alternative

Present and/or Potentially Affected:

No commercial Special Recreation Permit would be issued under the “no action” alternative. This could diminish recreational pursuits available within Mohave County and have an adverse effect on tourism associated with BLM-administered public lands.

Cumulative Impacts

There would be no cumulative impacts to:

-Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) as long as all operations would be confined to existing trails/navigable washes and no new ground or vegetative disturbance takes place.

-Cultural and historic resources as long as event operations are confined to existing trails and the permittee follows stipulations prohibiting the entrance into historic buildings and the removal of any artifacts.

-Grazing as long as the permittee stays within the confines of the approved area of operation and there is no harassment of cattle or vandalism to range facilities.

- Migratory birds as long as the permittee stays on approved race routes, uses the designated staging location, and adheres to the amount of time spent on public lands as outlined in the permit.
- Vegetation as long as the permittee stays on approved access routes and uses the designated staging location.
- Wildlife, candidate, and proposed species as long as the permittee stays within the confines of the approved area of operation and Special Stipulations are enforced.

DESCRIPTION OF MITIGATION MEASURES AND RESIDUAL IMPACTS:

There would be no residual impacts with implementation of the proposed action if mitigating measures are applied.

Mitigation Measures:

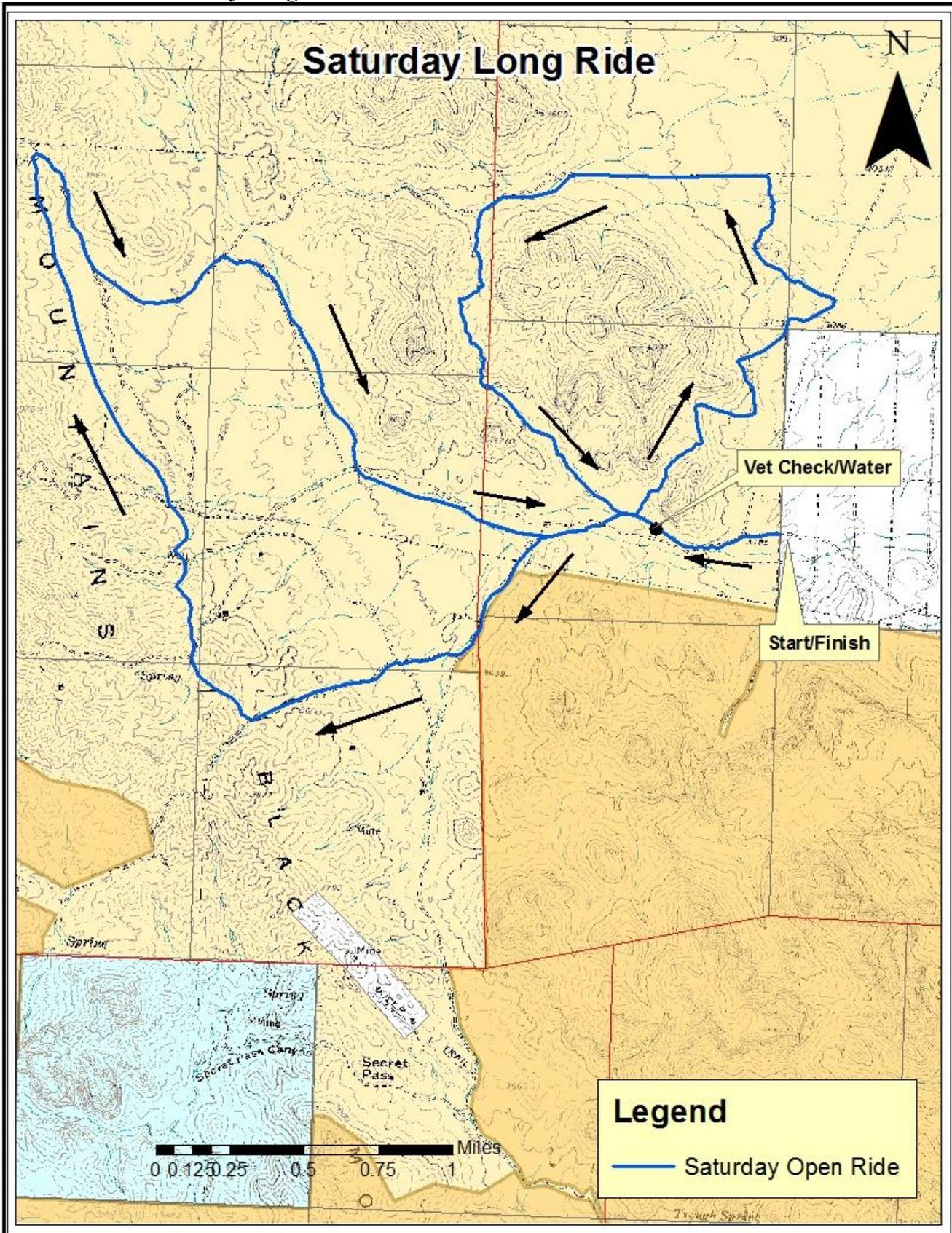
1. NATRC competitive horseback ride would be monitored by BLM recreation staff for compliance with supplementary stipulations attached to the Special Recreation Permit.
2. Desert tortoise handling guidelines (**see attachment 2**) would be handed out and explained to all staff and event participants prior to the race.

