

# United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

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## Decision Record

Determination of NEPA Adequacy  
DOI-BLM-UT-0300-2016-0003-DNA

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February 2016

### **Sundara Destinations; Alta Expeditions; & Sierra Club Special Recreation Permits**

**Location:** Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

**Applicant/Address:** Sundara Destinations  
1701 Thistle Rd  
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Alta Expeditions  
3470 E Russel Rd #260  
Las Vegas, NV 89120

Sierra Club  
85 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Second Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94105

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**Special Recreation Permits**

**Decision**

I have decided to issue Special Recreation Permits (SRP) to Sundara Destinations; Alta Expeditions; and Sierra Club, as described in Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) DOI-BLM-UT-0300-2016-0003-DNA.

Sundara Destinations will be issued a SRP to conduct day hikes and backpacking within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Tours will occur within and outside Wilderness Study Areas. The SRP will expire on December 31, 2020.

Alta Expeditions will be issued a SRP to conduct day hikes within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Tours will occur within and outside Wilderness Study Areas. The SRP will expire on December 31, 2020.

Sierra Club will be issued a SRP to conduct day hikes and backpacking within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Day hikes will occur within and outside Wilderness Study Areas. The SRP will expire on December 31, 2025.

**Decision Rationale**

After reviewing the DNA worksheet, I have determined that the Programmatic EA for Issuing Special Recreation Permits within Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (DOI-BLM-UT-0300-2011-0002-EA) adequately discloses the environmental impacts of the issuing SRPs to Sundara Destinations; Alta Expeditions; and Sierra Club. I have also determined there is no need to prepare new or supplemental analysis.

**Administrative Remedies**

My decision shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect while any appeal is pending unless the Interior Board of Land Appeals issues a stay (43 CFR 2931.8(b)).

My decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. Any appeal must be filed within 30 days of this decision. Any notice of appeal must be filed with Cynthia Staszak, Monument Manager, at 669 South Hwy 89A, Kanab, Utah 84741. The appellant shall serve a copy of the notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs on each adverse party named in the decision, not later than 15 days after filing such document (see 43 CFR 4.413(a)). Failure to serve within the time required will subject the appeal to summary dismissal (see 43 CFR 4.413(b)). If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the

notice, it must be filed with the IBLA, 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 Cynthia Staszak, Monument Manager.

Notwithstanding the provisions of 43 CFR 4.21(a)(1), filing a notice of appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 does not automatically suspend the effect of the decision. If you wish to file a petition for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal.

A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied;
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits;
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted; and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

In the event a request for stay or an appeal is filed, the person/party requesting the stay or filing the appeal must serve a copy of the appeal on the Regional Solicitor's Office, Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125 South State Street Mailstop 201, Salt Lake City, UT 84138.

**Authorizing Official**

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Cynthia Staszak  
Monument Manager

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