

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

Decision Record

**Determination of NEPA Adequacy
DOI-BLM-UT-0300-2016-0014-DNA**

April 2016

**Cottonwood Gulch Expeditions;
Seeking Treasure Adventures;
& Western Spirit Cycling
Special Recreation Permits**

Location: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Applicant/Address: Cottonwood Gulch Expeditions
9223 4th St NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114

Seeking Treasure Adventures
1450 E. Peace Road
Big Water, UT 84741

Western Spirit Cycling
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Moab, UT 84532

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument
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Decision

I have decided to issue Special Recreation Permits (SRP) to Cottonwood Gulch; Seeking Treasure Adventures; and Western Spirit Cycling, as described in Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) DOI-BLM-UT-0300-2016-0014-DNA.

Cottonwood Gulch Expeditions will be issued a SRP to conduct day hiking, backpacking and camping within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Services will occur within and outside Wilderness Study Areas. The SRP will expire on December 31, 2025.

Seeking Treasure Adventures will be issued a SRP to conduct day hiking, photography, auto tour, and vehicle shuttle services within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Services will occur within and outside Wilderness Study Areas. The SRP will expire on December 31, 2025.

Western Spirit Cycling will be issued a SRP to conduct day hiking, bicycling and camping services within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Richfield Field Office. Services 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 Cottonwood Gulch; Seeking Treasure Adventures; and Western Spirit Cycling. 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

Cynthia Staszak
Monument Manager

Date

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4-12-16
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