

BLM CENTRAL COAST FIELD OFFICE

National Environmental Policy Act

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ANALYSIS AND DECISION RECORD

Date: June 3, 2016

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-CA-C090-2016-0026-CX

PART I: INTRODUCTION

Description of Proposed Activity: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department Search & Rescue Training Exercise on June 25 – June 26, 2016.

Location of Proposed Activity: Coast Dairies near Davenport, CA.

Justification/Need: The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team is comprised of volunteers from the community as well as personnel from the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. The dedicated team members take time from their busy lives and professions to train in many different specialties and to perform their Search and Rescue duties when called upon.

Proponent of Activity: Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department

PART II: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

The proposed action is subject to the following land use plans:

Name of Plan:

Coast Dairies Interim Management Plan

D. To provide visitor use facilities and support services such as patrol, cleanup, and monitoring, BLM would:

5. Provide fire, search and rescue services; as well as law enforcement Patrols;

Date Approved:

2014

PART III: NEPA REVIEW

Categorical Exclusion Authority

The project is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 43 CFR 46.210 (j) which allows for "activities which are educational, informational, advisory or consultative to other agencies, public and private entities, visitors, individuals, or the general public."

PART IV: Checklist and Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances

This proposal has been reviewed to determine whether any of the extraordinary circumstances in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply. The accompanying Categorical Exclusion Checklist documents the required review.

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12 Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes	No	Date
Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		x	06/17/2016
Have significant effects on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11900); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		x	06/17/2016
Have highly controversial environmental impacts or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		x	06/17/2016
Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		x	06/17/2016
Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		x	06/17/2016
Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		x	06/17/2016
Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the Bureau or the Field Office.		x	06/17/2016
Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		x	06/17/2016
Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		x	06/17/2016
Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		x	06/17/2016
Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		x	06/17/2016
Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the species or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		x	06/17/2016

PART IV. REVIEW

Environmental Coordinator: _____

_____ Date

PART V: DECISION

I have determined that the proposed action is categorically excluded from further analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act. I also find that the proposed action is in conformance with the Hollister Field Office Southern Diablo Mountain Range & Central Coast of California Resource Management Plan. Therefore, it is my decision to approve and implement the proposed activity.

Authorized Officer: _____

_____ Date