

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

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Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District
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A. Background

BLM Office: Wenatchee Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

NEPA Log Number: OR-134-08-CX-033

Proposed Action Title: Yakima Canyon Developed Sites Special Recreation Permit (SRP) use at BLM Recreation Sites.

Location of Proposed Action: BLM Yakima River Canyon Recreation sites: T16N, R19E,S20 and T15N, R19E,S4, S16 & S28

Description of Proposed Action: This CX will cover use by BLM SRP permittees at BLM's Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines and Roza recreation sites over the next five years. Permittees would be using existing boat access ramps for launching and taking out non-motorized drift boats and rafts at Umtanum, Lmuma Creek and Big Pines. The Roza concrete boat ramp would be used for launching and taking out motorized boats and taking out non-motorized drift boats and rafts. Boat access ramps would be used throughout the year, but primarily during the higher water April-September.

SRP permittees would be approved for shuttling their customers to and from these 4 BLM recreation sites. Shuttling would consist of driving customers to one of the recreation sites, parking where they do not block traffic, unloading customers and their provided gear, and/or picking up customers at one of the four BLM recreation sites, in a similar manner. Shuttling also might involve parking a customer's vehicle at one of the BLM locations and shuttling the customer to another BLM site.

SRP permittees would also be approved for utilizing portions of the developed parking areas at Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines and Roza sites for their event or activity. Any display of signs, educational booths or rented portable toilets would first have to be approved by BLM, placed according to BLM direction in approved locations within the parking lots and could not block entry into the site of legitimate visitors.

All SRP permittees will provide proof of insurance, pay the \$90 SRP filing fee and fill out the SRP application form. Permittees will also be provided with information on BLM's SRP policy. The permittee and/or employees working for him will have the SRP authorization with them during their activities and will be checked on by BLM employees to ensure compliance. Permittees will either pay the daily use fee or purchase a seasonal use permit to use BLM fee sites from May 15-September 15. No event will impact more than three staging area acres.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Spokane Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: Approved 1987/Amended 1992

Option 1 (conforms with LUP): The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Chapter 2; General Management Objectives: 7. Manage public lands and keep access routes open for a variety of recreational opportunities/experiences, including both motorized and nonmotorized recreation activities.

OR

(Option 2: not explicitly provided for in the LUP) The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (*objectives, terms, and conditions*):

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9H. (1)

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 DM 2 apply, as shown in the following table:

CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	YES	NO
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.2 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.7 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.8 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.11 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).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.12 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).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

F: Signature

Authorizing Official: ___/S/ Dana Peterson_____ Date: ___4/21/08_____ (Signature)

