

**United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

**Categorical Exclusion Not Established By Statute
DOI-BLM-UTY010-2015-0252 CX**

September, 2015

Special Recreation Permit for Skydive Canyonlands

Location: Landing zone off at the Mineral Bottom Airstrip within the Moab Field Office

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Exceptions to Categorical Exclusion Documentation

The action has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) apply. The project would:

Extraordinary Circumstances		
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: The proposed use would not impact public health or safety as any operations would be in accordance with Utah Health & Safety regulations.
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There are no unique geographic characteristics nor any special areas in the area of the trail system.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102 (2) (E)].		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: There is no controversy concerning the proposed action.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: There are no unique environmental risks or uncertain effects.
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: The proposed action establishes no precedents for future actions.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: There are no cumulative environmental effects.
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.		
Yes	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rationale: Use of on designated roads would not have significant impacts.

Extraordinary Circumstances

8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.

Yes	No X	Rationale: There are no impacts upon T and E species, as all travel would be on designated roads and trails.
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9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

Yes	No X	Rationale: The action does not violate any laws.
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10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).

Yes	No X	Rationale: There are no effects on low income or minority populations
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11. 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).

Yes	No X	Rationale: There are no Indian sacred sites in the area.
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12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).

Yes	No X	Rationale: The activity would not introduce noxious weeds.
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Canyonlands
 Skydive : DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2015-0252-ex
 Categorical Exclusion Review Record

The following elements are not present in the Moab Field Office and have been removed from the checklist:
 Farmlands (Prime or Unique), Wild Horses and Burros.

Resource	Yes/No*	Assigned Specialist Signature	Date
Air Quality	No	Am Amm	9-22-15
Floodplains	No	Am Amm	9-22-15
Water Quality (drinking or ground)	No	Am Amm	9-22-15
Wetlands / Riparian Zones	No	Am Amm	9-22-15
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	No	K Stevens	9-22-15
Wild and Scenic Rivers	No	K Stevens	9-22-15
Wilderness	No	M Stevens	9-22-15
Native American Religious Concerns	No	M Stevens	9-22-15
Cultural Resources	No	M Stevens	9-22-15
Environmental Justice	No	M Stevens	9-22-15
Wastes (hazardous or solid)	No	J Davis	9/22/15
Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Animal Species	No	D Williams	9/22/15
Migratory Birds	No	D Williams	9/22/15
Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Plant Species	No	D Williams	9/22/15
Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds	No	Jordan Davis	9-22-15
Other:			

*Extraordinary Circumstances apply.

Environmental Coordinator KC Stevens

Date: 9/22/15

DECISION RECORD
Skydive Canyonlands (Commercial Skydiving)
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I have reviewed this categorical exclusion and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the Moab Field Office RMP, approved October 2008 and that no further environmental analysis is required.

DECISION:

It is my decision to authorize a Special Recreation Permit for Skydive Canyonlands for commercial skydiving activities. This decision is contingent upon meeting all stipulations and monitoring requirements imposed by the Moab Field Office.

RATIONALE:

The decision to authorize a Special Recreation Permit for Skydive Canyonlands has been made in consideration of the environmental impacts of the proposed action. The action is in conformance with the Moab Resource Management Plan, which allows for recreation use permits for a wide variety of uses to enhance outdoor recreational opportunities, provide opportunities for private enterprise, manage user-group interaction, and limit the impacts to such uses upon natural and cultural resources.

APPEALS:

The decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. Public notification of this decision will be considered to have occurred on September 23, 2015. Within 30 days of this decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at the Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, Utah 84532. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed with the Authorized Officer.



Authorized Officer



Date