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## **BLM Seeks Scoping on Proposed Permit Renewals for Motorized Events**

**Monticello, Utah**—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah Monticello Field Office (MtFO) is seeking public input for a proposal to issue or renew several Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) to provide guided commercial 4-wheel drive vehicle events on BLM designated motorized routes including Arch Canyon, Hotel Rock, Hole in the Rock, Wooden Shoe and Jacob’s Chair routes.

Red Rock Four Wheelers and Jeep Jamboree USA are requesting that their permits be renewed for a term of five years. Rising Sun 4 Wheel Drive Club and The Family Motor Coach Association have requested new permits, which would be granted for one-year. Each group would be authorized to offer one event annually. Events would be staggered and would not be permitted to overlap. The clubs will employ Tread Lightly practices, such as carrying spill kits and proper disposal of waste and trash. They would also be prepared for contingencies by carrying satellite phones, extra food, water, and emergency supplies on every trip.

Full-sized four wheel drive jeeps and smaller off-highway vehicles would be authorized for use on designated motorized trails and routes and would use existing trailheads and staging areas associated with those routes.

The BLM will use any comments received as it prepares an environmental assessment analyzing potential impacts associated with issuing and renewing these permits. The public is encouraged to provide comments that identify issues or concerns that may be considered in the analysis or formulating alternatives to the proposed action. Comments will be accepted through November 14, 2016. Comments may be submitted electronically through the [ePlanning](http://ePlanning) website: <http://go.usa.gov/xky6H>

Alternatively, written comments may be mailed to the address below (please make it ATTN: “*Jeep Event SRPs*”):

Bureau of Land Management  
Monticello Field Office  
Attn: Recreation Program (Recapture Trail)  
P.O. Box 7  
Monticello, UT 84535

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and

businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

For further information, please contact Casey Worth at (435) 587-1500. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

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