

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

**Categorical Exclusion
Hidden Lake Outfitters**

PREPARING OFFICE

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Tuscarora Field Office
3900 E. Idaho St.
Elko, NV USA
753.753.0200



Categorical Exclusion

Hidden Lake Outfitters

Prepared by
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Elko District Office
Elko, NV

This page intentionally
left blank

Table of Contents

1. Categorical Exclusion Worksheet 1

This page intentionally
left blank

List of Tables

Table 1.1. Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances 3
Table 1.2. Reviewers and Comments 4

This page intentionally
left blank

Chapter 1. Categorical Exclusion Worksheet

Hidden Lake Outfitters Special Recreation Permit

This page intentionally
left blank

A. Background

DOI-BLM-NV-E000-2015-0004-CX

BLM Office: NV - Elko DO — LLNVE01000

Special Recreation Permit Case File No.: SRP-02-06010-15-03

Proposed Action Title/Type: Special Recreation Permit

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

Description of Proposed Action: The proposed action is to authorize commercial Outfitter and Guide (O&G) use in the BLM Elko District by Henry Krenka of Hidden Lake Outfitters and issue a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) in accordance with the permit policy outlined in H-2930-1 Recreation Permit and Fee Administration Handbook, applicable state and federal regulations, and land use plan decisions (see Appendix A - Regulatory Requirements) for a period of ten years. The proposed action doesn't includes authorizing use of areas with special designations, such as Wilderness Study Areas (WSA).

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.

The proposed action includes stipulations for the O&G to follow within Bureau of Land Management lands in Nevada and additional stipulations for Black Rock Desert – High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area, Carson City, Ely and Southern Nevada BLM Districts (Appendix B- Statewide Outfitter and Guide Stipulations) and (Appendix C- Special Stipulations for Outfitter and Guides operating within the Southern Nevada BLM District).

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: NV - Elko and Wells RMPs

Date Approved/Amended: 1987 & 1985 respectively

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

Elko Resource Management Plan Record of Decision, Issue Recreation, Management Prescription #2: Manage the remainder of the planning area for dispersed recreation activities (p. 2).

Wells Resource Management Plan Record of Decision, Issue #4 – Recreation Management, Management Decision #5: Extensively manage remainder of Resource Area for dispersed recreation (p. 7).

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 11.9.

Sec. 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 other 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 establishment of 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.

Richard E. Adams, Acting 8/12/2015

Jill C. Silvey
Elko District Manager

Date

Contact Person

Jason Dobis — Acting Outdoor Recreation Planner
Tuscarora Field Office
3900 E. Idaho St.
Elko, NV 89801
775.753.0288 — jdobis@blm.gov

Table 1.1. Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances

Resource Concerns: Each of the following questions must be answered negatively, by all resource specialists participating on the interdisciplinary team before this CX may be approved (516DM).	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 1.2. Reviewers and Comments

Resource	Specialist Name	Comment	Initials
Field Manager	Rich Adams		/s/ RA 6/26
AFM – Nonreturnable	Deb McFarlane	No Issues	/s/ DNM 6/9/15
AFM — Renewable	Shawn Servoss	spelling	/s/ SRS 6/12/15
Acting Field Manager	Bryan Mulligan	—	/s/ BM 6/26/15
Acting AFM — Non-Renewable	Whitney Wirthlin	No Issues	/s/ WW 6/9/15
AFM – Renewable	Melane Mirati	No Issues	/s/ MMirati 6/10/2015
Archaeology Cultural/Native American Concerns	Richard Adkins	Add Tribal stip.	/s/ RADkins
Biologist, Fisheries and/or Wildlife	Ken Wilkinson	No known issues	/s/ KW 6/18/2015
Acting Outdoor Recreation Planner	Jason Dobis	No Issues	/s/ JJD 6/22/15
Weed Specialist	Sam Cisney	See below	/s/ SC 6/16/15
NEPA	Terri Dobis	No Issues	/s/ TKD 6/15/15

Weed Specialist Comments:

- All equipment (vehicles, ATV/UTV, trailers, etc) must be cleaned prior to arrival on BLM lands with particular attention given to undercarriage & moving parts. “Clean” is defined as being free of plant parts (seeds & propagules) and mud, which may also contain plant parts (#19, p. 5).
- Avoid travelling, camping, & set-up/staging in weed infestations.