

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM CHECKLIST

Project Title: Needle Rock Outfitters Special Recreation Permit

NEPA Log Number: DOI-BLM-UT-0300-2016-0020-DNA

Project Leader: Brian Amstutz

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 impact that needs to be analyzed in detail

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.

RESOURCES AND ISSUES CONSIDERED (INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITIES APPENDIX 1 H-1790-1)

Determination	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
NI	Air Quality (Bybee)	The permitted recreational activities would result in minimal surface disturbance. Any particulates generated would be quickly dispersed and non-measurable.	/s/ J.Bybee	4/7/2016
NP	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (Beal/Gale)	No Areas of Critical Environmental Concern are designated within Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.	/s/ J. Beal	20160330
NI	Biological Soil Crusts (Brinkerhoff)	The proposed activities were analyzed in the programmatic EA. No new issues were identified.	/s/R. Brinkerhoff	4/28/16
NI	BLM Natural Areas (Beal)	The proposed activity will not occur in a Natural Areas within GSENM.	/s/ J. Beal	20160330
NI	Cultural Resources (Zweifel)	Guided hunting, no plans to visit cultural resource sites.	/s/ M Zweifel	4/4/2016
NI	Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Bybee)	The permitted recreational activities would result in minimal vehicle emissions on an occasional basis over a large area. The emissions would disperse quickly and are non-measurable.	/s/ J.Bybee	4/7/2016
NI	Environmental Justice (Hughes)	The proposal would not have disproportionate effects on low income or minority communities. According to the EPA EJView Mapper, Kane Counties have been categorized as having a minority population of 0-10% and a below poverty population of 0-10%. (Accessed at: http://epamap14.epa.gov/ejmap/ejmap.aspx?wherestr=Garfield%20County%2C%20UT on 2/6/2014.)	/s/ A. Hughes	03/31/2016
NP	Farmlands (Prime or Unique) (Hughes)	Prime farmland is described as farmland with resources available to sustain high levels of production. In Utah, it normally requires irrigation to make prime farmland. In general, prime farmland has a dependable water supply, a favorable temperature and growing season, acceptable levels of acidity or alkalinity, an acceptable content of salt and sodium, and few or no rocks. Unique farmland in Utah is primarily in the form of orchards. Based on these definitions, no prime or unique farmlands exist within the Monument. (see NRCS 1997 Results - Cropland Utah accessed at: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ut/technical/dma/nri/?cid=nrcs141p2_034092 on 2/6/2014.)	/s/ A. Hughes	03/31/2016
NI	Fish and Wildlife Excluding USFW Designated Species (Tolbert/McQuivey)	The activities associated with this project have similar impacts as would be expected by an individual hunter with concentrated use around a camp site and dispersed hiking. These impacts are negligible.	/s/ C. McQuivey	5/4/2016