PERSONS/AGENCIES CONSULTED:

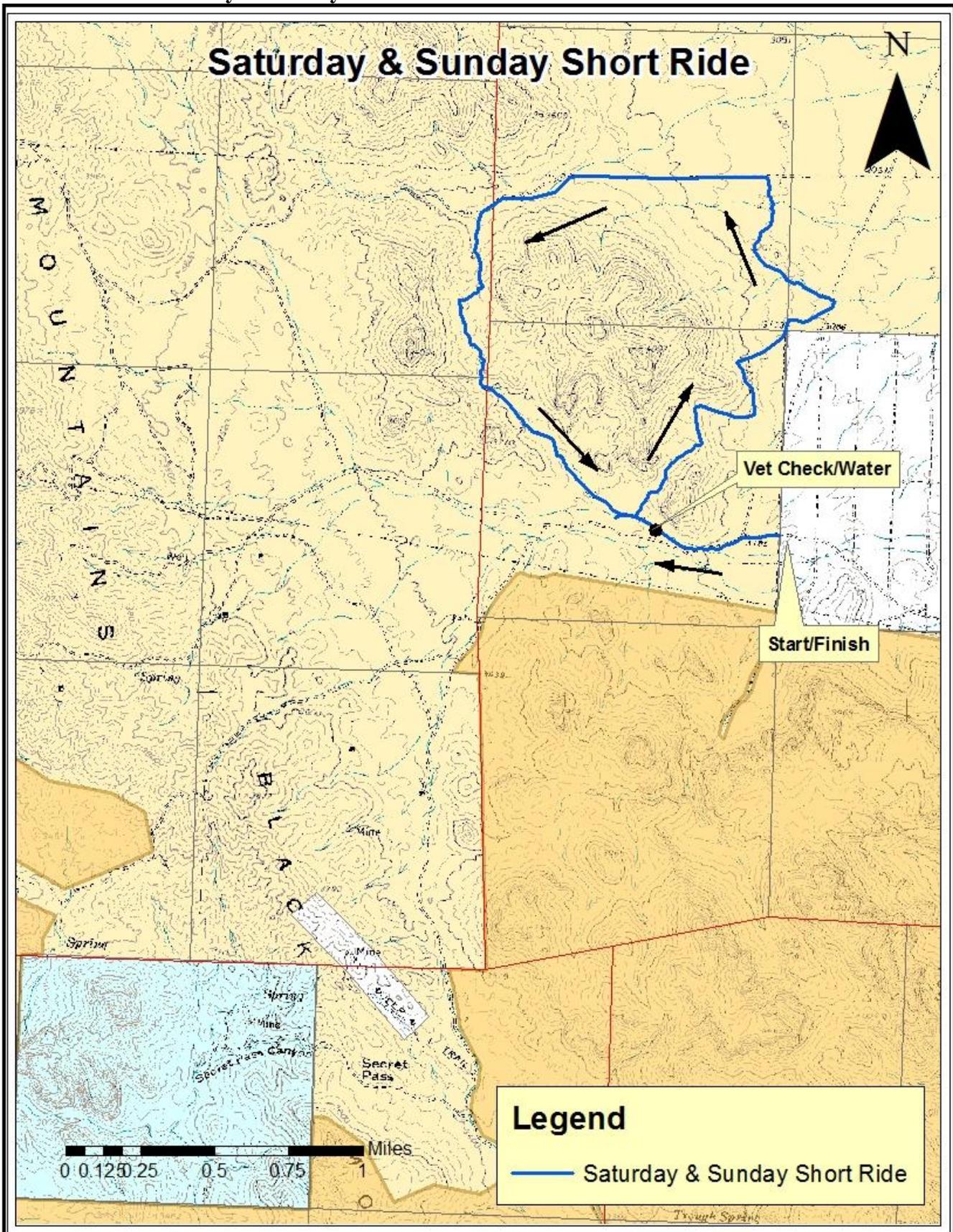
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Attachment 1: Saturday Long Ride



