

## **Decision Record for a Categorically Excluded Action**

### **Introduction and Background**

The applicant proposes to conduct a one day music video shoot. They will film a woman riding a dirt bike and 3 men on horses. They will stage a bike crash scene and will have an ice cream machine on site as a prop.

The animal handler is required to feed the horses weed-free feed the length of time necessary to clean the animals system of weeded feed and through-out the duration of filming on public lands. Applicant must provide the certification of weed-free feed from the handler.

There will be an additional scene with a woman and man holding hands walking with a campfire at the Palm Oasis off of Whitlock Road. Stipulations for this scene require foot travel only (no animals or vehicles off designated routes).

The proposed action is for short-term use not entailing any significant environmental disturbance. No earth disturbing activities or pyrotechnics would occur. The total number of cast and crew will be 15 people.

### **Decision and Rationale**

It is my decision to approve the proposed action as described in Categorical Exclusion (CX) number DOI-BLM-CA-D070-2016-0030. I find this action conforms to BLM (516 DM 11.9) Categorical Exclusions with no exceptions. I further find this action in conformance with applicable land use plans, laws and regulations and that it will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation.

### **Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Policies and Land Use Plans**

This action conforms to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, 1980, as amended because it is specifically provided for or is clearly consistent with the Resource Management Plan objectives and decisions as follows:

The CDCA plan designated the East Mesa lands as Class L. Class L is a limited use class. These lands are managed to protect sensitive, natural, scenic, ecological, and cultural resource values. They provide for generally lower-intensity, carefully controlled multiple uses that do not significantly diminish resource values.

The CDCA plan designated the lands in the ISDRA as Class I. Class I is an intensive use class. Its purpose is to provide for concentrated use of lands and resources. Reasonable protection will be provided for sensitive natural and cultural values. Mitigation of impacts on resources and rehabilitation of impacted areas will occur insofar as possible. The proposed action is of the type and degree of activities allowed within this classification.

## **Administrative Remedies**

Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs

must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 2800 Cottage Way, E-1712, Sacramento, CA 95825.

//Signed//  
Thomas F. Zale  
Field Manager

1/6/16  
Date