Name: Dana Peterson
Title: Acting Field Manager, Wenatchee Resource Area

G. Contact Person

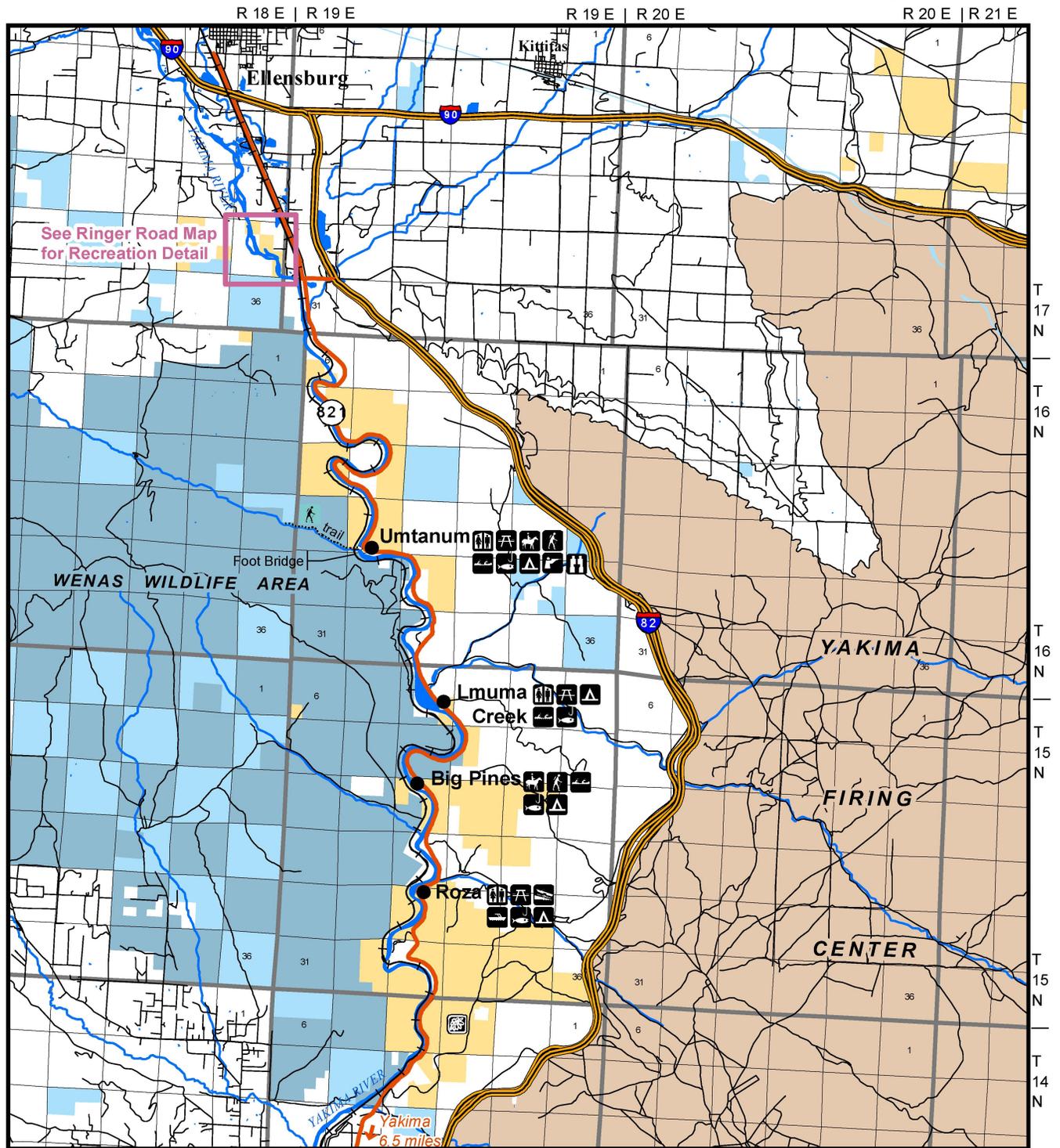
For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Diane Priebe, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Wenatchee Resource Area, dpriebe@or.blm.gov, 509-665-2100.

Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.

Yakima River Canyon

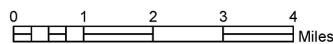
(Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines, and Roza Recreation Sites)

- Recreation Opportunities:
- Boat Launch
 - Hiking
 - Picnicking
 - Motorized Boating
 - Camping
 - Fishing *Special fishing rules apply*
 - Horseback Riding
 - Hunting
 - Watchable Wildflowers
 - Watchable Wildlife
 - Non-motorized Boating



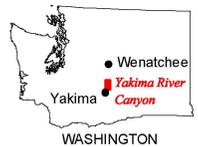
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It is unlawful to trespass on private lands. State hunting and fishing regulations apply to private lands. Landowners are not required to post or fence their lands. Check with private landowners before entering their property.
Special fishing rules apply. Check WDFW fishing guide.



LEGEND

- BLM Administered Land
- Military Reservation
- WA Dept. of Natural Resources
- WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)
- Private
- Railroad
- Interstate Highway
- State Highway
- Road
- Restroom
- BLM Recreation Site



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