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NI	Floodplains (Bradshaw)	The proposed stipulations in the SRP permitting process should be adequate to mitigate any potential impact to floodplains.	/s/ K. Bradshaw	04/08/2016
NI	Fuels/Fire Management (Bate)	The proposal would not increase or decrease fuels or Fire Management within the project area.	/s/A.Bate	4/6/2016
NI/NC	Geology / Mineral Resources/Energy Production (Titus)	Guided hunting is a non-ground disturbing, temporary activity that wouldn't affect geological resources, energy or mineral production, or corridors.	/s/ Alan Titus	4/1/2016
NI	Hydrologic Conditions (Bradshaw)	The proposed stipulations in the SRP permitting process should be adequate to mitigate any potential impact to hydrologic processes.	/s/ K. Bradshaw	04/08/2016
NP	Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds (EO 13112) (Brinkerhoff)	The proposed action will not increase the threat or spread of invasive/noxious weeds.	/s/ R. Brinkerhoff	4/28/16
NC	Lands/Access (Foley)	Existing NEPA analysis in programmatic 2011-0002-EA is sufficient for lands and access issues. Adoption of LNT principles and terms and conditions included with these permits, when combined with the small group size and one-time aspect of activities, would result in no impact on land tenure or access. Proponent should take care to obtain permission before passing adjacent lands not managed by BLM, including other federal, state/local, and private land. These types of activities typically have no impact on realty-related valid existing rights and would be considered casual use if not for the commercial guide aspect. However, as this permit would include the use of firearms, proponents should take care to avoid shooting at or around existing above-ground facilities, such as support poles, power lines, rights-of-way markers, and junction boxes.	/s/ Mark Foley	04/06/2016
NI	Livestock Grazing (Stewart)	The proposed action is not likely to impact livestock grazing.	/s/ J.Bybee	4/7/2016
NI	Native American Religious Concerns (Zweifel)	Guided hunting, no plans to visit cultural resource sites or interfere with Native American use. This project will be included in our annual GSENM/Native American consultations but no comments are anticipated.	/s/ M. Zweifel	4/4/2016
NI/NC	Paleontology (Titus)	Guided hunting is a non-ground disturbing, temporary activity that wouldn't affect paleontological resources.	/s/ Alan Titus	4/1/2016
NI	Rangeland Health Standards (Stewart)	The proposed action is not likely to have an impact on the health of the rangelands in the area described in the DNA.	/s/ J.Bybee	4/7/2016
NI	Recreation (Beal/Gale)	The Proposed activities were analyzed and are within the scope of the programmatic SRP EA.	/s/ J. Beal	20160330
NI	Socio-Economics (Hughes)	The proposed action is not likely to provide any noticeable impact to the local economy. The amount of use and activity generated by issuing a special recreation permit as proposed is negligible.	/s/ A. Hughes	03/31/2016
NI	Soils (Bradshaw)	The proposed stipulations in the SRP permitting process should be adequate to mitigate any potential impact to soils.	/s/ K. Bradshaw	04/08/2016
NI	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Plant Species (Brinkerhoff)	The proposed activities were analyzed in the programmatic EA. No new issues were identified.	/s/R. Brinkerhoff	4/28/16

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NI	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Animal Species (Tolbert/McQuivey)	There may be Mexican Spotted Owl (MSO) in some of this canyon country although we have no specific site information. However, the activities associated with hunting would cause negligible impacts if MSO are present.	/s/ C. McQuivey	5/4/16
NP	Wastes (hazardous or solid) (Pierson)	There will be no industrial wastes or toxic substances used or generated.	/s/ B. Pierson	4/6/16
NI	Water Resources/Quality (drinking/surface/ground) (Bradshaw)	The proposed stipulations in the SRP permitting process should be adequate to mitigate any potential impact to water resources.	/s/ K. Bradshaw	04/08/2016
NI	Wetlands/Riparian Zones (Brinkerhoff)	The proposed activities were analyzed in the programmatic EA. No new issues were identified.	/s/R. Brinkerhoff	4/28/16
NP	Wild and Scenic Rivers (Beal/Gale)	Hunting permit within DNR hunt unit is not proposed to occur on WSR suitable segments.	s/LGale	04/18/2016
NI	Wilderness/WSA (Beal/Gale)	Permit is for short-term, temporary human presence inside WSA with little to no surface disturbance to WSA or threat to eligibility. Stipulations on use of open roads in transportation plan, group size, LNT practices, human waste disposal serve to mitigate any impacts to wilderness characteristics.	/s/LGale	04/18/2016
NI	Woodland/Forestry (Bate)	No Forest/Woodland species would be utilized.	/s/A,Bate	4/6/2016
NI	Vegetation Excluding USFWS Designated Species (Brinkerhoff)	The proposed activities were analyzed in the programmatic EA. No new issues were identified.	/s/R. Brinkerhoff	4/28/16
NC	Visual Resources (Angus)	The proposed project is analyzed within the Programmatic SRP EA. Impacts have not changed and VRM objectives would be met.	/s/AAngus	4/25/2016
NP	Wild Horses and Burros (Stewart)	There are no Wild Horse and Burro Herd Management Areas within GSENM.	/s/ J.Bybee	4/7/2016
NI	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (Beal/Gale)	Permit is for short-term temporary human presence with no expected new surface disturbance or impacts to wilderness characteristics. Stipulations on use of open routes in transportation plan, LNT, human waste serve to mitigate impacts to LWC.	/s/LGale	04/18/2016

FINAL REVIEW

Reviewer Title	Signature	Date	Comments
Environmental Coordinator	/s/ Amber Hughes	5/4/16	
Authorized Officer	/s/ Matt Betenson	5/11/16	