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Chapter 1. Categorical Exclusion Worksheet

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A. Background

NEPA ID No: DOI-BLM-NV-E030–2015–0025–CX

BLM Office: Wells Field Office

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Prepared by: Kristine Dedolph

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: NV-SRP-15–06

Type of Action (Subject Code): 2932

Location of Proposed Action: The legal description of the affected public lands is for existing routes in T 32N R 68E, T32N R69E, T 31N R 68E, T 31N R 69E, occurring east of the Bluebell Wilderness Study Area (WSA) and west of US Highway Alternate 93. See included map

Applicant: Paul Day, Desert Foxes

Description of Proposed Action: Desert Foxes applied for a SRP to run a motorcycle race on September 19, 2015 using existing trails and routes 7 miles south of Wendover. Most activity will take place the day of the event, but a staff of 10-20 will be on hand the day before and the day after for set up and take down. Attendance averages around 250 people with a maximum of 400 spectators/racers, and 80 staff. This event has been run in the same area for the past 16 years, and has been run under the CX authority for the past 8 years. The pit/parking area is noted on the map and is the same area which has been used in prior years and previously analyzed. For more information please see the attached stipulations, and associated documents.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Wells RMP

Date Approved/Amended: 07/16/1985

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/ Melanie A. Peterson 8/25/2015

Melanie A. Peterson
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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
AFM- Non-Renewables	Wes Allen, Acting for Bryan Mulligan	No concerns	/s/ WA	8/20/15
AFM- Renewables	Melanie Mitchell	—	/s/ MM	8/20/2015
Air/Hydrology/Soils	Beth Wood	No concerns	/s/ BW	8/13/15
Archaeology	Wes Allen	Stay on existing roads.	/s/ WA	8/18/15
Cultural Resources	Wes Allen	“ “ ”	/s/ WA	8/18/15
Environmental Justice	Adkins	No Concerns	/s/ RA	8/19/15
Fisheries	Beth Wood	No concerns	/s/ BW	8/13/15
Health and Safety	Harley Gordon	No concerns	/s/ HG	8/17/15
Native American Concerns	Rich Adkins	No Concerns	/s/ RA	8/19/15

NEPA	Terri Dobis	No concerns	/s/ TKD	8/20/15
Range Management/ Grazing	Melanie Mitchell	No concerns	/s/ MM	8/24/15
Recreation	Kristine Dedolph	No Concerns	/s/ KMD	8/24/15
Weeds	Tom Warren	No Concerns	/s/ TW	8/21/15
Wild Horses & Burros	Melanie Mitchell	No concerns	/s/ MM	8/24/15
Wildlife	Cam Collins	No concerns	/s/ CPC	8/24/15