

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM CHECKLIST

Project Title: High Mountain Institute Indian Creek Commercial Guided Climbing Special Recreation Permit

NEPA Log Number: DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2016-005-DNA

Project Leader: Misti Haines

Description of the Proposed Action and Any Applicable Mitigation Measures:

High Mountain Institute (HMI) proposed adding guided climbing in Indian Creek to their existing Special Recreation Permit (SRP) with the Monticello BLM. The current permit, MFO-15-001, expires 12/31/2020.

This permit would include all of the design features described in the Indian Creek Commercial Climbing Special Recreation Permits for Four Walls EA (DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024). HMI would be allocated a maximum of 25 user days during their first year of use, but user days could be increased to a total of 50 user days per year if at least 75% of allotted days were used in the first year. The primary activity taking place on BLM would be commercial guided climbing on approved routes on the following four walls in Indian Creek SRMA: Battle of the Bulge, Donnelly Canyon, Supercrack, and Blue Gramma. Guides will use existing infrastructure located at the Donnelly Canyon parking area for staging and will access climbing walls using only existing developed trails. Camping is limited to designated sites in Indian Creek at Bridger Jack Mesa, Creek Pasture Campground, Superbowl Campground, Hamburger Rock Campground, or Indian Creek Falls Group Site. Use could take place year-round.

The following stipulations/mitigation measures would be applied to the permit:

Cultural Resource: No climbing would occur over known structures, artifacts, petroglyphs or pictographs. The permit holder will be held legally and financially responsible for historical, archaeological, cultural, or ecological values damaged, destroyed, or removed by trip participants. Cultural artifacts located on the surface of an archaeological site or isolated artifacts are not to be disturbed. Moving or disturbing cultural artifacts from any location is a violation of federal law. Climbing guides will be provided with a list of closed routes based on cultural surveys.

Wildlife: To avoid disturbance to wildlife during the nesting season March 1- August 31, the following limitations apply during the season:

- No climbing will be allowed on any wall until the activity has been approved by a qualified BLM wildlife biologist. This approval will be contingent on the results of standard wildlife surveys conducted each spring. Climbing guides will be provided with a list of approved routes and closed walls each season.
- The permittee will not hike into Donnelly Canyon past the climbing wall one-half hour before or after sunrise or sunset.

Monitoring: Permittee must allow the BLM to accompany tours for monitoring purposes.

DETERMINATION OF STAFF: (Choose one of the following abbreviated options for the left column)

NP = not present in the area impacted by the proposed or alternative actions

NI = present, but not affected to a degree that detailed analysis is required

PI = present with potential for relevant impact that need to be analyzed in detail in the EA

NC = (DNAs only) actions and impacts not changed from those disclosed in the existing NEPA documents cited in Section D of the DNA form. The Rationale column may include NI and NP discussions.

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

Determination	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
RESOURCES AND ISSUES CONSIDERED (INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITIES APPENDIX 1 H-1790-1)				
NC	Air Quality Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Impacts to air quality from recreation decisions were adequately assessed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	CGiffen	10/20/15
NC	Floodplains	Actions and impacts to Floodplains are not changed from those disclosed in the existing NEPA document (DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024).	Jed Carling	10/19/15
NC	Soils	The proposed action is consistent with recreation decisions in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024. Impacts to soils from recreation decisions were adequately assessed DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	CGiffen	10/20/15
NC	Water Resources/Quality (drinking/surface/ground)	Impacts to water resources pertaining to recreation activities were adequately addressed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024. The impacts associated with the Proposed Action have not changed from those analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	M.Scott	11/19/15
NC	Wetlands/Riparian Zones	The proposed action and associated impacts are not changed from those analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	Jed Carling	10/19/15
NC	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	Impacts to ACECs from recreation decisions were adequately analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	C. Worth	11/19/15
NC	Recreation	The proposed action is consistent with the Indian Creek SRMA recreation decisions in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024. The Special Recreation Permit issuance would result in no changes to existing allocation levels or commercial use stipulations.	C. Worth	11/19/15
NC	Wild and Scenic Rivers	There would be no change from the impacts analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	C. Worth	11/19/15
NC	Visual Resources	There would be no change from the impacts analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	M. Haines	11/23/15
NC	BLM Natural Areas	The proposed action is consistent with the impacts analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024 and would result in no changes to existing allocation levels or commercial use stipulations.	C. Worth	11/19/15
NC	Socio-Economics	The proposed action would result in no change from the impacts to Socio-Economics analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	M. Haines	11/23/15

