

The Operations Plan must accurately identify the use and activities and the use area on public land. Make sure the information is complete and that all proposed services are described. Failure to respond to any of the items, or inaccurate disclosures may result in delays in processing, or rejection, of the application. Additional pages may be attached as necessary.

Vendor Operations Plan

BLM El Centro Field Office

Special Recreation Permit No: LLCAD07000-CF14-SR12-

Stationary Vending or **Roving Vending**

LOCATION: Glamis Flats Dunebuggy Flats Buttercup Superstition
 Gecko Pad (LOTTERY PERMITTEE) ISDRA (Roving Only) LTVA Plaster City

I. COMPANY INFORMATION:

Contact Person: _____ **Fax Number:** _____

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Business Web Site: _____

Years in Business: _____

Previously Vended on BLM-El Centro Areas: **Yes, If so when:** _____

No

II. PURPOSE AND NEED FOR PERMIT

A. Describe and demonstrate the need for the service or activity to be offered.

B. Describe how the activity enhances the opportunity for visitors to enjoy public lands and their recreational experience.

C. Describe how the service or activity helps meet the BLM Management Goals of:

Goal 1 - Provide a variety of sustainable OHV and other recreational activities

Goal 2 - Maintain or improve conditions of the special status species and other unique natural and cultural resources.

Goal 3 - Create an environment to promote the health and safety of visitors, employees, and nearby residents.

III. CONDUCT OF YOUR SERVICE OR ACTIVITY

A. Activity Parameters

- 1. Number of Staff:**
- 2. Describe any vending, rentals or sales of consumer products or services.**

**If none, check here []
Attach sales list (including prices) and graphics.**

B. Environmental Protection and Conservation of Natural Resources

How will your operations incorporate and promote 5 *Tread Lightly* principals of responsible sand duning? See pages 6&7.

C. Vehicles

D. Site Setup Diagram Use Vending Setup Diagram Form

IV. HEALTH, SAFETY and SANITATION:

- 1. Describe the safety guidelines that will be present during your operations.**
- 2. What is your plan for emergencies (fire, accidents, injuries, extreme weather, etc.)?**
- 3. Are there hazards inherent to the service or goods being offered? How will they be managed?**

- 4. What safety equipment is used and how is it inspected and maintained?**

- 5. How often is the equipment that is used or rented in the operations inspected?**

- 6. Are you or any of your employees trained in First Aid? (Attach current copies of First Aid and/or CPR.)**

Attach Emergency Medical Plan (EMS)

V. EMPLOYEES

- 1. What is the knowledge of the area by yourself and your employees?**

- 2. Do they require specialized training or certification in providing the service or product to the public? If so, attach current certification.**

- 3. Have any of your company owners or employees been convicted of a federal, state or local violation regarding resources protection, or the activity proposed for this permit? If so, provide details.**

Tread Lightly's Tips for Responsible Sand Duning

1. TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY

Travel responsibly on designated roads, trails and areas.

- Travel only in areas open to off-highway vehicles (OHVs).
- In areas adjacent to sand dunes, travel on designated roads and trails.
- Obey all speed limits - reduce speed below 15 miles per hour near campgrounds, campsites, and people.
- Dunes are constantly changing—use stationary landmarks or a GPS to help you navigate.
- Watch for ravines, depressions (witches eye), and steep drop offs (slipface and razorbacks) formed by blowing sand.
- Use a spotter when jumping hills or dunes.
- Scout areas before traveling at higher speeds.
- Reduce speed in blowing sand or whiteout conditions.
- In coastal duning areas, watch for quicksand in low areas between dunes.
- Comply with all signs and respect barriers.
- Buddy up with two or three riders, reducing vulnerability if you have an accident or breakdown.
- Designate meeting areas in case of separation.
- Listening to headphones or ear buds can make it difficult to hear and communicate with other recreationists. In some areas it is illegal to operate OHVs with both ears covered.
- Don't mix riding with alcohol or drugs.

2. RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

Respect the rights of others, including private property owners, all recreational trail users, campers and others so they can enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

- Be considerate of others on the dunes.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- If crossing private property, be sure to ask permission from the landowner(s).
- Do not idly ride around in camping, picnicking, or residential areas.
- Make no wake - slow down in "Courtesy Speed Zones" around crowds and camping areas.
- Keep the noise down.

3. EDUCATE YOURSELF

Educate yourself prior to a trip by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes, and knowing how to operate your equipment safely.

- Obtain a map—motor vehicle use map where appropriate—of your destination and determine which areas are open to motorized vehicles.
- Make a realistic plan and stick to it. Always tell someone of your travel plans.
- Contact the land manager for area restrictions, closures, and permit requirements.

- Check the weather forecast before you go. Prepare for the unexpected by packing a small backpack full of emergency items.
- Wear a helmet, eye protection, and other safety gear when riding dirt bikes or ATVs.
- Buckle up when riding sand rails, side-by-sides/UTVs, and four wheeling vehicles.
- Sand rails, side-by-sides/UTVs, and four-wheeling vehicles should always carry a fire extinguisher.
- Know your limitations. Watch your time, your fuel, and your energy.
- Take an OHV safety-training course. They provide fast-paced hands-on training on vehicle operation and safety.
- Make sure your OHV is mechanically up to task. Be prepared with tools, supplies, spares, and a spill kit for trailside repairs.

4. AVOID SENSITIVE AREAS

Avoid sensitive areas such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams. Stay on designated routes.

- Avoid dunes adjacent to rivers, streams, and lakes.
- Do not disturb historical, archeological, or paleontological sites.
- Avoid running over plants; it's damaging to your vehicle and the environment.
- Avoid "spooking" wildlife you encounter and keep your distance.
- Motorized and mechanized vehicles are not allowed in designated Wilderness Areas.

5. DO YOUR PART

Do your part by modeling appropriate behavior, leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species, and restoring degraded areas.

- Don't litter in the dunes! Blowing sand hides trash—only to reappear later.
- Carry a trash bag on your vehicle and pick up litter left by others.
- Practice minimum impact camping by using established sites and camping 200 feet from water resources and trails.
- In areas without toilets, pack solid waste out. Sand has no viable microorganisms to break down human solid waste.
- Spark arrestors are required on all OHVs traveling on public lands.
- Prevent unnecessary noise created by a poorly tuned vehicle or revving your engine.
- Use proper silencers on exhausts, that meet regulatory decibel levels.
- Before and after a ride, wash your OHV and support vehicle to reduce the spread of invasive species.
- Build a sand duning community. Get to know other types of recreationists that share your favorite dunes.

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