Attachment 1: Saturday & Sunday Short Rides



Attachment 2:
NATRC Competitive Event



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GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING DESERT TORTOISE ENCOUNTERED ON ROADS, VEHICLE WAYS AND PROJECT AREAS

1. Stop your vehicle and allow the tortoise to move off the road.
 2. If the tortoise is not moving, gently** pick up the tortoise and move it approximately 200 feet off the road to a shaded location.
 - a. Do not turn the tortoise over.
 - b. Move the tortoise in the direction it was traveling. If it was crossing the road, move it in the direction it was crossing.
 - c. Keep the tortoise within 12-18 inches of the ground, move slowly so as not to cause it to become alarmed.
 - d. Release the tortoise under the shade of a bush or rock.
- ** Tortoise store water in their bladder. If a tortoise becomes alarmed its defense is to void its bladder onto the captor. This could lead to dehydration of the tortoise and potentially to death.
3. Prior to moving any parked vehicle or equipment at project sites, check for tortoise under the vehicle.



FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT/DECISION RECORD.

I have reviewed this environmental assessment including the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant environmental impacts. I have determined that the proposed action with the mitigation measures described below will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan. It is my decision to implement the project with the stipulations identified below.

Stipulations to attach to permit/Remarks:

See attached special stipulations and guidelines for handling desert tortoise.

Authorized Official: \s\ Ruben Sanchez Date: 10/22/2014

Ruben Sanchez
Field Manager
Kingman Field Office

DECISION RECORD

KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE

Competitive Horseback Rides Special Recreation Permit NEPA# DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2015-0007-EA

It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action with mitigation measures as described in Environmental Assessment **DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2015-0007-EA**. This decision will result in the issuance of a competitive Special Recreation Permit to NATRC – Horse Nutt Stables authorizing a one-time competitive horseback ride in the Black Mountains on public lands.

Monitoring of this permit will be performed by the recreation staff of the Kingman Field Office. The staff will hand out and explain the guidelines for handling desert tortoise (Attachment 2) to event staff prior to the issuance of the permit and stipulate that tortoise handling guidelines be explained to participants.

Rationale:

My decision to approve the Proposed Action analyzed in **DOI-BLM-AZ-C010-2015-0007-EA** is based on the following:

The Proposed Action has been analyzed, with no significant impacts anticipated, as stated in the FONSI signed on October 22, 2014 thus an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The environmental assessment adequately covers all affected resource values.

Implementation of the proposed action with mitigation measures provides a unique opportunity for competitive horseback riding in the Kingman area while reducing or eliminating environmental impacts to the Sonoran desert tortoise and its habitat.

