

Appendix M: Permit Classification System

Classification of Permits

Special Recreation and other land use permit proposals will be assigned to one of four permit classes (Class I-IV) based on several evaluation factors as shown in the table below. The permit classification matrix shows the permit classes and their relationship to the evaluation factors. Permits will generally be assigned to the class where the majority of the evaluation factors rate. However, high ratings for some factors may shift the permit class to a higher class based on anticipated needs for resource protection, administrative, or public safety resources. The evaluation factors shown below the table may be modified in the future following evaluation of the classification system.

**Classification of
Black Rock-High Rock NCA Permits**
(Special Recreation Permits, Film Permits and other temporary Land Use Permits)

Evaluation Factors		Permit Class			
		I	II	III	IV
Size		Small	Small/Medium	Medium	Large
Time		Trivial	Trivial/Short	Short	Long
Buffer Size		None	None	Medium	High
Environmental Effects		Trivial	Trivial	Low	Other
Anticipated Numbers	Users	Low	Low/Medium	Medium	High
	Vehicles	N/A	Low	Medium	High
Oversight		None	None/Low	Low	High
Mechanical Equipment		N	N or Y	Y	Y
Examples		NOLS, wilderness outfitting	Outfitting, small tours, land sailing, film permits	Golf tournament, most rocket events, large tours	Large Rocket launches, Land speed trials, Burning Man

Evaluation Factors:

Size of the area under exclusive use by the applicant.

- Small < 1 acre
- Medium 1 acre to 100 acres

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Large > 100 acres

Time period for exclusive use by the applicant.

Trivial one day or less
Short two to six days
Long one week or greater

Buffer Size needed to protect other users from potential effects

None no buffer required
Small < 0.25 mile buffer
Large > 0.25 mile buffer

Potential **Environmental Effects**

Trivial Effects of a temporary nature and surface disturbance less than 0.1 acres
Low Effects of a temporary nature and surface disturbance less than 0.5 acres
Other Effects longer than one year or surface disturbance greater than 0.5 acre

Anticipated numbers of participants or vehicles (whichever has the greatest potential impact)

	Participants	Vehicles
Low	<50	<30
Medium	51 to 1000	31 to 50
High	> 1000	>50

Oversight requirements (includes cleanup inspections, LE activities)

None No post permit compliance actions required
Low Post permit activities require < 4 hours of BLM oversight
High Post permit activities require > 4 hours of BLM oversight

Mechanical Equipment Required?

Y Vehicles or other mechanical equipment required.
N No vehicles or other mechanical equipment required.