

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIEOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
MEDFORD DISTRICT OFFICE

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION/DECISION RECORD
West Park Pictures Land Use Permit
CE# OR117-08-18

A. Proposed Action

West Park Pictures of London, England is making a TV series for the British Broadcasting Company (BBC). The Proposed Action is to issue a Land Use Permit (Form 2920-1) authorizing West Park Pictures to film from a raft between Ennis Riffle and Rand boat ramp on April 17, 2008.

B. Location/Land Use Allocation:

The project is within the recreational section of the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River corridor located in T. 34 S R. 8 W Sec. 24, 25, 36; T. 35 S R. 7 W Sec. 6; T. 35 S R. 8 W Sec. 1.

C. Need and Rationale for the Proposed Action:

The purpose of the proposed action as noted by the applicant is:

“To produce a travelogue series for publicly-funded BBC1 to show 'real America', as seen through the eyes of the residents of each state we visit. Our presenter, Stephen Fry, (affectionately know as "Britain's cleverest man") will cover a mixture of local history, science & nature, arts & entertainment, quirky, activity-based interviews not to attempt to 'sum up' each state, as we know that to be impossible given the diversity, but perhaps to show elements less often seen.”

D. Description of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is to issue a Land Use Permit (Form 2920-1) authorizing West Park Pictures to film from a raft and interview the guide. As noted by the applicant:

“We are a small crew of 8 in total including presenter, though only 3 of them will go on the rafts. We anticipate filming to take around 2hr on 17th April 2008 between Ennis and Rand.”

The launch point (Ennis) and the takeout point (Rand) are developed boat ramps.

E. Plan Conformance

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the following plans:

Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP) (1995);

Rogue National Wild and Scenic River, Oregon: Notice of Revised Development and Management Plan of 1972 (Federal Register Vol. 37, No. 131, 13408-13416);

Rogue National Wild and Scenic River: Hellgate Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) FEIS (2003), and Plan and ROD (2004);

Final Supplemental EIS and ROD for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (NWFP FSEIS 1994) and ROD (1994);

Final Supplemental EIS: Management of Port-Orford-Cedar in Southwest Oregon (FSEIS 2004 and ROD 2004);

Final Supplemental EIS and ROD and Standards and Guidelines for Amendment to the Survey & Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines (FSEIS 2000 and ROD 2001) and amendments or modifications as of March 21, 2004; and

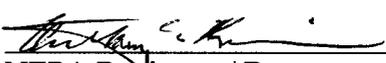
Medford District Integrated Weed Management Plan EA (1998) and tiered to the Northwest Area Noxious Weed Control Program (EIS 1985).

F. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as provided in the United States Department of the Interior Departmental Manual 516 DM 11.9 E. (20) "One-time issuance of short-term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations..." Before any action described in the list of categorical exclusions may be used, the "extraordinary circumstances," included in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, must be reviewed for applicability (See attached review). After review, the BLM determined no extraordinary circumstances exist that would cause the proposed action to have a significant environmental effect. The action will not require additional analysis.

Contact Person

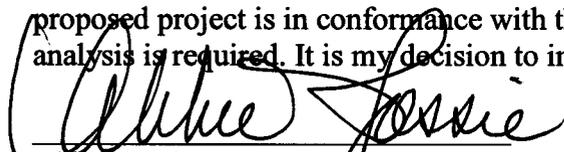
For additional information concerning this project, contact Chris Dent, Supervisory Outdoor Recreation Planner, at (541) 471-6561.

 4/7/2008
NEPA Reviewer / Date

 4/8/2008
Preparer / Date

G. Decision

I have reviewed this CE, plan conformance and NEPA compliance review and have determined the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project as described.


Abbie Jossie
Field Manager
Grants Pass Resources Area

4-8-2008
Date

**NEPA COMPLIANCE
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW
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The Department of the Interior Manual 516 2.3A (3) requires the review of the following “extraordinary circumstances” (516 DM 2 Appendix 2) to determine if an otherwise categorically excluded action would require additional analysis and environmental documentation.

1) Have significant impacts on public health or safety.

Yes No

2) Have significant impacts 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 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.

Yes No Remarks: Although the activity will occur within the Recreation Section of the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River Corridor, the activity will be essentially the same as other recreational rafting activities that occur daily on the river.

3) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].

Yes No

4) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

Yes No

5) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

Yes No

6) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.

Yes No

7) *Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.*

Yes No

8) *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.*

Yes No

9) *Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.*

Yes No

10) *Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).*

Yes No

11) *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).*

Yes No

12) *Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area 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).*

Yes No

Reviewers:

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