The decision to allow the Proposed Action with mitigation measures does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation, and is in conformance with the *Kingman Resource Management Plan* and *Black Mountain Ecosystem Management Plan and Environmental Assessment*.

Alternatives Considered:

Propose Action: Issue a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) to the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) – Horse Nutt Stables for a two-day competitive horseback trail ride event. Rides will consist of a short, long, and open ride (see attached map). The long ride would follow existing BLM routes and navigable washes for approximately 20 miles. The short ride would follow existing BLM routes and navigable washes for approximately 10 miles. The open ride would take place on day-two of the event and follow same route as the day one's short ride. Two stops would take place on public land (see attached map) and consist of a water stop for the animals and veterinarian check where the animal's pulse would be checked. All staging associated with the event would take place on private lands. In addition, portions of the long, short, and open rides would follow Mohave County maintained dirt roads until reaching BLM-managed public lands.

Mitigation Measures:

1. NATRC competitive horseback ride would be monitored by BLM recreation staff for compliance with supplementary stipulations attached to the Special Recreation Permit.

2. Desert tortoise handling guidelines (see **attachment 2**) would be handed out and explained to all staff and event participants prior to the race.

No Action Alternative: Under this alternative, a competitive special recreation permit would not be issued to NATRC – Horse Nutt Stables to conduct competitive horseback rides on BLM-administered public lands.

Appeals:

In accordance with Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 2931.8(a) and (b), if you are adversely affected by this decision, you may appeal the decision under Title 43 CFR, Part 4 and Part 1840. This decision will go into effect immediately and will remain in effect while appeals are pending unless a stay is granted under 43 CFR 4.21(b).

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Approved By:

 /s\ Ruben Sanchez
Ruben Sanchez
Field Manager
Kingman Field Office

 10/22/2014
Date

SPECIAL STIPULATIONS
for
2014 NATRC Competitive Horseback Ride
Special Recreation Permit
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General

1. The permittee shall comply with all Federal, State, and Local laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, postings, or written requirements applicable to the area or operations covered by the Special Recreation Permit. The permittee shall ensure that all persons operating under the authorization have obtained all required Federal, State, and local licenses or registrations. The permittee shall make every reasonable effort to ensure compliance with these requirements by all agents of the permittee and by all clients, customers, participants, or spectators under the permittee's supervision.
2. A Special Recreation Permit authorizes special uses of the public lands and related waters and, should circumstances warrant, the permit may be modified by the BLM at any time, including the amount of use. The authorized officer may suspend a SRP if necessary to protect public resources, health, safety, the environment, or noncompliance with permit stipulations.
3. No value shall be assigned to or claimed for the permit, or for the occupancy or use of Federal lands or related waters granted thereupon. The permit privileges are not to be considered property on which the permittee shall be entitled to earn or receive any return, income, price or compensation. The use of a permit as collateral is not recognized by the BLM.
4. Unless expressly stated, the SRP does not create an exclusive right of use of an area by the permittee. The permittee shall not interfere with other valid uses of the Federal land by other users. The United States reserves the right to use any part of the area for any purpose.
5. The permittee or permittee's representative may not assign, contract, or sublease any portion of the permit authorization or interest therein, directly or indirectly, voluntarily or involuntarily. However, the authorized officer may approve contracting of equipment or services in advance, if necessary to supplement a permittee's operations. Such contracting should not constitute more than half the required equipment or services for any one trip and the permittee must retain operational control of the permitted activity. If equipment or services are contracted, the permittee shall continue to be responsible for compliance with all stipulations and conditions of the permit.
6. All advertising and representations made to the public and the authorized officer must be accurate. Although the addresses and telephone numbers of the BLM may be included in advertising materials, official agency symbols may not be used. The permittee shall not use advertising that attempts to portray or represent the activities as being conducted by the BLM. The permittee may not portray or represent the permit fee as a special Federal user's tax. The permittee must furnish the authorized officer with any current brochure and price list if requested by the authorized officer.
7. The permittee must assume responsibility for inspecting the permitted area for any existing or new hazardous conditions, e.g., trail and route conditions, land-slides, avalanches, rocks, changing water or weather conditions, falling limbs or trees, submerged objects, hazardous wildlife, or other hazards that present risks for which the permittee assumes responsibility.
8. In the event of default on any mortgage or other indebtedness, such as bankruptcy, creditors shall not succeed to the operating rights or privileged of the permittee's SRP.