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NC	Wilderness/WSA Lands with Wilderness Characteristics	The Special Recreation Permit issuance would result in no changes to existing allocation levels or commercial use stipulations and the associated impacts to Lands with Wilderness Characteristics.	C. Worth	11/19/15
NC	Cultural Resources	The proposed action would result in no change from the impacts to Cultural Resources analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	C. Cox	12/16/15
NC	Native American Religious Concerns	The proposed action would result in no change from the impacts to Cultural Resources analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024. The Tribes have not identified any new concerns for this area.	C. Cox	12/16/15
NC	Environmental Justice	The proposed action would result in no change from the impacts to Environmental Justice analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	M. Haines	11/23/15
NC	Wastes (hazardous or solid)	Standard permit stipulations provide adequate mitigation to prevent impacts from wastes.	J. Brown	11/2/15
NC	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Animal Species	The Proposed Action is consistent with recreation decisions in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024. Impacts to threatened, endangered and candidate wildlife resources pertaining to recreation activities were adequately addressed. The impacts associated with the Proposed Action have not changed from those analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	M. Scott	11/19/15
NC	Migratory Birds	The Proposed Action is consistent with recreation decisions in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024. Impacts to migratory birds pertaining to recreation activities were adequately addressed. The impacts associated with the Proposed Action have not changed from those analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	M. Scott	11/19/15
NC	Utah BLM Sensitive Species	The Proposed Action is consistent with recreation decisions in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024. Impacts to Utah BLM Sensitive Species pertaining to recreation activities were adequately addressed. The impacts associated with the Proposed Action have not changed from those analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	M. Scott	11/19/15
NC	Fish and Wildlife Excluding USFW Designated Species	The Proposed Action is consistent with recreation decisions in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024. Impacts to wildlife resources pertaining to recreation activities were adequately addressed. The impacts associated with the Proposed Action have not changed from those analyzed DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	M. Scott	11/19/15
NC	Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds	The proposed action and associated impacts are not changed from those analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	Jed Carling	10/19/15
NC	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Plant Species	The proposed action would result in no change from the impacts to Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Plant Species analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	M. Scott	12/16/15
NC	Livestock Grazing	The proposed action and associated impacts are not changed from those analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	Jed Carling	10/19/15
NC	Rangeland Health Standards	The proposed action and associated impacts are not changed from those analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	Jed Carling	10/19/15
NC	Vegetation Excluding USFW Designated Species	The proposed action and associated impacts are not changed from those analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024	Jed Carling	10/19/15
NC	Woodland / Forestry	The proposed action and associated impacts are not changed from those disclosed in the existing EA. The area of the proposed disturbance does not contain any substantive woodland products or forestry materials and is unavailable for	M. Scott	11/19/15

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		woodland product use, which is stipulated in the use permit.		
NI	Fuels/Fire Management	The proposed action will not interfere with future fuels projects. Fire suppression efforts will not be hampered by the issuance of a new climbing SRP.	P.Plemons	11/23/15
NC	Mineral Resources/Energy Production	The proposed action and associated impacts are not changed from those analyzed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024. The proposal would not impact mineral development in a manner beyond what has been disclosed in DOI-BLM-UT-Y020-2014-024.	T.McDougall	11/23/15
NC	Lands/Access	The proposed action will have no impacts on existing land use authorizations or access to lands.	Chris Ransel	11/19/15
NC	Paleontology	The proposed action would result in no change from the impacts to Paleontological Resources analyzed in the MFO ROD/RMP and EIS 2008. Permit stipulations will be provided informing the proponent about the rules and laws surrounding paleontological resources, including the Paleontology Resource Preservation Act of 2009.	R. Hunt-Foster	12/4/15

FINAL REVIEW:

Reviewer Title	Signature	Date	Comments
Environmental Coordinator	<i>/s/ Brian T. Quigley</i>	12/17/2015	
Authorized Officer	<i>/s/ Donald K. Hoffheins</i>	12/17/2015	