

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW**

OFFICE: Eugene District Office

TRACKING NUMBER: DOI-BLM-OR-E000-2016-0001-CX

PROJECT NAME: Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) for FY 2016

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION

***Siuslaw Field Office:***

Whittaker Creek Recreation Site (T18S, R8W, Section 21);  
Clay Creek (T20S, R7W, Section 19);  
Lake Creek Recreation Site (T16S, R7W, Section 19);  
Hult Reservoir Recreation Site (T15S, R7W, Section 7);  
Carpenter Bypass Non-motorized trail system (T20S, R5W, Sections 23, 27 and 35).

***Upper Willamette Field Office:***

Sharps Creek Recreation Site (T22S, R1W, Sec15);  
Row River Trail (T21S, R3W; T20S, R3W; T20S, R2W; T21S, R2W; T21S, R1W);  
McKenzie River Corridor (T17S, R1E; T16S, R2E; T16S, R3E; T17S, R2E; T17S, R3E);  
Shotgun Creek Recreation Site (T15S, R1W, Sections 31, 32);  
Shotgun OHV Trail System (T15S, R2W; T15S, R1W).

**A. Description of Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures**

***Siuslaw and Upper Willamette Field Offices:***

Competitive and/or organized group events including commercial events such as camping, hiking, biking events, running races, weddings and conferences/meetings requiring special recreation permits at the recreation sites listed above. This CX will be effective until the end of the Calendar Year 2016. These activities would not create new ground disturbance or generate noise to the level that may result in adverse effects to species listed under the endangered species act or Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles. Resource specialists will review the SRP applications as needed to ensure compliance with this CX.

The SRPs have stipulations, fees and requirements associated with the proposed activities along with an operating plan.

**B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance**

**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 decisions:**

LUP Name: Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (RMP), as amended.  
Date Approved: June 1995, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions: "Provide a wide range of developed and dispersed recreation opportunities that contribute to meeting projected recreation demand within the planning area," and "Support locally sponsored tourism initiatives and community economic strategies by providing recreation projects and programs that benefit short and long-term implementation" (Eugene District RMP, 1995, p.80).

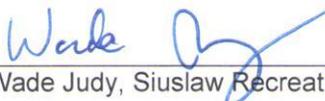
**C. Compliance with NEPA**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, H (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 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. Signature**

*Signature of Project Leads:*

  
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Wade Judy, Siuslaw Recreation Planner

Date: 12/09/15

  
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Liz Aleman, Upper Willamette Recreation Planner

Date: 15 Dec 15

*Signature of NEPA Coordinators:*

  
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Sharmila Premdas, Siuslaw Planning and Environmental Coordinator

Date: 12/9/2015

  
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Kristine Struck, Upper Willamette Planning and Environmental Coordinator

Date: 12/9/2015

*Signature of the Responsible Officials:*

  
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Kathy Stangl, Eugene District Manager

Date: 12/15/15

  
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Michael J. Korn, Siuslaw Field Office Manager

Date: 12/9/2015

  
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William O'Sullivan, Upper Willamette Field Office Manager

Date: 12/10/15

**Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this Categorical Exclusion review, contact the following:

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## EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES CHECKLIST

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Review the proposed action against each of the 12 "extraordinary circumstances" listed below. Any action that is normally categorically excluded must be subjected to sufficient environmental review to determine whether it meets any of the extraordinary circumstances, in which case, further analysis and environmental documents must be prepared for the action. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Extraordinary Circumstances	YES	NO
<p><b>1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> The proposed actions would follow standard health and safety guidelines consistent with past SRP events conducted within the field offices. Provisions for directional signage, sanitation, rescue and first aid services, pre-event route review etc. would be made available for each event.</p>		X
<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> The proposed actions would not have significant impacts on natural resources or unique geographic areas described above. Migratory birds or their habitat would not be affected nor would ecologically significant or critical areas. The events would occur in areas that have been previously impacted such as recreation sites, recreation management areas and recreation trails.</p>		X
<p><b>3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> There would be no highly controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternative used of available resources for these proposed actions.</p>		X
<p><b>4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> The proposed actions would not have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. The proposed actions include events that occur on a regular basis.</p>		X
<p><b>5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Special recreation events occur frequently on BLM lands and on other adjacent lands. These events do not establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.</p>		X
<p><b>6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> None of the proposed actions would be individually insignificant but include cumulatively significantly environmental effects. None of these actions would include environmental effects that are cumulatively significant.</p>		X
<p><b>7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> No properties are listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places within the areas where the actions are proposed.</p>		X

Extraordinary Circumstances	YES	NO
<p><b>8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, as an Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> These actions would occur at established trails and recreation sites/management areas. Proposed activities would not generate habitat changes or noise above levels that commonly occur in the recreation sites listed. These areas are used on a regular basis, noise associated with any of these activities would not have significant impacts on any listed or proposed listed species under the Endangered Species Act nor would there be significant impacts on any designated Critical Habitat for these species.</p>		X
<p><b>9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> The proposed actions conform to the direction given for the management of public lands in the Eugene District ROD/RMP (1995), which complies with all applicable federal, state and local tribal laws.</p>		X
<p><b>10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 2898).</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> There would be no disproportionately high effects or adverse effects on low income or minority populations. These events would be available for all qualified persons regardless of ethnic origin.</p>		X
<p><b>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).</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> None of the proposed actions would limit access to Indian sacred sites on Federal lands or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites. There are no sacred sites identified within the recreation area and trails.</p>		X
<p><b>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).</b></p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> The proposed action does not result in measurable changes to the current baseline of the risk, or actual introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species in or from the project area. Vehicles accessing the project area for the proposed action would stay on existing roads (no additional roads proposed), reducing the potential of picking up and dispersing noxious weeds or seed.</p>		X

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**DECISION RECORD**  
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**Decision**

It is my decision to implement this action as described in the categorical exclusion documentation DOI-BLM-OR-E000-2016-0001-CX.

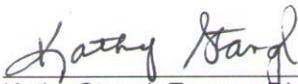
**Decision Rationale**

The proposed action has been reviewed by BLM staff. The Proposed Action is in conformance with the 1995 Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (as amended). Based on the Categorical Exclusion Review, I have determined that the proposed action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further analysis is required.

**Administrative Remedies**

Any person adversely affected by this decision may appeal it to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an appeal is taken, a notice of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days of this decision for transmittal to the Board. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and with the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal was filed. A copy of a notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs, must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97205.

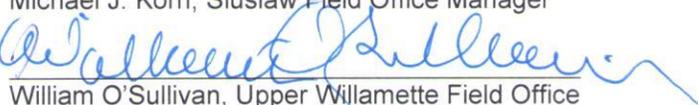
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