9. The permittee cannot, unless specifically authorized, erect, construct, or place any building, structure, or other fixture on public lands. Upon leaving, the lands must be restored as nearly as possible to pre-existing conditions.
 10. The permittee must present or display a copy of the Special Recreation Permit to an authorized officer's representative, or law enforcement personnel upon request. If required, the permittee must display a copy of the permit or other identification tag on equipment used during the period of authorized use.
 11. The authorized officer, or other duly authorized representative of the BLM, may examine any of the records or other documents related to the permit, the permittee or the permittee's operator, employee, or agent for up to three (3) years after expiration of the permit.
 12. A Posts Use Report shall be submitted to the BLM Authorized Officer, and will include a detailed summary of the number of participants associated with the event. The Post Use Report would be submitted 30 days after the conclusion of the event.
 13. The applicant/permittee is required to provide the Authorized Officer with a copy of a valid insurance policy or proof thereof covering the periods of use, before any use under this permit begins. The required minimum general liability limits are: \$500,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 annual aggregate for bodily injury; and \$30,000 annual aggregate for property damage. The U.S. Government must be named as additional insured on the policy. All liability policies are to specify that the insurance company shall have no right of subrogation (substitution) against the United States of America. The permittee shall indemnify and hold harmless the United States against any liability for personal injury, loss of life, or property damage arising in any way from activities under the permit.
 14. The permittee shall pay BLM a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) fee of \$105, effective March 1, 2014. The permittee shall pay BLM 3% of the gross receipts; \$5.00 per participant; or the minimum SRP fee, whichever is greater. The minimum advance fee of \$105.00 will be required.
 15. The permittee will keep detailed records of number of participants and fees collected for each route used (Long Ride and Short Ride). BLM use fees will be calculated at 3 percent of gross profits or \$5.00 per participant collected using the formula shown below:
(total fees) x (public land discount factor**) x (3 %) = fees due (minimum \$105.00).
- **Long Ride is 42 percent public land = 0.6 public land discount factor
Short Ride is 23 percent public land = 0.6 public land discount factor
16. The permittee shall notify the authorized officer of any accident that occurs while involved in activities authorized by this permit which results in: death, personal injury requiring hospitalization or emergency evacuation, or in property damage greater than \$2,500 (lesser amounts if established by State law). Reports should be submitted within 48 hours in the case of death or injury, or 10 days in accidents involving property damage.
 17. The permit shall not be construed in any way as preventing public use or access on any public lands except as expressly allowed under the permit.
 18. Harassment of livestock, wildlife, or destruction of private and public improvements such as fences and gates is prohibited. The taking of any threatened or endangered plant or animal is prohibited.

19. Harassment and/or destruction of wild burros is prohibited under the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971, 43 CFR4770.1 (a, b, and c). Any violations of the prohibited acts under§4770.1 may result in suspension or cancellation of the permit (§4770.2 (a)) and/or criminal penalties under § 4770.5.
20. The collection of artifacts or disturbance of archaeological resources on Federal Lands is prohibited and is prosecutable under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979 as amended. Disturbance of human graves is prohibited under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Actions other than those explicitly approved by the Bureau of Land Management, which result in impacts upon archaeological or historical resources, shall be subject to the provisions of ARPA as well as the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The permittee will immediately bring to the attention of the Authorized Officer any archaeological or historical resources encountered during permitted operations and maintain the integrity of such resources pending subsequent investigation.
21. Special collection of artifacts (either historic or prehistoric) or fossils, by permittee or participants on public land is prohibited. The definition of an artifact is anything over 50 years old that has been made, used or modified by a human. Permittee is required to inform all participants that collecting artifacts, theft or vandalism of any cultural property is a violation of the above mentioned Federal and/or State laws.
22. The permittee would practice Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Outdoor Ethics principles.
23. Any open mine shafts, abandoned mine structures, and/or wilderness intrusions observed by the permitted would be documented and reported to the BLM Authorized Officer within 24 hours of discovery.
24. All known mineshafts and/or abandoned mine structures would be fenced or filled before authorization of the special recreation permit.
25. Failure to comply with permit stipulations may result in denial of future permit authorizations for these events, or revocation of permits already issued.

