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Chapter 1. Categorical Exclusion Worksheet

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A. Background

NEPA ID No: DOI-BLM-NV-E000-2015-0008-CX

BLM Office: NV - Elko DO

LLNVE0000

Prepared by: Kristine Dedolph, Outdoor Recreation Planner

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: NV 0300 SRP 15-04

Type of Action (Subject Code): 2930

Location of Proposed Action: All permitted NDOW hunting units within Nevada.

Applicant: Doyle Moss

Description of Proposed Action: Mossback Outfitters would be granted a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) in order to conduct commercial Outfitter and Guide Operations within the Elko District. In addition to regular guiding operations the permittee would also be allowed to film hunts within the District pursuant to IM NV-2010-064. The permittee would be subject to all general and specific resource stipulations associated with the SRP and subject to forfeiture if not found in compliance with stated stipulations at all times.

The proponent is applying for a statewide Outfitter and Guide Special Recreation Permit for all NDOW hunting units within the state. This CX analyzes these activities for the Elko District Office. Elko would be the lead office for this permit and ensure that other offices around the state are in concurrence with this action according to Nevada IM NV-2010-060.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: NV - Elko and Wells RMPs

Date Approved/Amended: 1987 and 1985 respectively.

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

Elko Resource Management Plan – Elko Record of Decision, 1987, Page 15, Recreation, paragraph 5: Manage the remainder of the planning area for dispersed recreation activities.

Wells Resource Management Plan — Wells Record of Decision 1985, Page 15, Recreation Management Actions, paragraph 5: Continue to extensively manage the remainder of Wells RA for dispersed recreation. **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 decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions) :**

N/A

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with BLM Categorical Exclusion pursuant to 516 DM 11.9.

H. Recreation Management, 1. 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. This CX cannot be used for commercial boating permits along Wild and Scenic Rivers. This CX cannot be used for the establishment or issuance of Special Recreation Permits for “Special Area” management (43 CFR 2932.5)

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 extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

D. Conclusion and Signature

Based upon this review, I have determined that the Proposed Action, as described, is in conformance with the land use plan and meets the criteria for the selected CX. There is no potential for significant impacts. Therefore, the action is excluded from further environmental analysis and documentation.

/s/ Jill C. Silvey 6/19/2015

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Date

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* NOTE A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.

Chapter 2. Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances

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Each of the following questions must be answered negatively, with concurrence from all resource specialists participating on the interdisciplinary team (IDT), before this CX may be approved (516 DM).

Table 2.1. Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances

Resource Concerns	Yes	No
1. Will this project have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?		X
2. Will this project adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as: (a) historic or cultural resources; (b) park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers; (c) sole or principal drinking water aquifers; (d) prime farmlands, wetlands, flood plains, or (e) ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department of the Interior's National Register of Natural Landmarks?		(a) X (b) X (c) X (d) X (e) X
3. Will this project have highly controversial environmental effects?		X
4. Will this project have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X
5. Will this project establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X
6. Will this project be related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?		X
7. Will this project have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?		X
8. Will this project have adverse effects on species listed or proposed for listing on the Threatened or Endangered Species List, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?		X
9. Will this project require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?		X
10. Will this project threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X
11. Will this project 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— Sacred Sites)		X
12. Will this project contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species?		X

Table 2.2. Reviewer Comments and Concurrence

Resource	Specialist Name	Comments	Initials	Date
Wells Field Office Manager	B. Mulligan	None	/s/ BAM	6/18/2015
Tuscarora Field Office Manager	R. Adams	No concerns	/s/ DNMcF acting for	6/18/2015
Wells AFM-Non-Renewable	W. Wirthlin	No concerns	/s/ WW	6/17/2015
Wells AFM-Renewable	M. Mirati	No concerns	/s/ MM	6/17/2015
Tuscarora AFM-Non-Renewable	D. McFarlane	No concerns	/s/ DNMcF	6/18/2015
Tuscarora AFM-Renewable	S. Servoss		/s/ SRS	6/17/2015

Air/Hydrology/Soils	B. Wood	No concerns	/s/ BDW	6/17/2015
Archaeology/ Cultural Resources	W. Allen	Sec. 43–46	/s/ GWA	6/16/2015
Environmental Justice	T. Dobis	No concerns	/s/ TKD	6/16/2015
Fisheries	B. Wood	No concerns	/s/ BDW	6/17/2015
Health and Safety	W. Wirthlin	No concerns	/s/ WW	6/17/2015
Native American Concerns	R. Adkins	No concerns	/s/ RAD	6/17/2015
NEPA	T. Dobis	No concerns	/s/ TKD	6/16/2015
Range Management/ Grazing	C. Stott		/s/ CS	6/16/2015
Recreation	K. Dedolph	No concerns	/s/ KMD	6/16/2015
Weeds	S. Cisney	No concerns	/s/ T. Warren	6/18/2015
Wild Horses & Burros	B. Thompson	No concerns	/s/ BWCT	6/17/2015
Wildlife	K. Fischer	No concerns	/s/ KDF	6/17/2015