Categorical Exclusion –WY-P070-2016-0036-CX

A. Background
BLM Office: Buffalo Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.: WY-070-SRP-16-01
Proposed Action Title/Type: Issue Commercial SRP for Outfitter/Guide
Location of Proposed Action: Campbell, Johnson, Sheridan Counties, WY
Description of Proposed Action: Fence Creek Adventures, LLC has applied for a Special Recreation Permit to guide hunters in the Buffalo Field Office. The proposed action will take place on BLM-administered lands with public access or BLM-administered lands within or adjacent to private property (see attached map).

The applicant will use BLM-administered lands for transportation of hunters across BLM-administered surface and retrieval of game taken on BLM-administered lands. No camps will be made on BLM-administered lands.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance
This Categorical Exclusion tiers to two Land Use Plans. The SRP was applied for while the 2001 plan was in place, and currently follows the 2015 plan.

Land Use Plan Name: Approved Resource Management Plan for the Public Lands Administered by the Buffalo Field Office ***Date Approved/Amended***: April 2001

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): RMP Amendment, pg 23 "Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) are issued for commercial, competitive and large-scale non-profit recreational events on a case-by-case basis."

Land Use Plan Name: Approved Resource Management Plan for the Public Lands Administered by the Buffalo Field Office ***Date Approved/Amended***: September 2015

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): RMP Appendix K, p. 516 "Special recreation permits (SRP) are processed on a case-by-case basis; categories include competitive, vending, individual or group use in identified areas, organized group activity, and event use."

C: Compliance with NEPA:
The proposed action was assessed in an Environmental Assessment (WY-070-EA09-71) and a FONSI was issued. The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, H 1. Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use; that impacts no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan. This CX cannot be used for commercial boating permits along Wild and Scenic Rivers. This CX cannot be used for the establishment or issuance of Special Recreation Permits for "Special Area" management (43 CFR 2932.5).

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This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

D: Signature
Authorizing Official: _____ Date: 4/13/2016
(Signature)

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