Horseback Ride Operations

26. All activities associated with the event including water stations, veterinarian check stations, etc. would take place in previously disturbed areas. No vehicle travel or staging areas associated with the event would take place outside of this corridor and would not be permitted unless authorized in advance by the BLM Authorized Officer.
27. All activities authorized under the Special Recreation Permit shall stay on the authorized access routes. Straying from the approved event course is prohibited.
28. In the event of vehicles leaving the established road (for whatever reason), removal of the vehicle and reclamation (raking of surface disturbance, appropriate removal of spilled oil/fuel, re-vegetation) of disturbed areas will be required to the satisfaction of the BLM Authorized Officer.
29. Nothing in this permit implies permission to use non-Federal land administered by the BLM. It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to coordinate the event with Arizona State Lands Department (ASLD) as necessary, and to obtain written authorization to cross or utilize non-BLM administered land such as ASLD, Mohave County Road Department, Arizona Department of Transportation and private property.

30. Under no circumstances shall the permittee mark the approved area of operation by placing signs, painting rocks or painting plants.
31. Horses and mules will not be tied to vegetation at any time.
32. Riders and horses/mules will remain on the existing jeep trails and/or in washes along the authorized routes. Every effort will be made to avoid trampling vegetation along the routes.
33. Riders are prohibited from approaching bighorn sheep on foot or on horses.
34. No feeding of horses, mules or livestock will occur on public lands.
35. All gates along event routes shall be left as they are found.
36. Permittee would be responsible for handling emergency situations by calling 911 and/or appropriate emergency services.
37. In the event that a vehicle associated with the event injures livestock or wild burros BLM personnel and/or the grazing permittee in the area will be immediately contacted to make an evaluation of the animal's condition. Under no circumstance will any person other than BLM personnel or the animal's owner be permitted to make a final evaluation of the animal's condition, or to destroy an animal that appears to be suffering.
38. All migratory birds shall be observed from a distance. Any injured wildlife shall be reported to the Arizona Game & Fish Dept. at (928)342-0091.
39. Permittee will ensure that event participants stay no less than 15 feet away from open mine shafts. Under no circumstances may the permittee or participants enter historic buildings or mineshafts.
40. All motor vehicle use associated with the horseback rides will be conducted in a safe manner; reckless driving and/or excessive speed are permit violations.
41. All motor vehicle use will comply with existing local off-highway vehicle regulations. "Local off-highway vehicle regulations" refer to BLM Off-highway vehicle designations on BLM administered lands as established in the Resource Management Planning process, or in emergency closures authorized by a BLM manager.
42. No dogs are permitted in association with horseback event.
43. If burrows from burrowing owls are discovered they would be reported to a BLM authorized officer and left undisturbed.
44. No one associated with the competitive horseback event would approach or make contact with hunters during hunting season.
45. The permittee will submit copies of current Coggins tests, indicating negative results, and health records for all domestic horses and mules used in connection with the operation, prior to commencing activities.

Roadway Surface Concerns

46. There would be no mechanized modification of the existing roadway by the permittee. Should

mechanized maintenance be required, the permittee would submit a description of the proposed repair/maintenance for review and approval of the BLM prior to conducting maintenance to the road.

47. BLM reserves the right to postpone or cancel the event if weather conditions create a soft road surface that would be conducive to unacceptable road damage by transport vehicles.
48. Permittee would monitor road conditions for ruts greater than two inches deep. If such conditions occur during the event, all horseback rides would cease until weather and road conditions improve.