

**UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE**

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW**

OFFICE: Siuslaw Resource Area, BLM Eugene District

TRACKING NUMBER: DOI-BLM-OR-050-2013-0002-CX

PROJECT NAME: Dark 30 Sports Gran Fondo Ride Special Recreation Permit (SRP)

LOCATION: BLM-managed lands within Coos Bay, Roseburg, and Eugene Districts

APPLICANT: Mr. Steve Cash, Dark 30 Sports

**A. Description of Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures**

Steve Cash of Dark 30 Sports is proposing a one day bicycle ride for 200-300 participants that traverses approximately 117 miles, beginning and ending in downtown Cottage Grove on June 2, 2013. The proposed route encompasses paved roads on BLM lands administered by the Eugene, Coos Bay and Roseburg Districts. The event begins in Cottage Grove at 8:00 AM and will end at approximately 7:00 PM on the same day.

**Course Route Descriptions**

The following describes race routes travelling through the three aforementioned BLM districts, in order of race progression.

***Gran (Long) Route***

*Section 1. Bohemia Park (Cottage Grove) to Lorane (12.7 miles).*

The race will begin at Bohemia Park (beginning on 10th Street), then cross Highway 99 onto Main Street, west on Main Street to the Cottage Grove city boundary near the intersections of Gowdyville Road and Cottage Grove Lorane Road.

*Section 2. Lorane to Upper Smith River Road to Hwy 99 Junction (13.7 miles).*

The course departs Lorane to the south on Territorial Highway for 9.1 miles to its junction with Curtin Road. After 0.8 miles Curtin Road merges with Umpqua Hwy 99 and continues south-southeast on Umpqua Hwy 99 for 3.8 miles to its junction with Upper Smith River Road.

*Section 3. Upper Smith River Road to Halfway Ridge Road (25.8 miles).*

The course continues north on the Upper Smith River Road (Rd 37) (from its junction with Hwy 99) for 25.8 miles to the intersection of Upper Smith River Road and Halfway Ridge Road.

*Section 4. Upper Smith River Road to South Sister Road (17.7 miles).*

The course continues north on Upper Smith River Road (from its intersection with Halfway Ridge Road) for 17.7 miles to its junction with South Sister Road (T-junction).

*Section 5. South Sister Road junction to Siuslaw River Road/Elk Creek Road junction (23.9 miles).*

The course continues on South Sister Road for 15.6 miles to the merging of South Sister Road and Siuslaw River Road, then continues on Siuslaw River Road for 1.7 miles to the junction of Siuslaw

River Road and Wolf Creek Road. It then continues on Siuslaw River Road for 6.9 miles to the intersection of Siuslaw River Road and Elk Creek Road.

*Section 6. Siuslaw River Road to Lorane (10.6 miles).*

The race continues on the Siuslaw River Road (from its intersection with Elk Creek Road) to the village of Lorane.

*Section 7. Lorane to Bohemia Park (12.7 miles).*

The final segment goes into Lorane on the Siuslaw River Road. Bear right onto Cottage Grove Lorane Road and continue east until the road becomes Main Street in Cottage Grove. Continue down Main Street (obeying traffic signals and rules of the road) until reaching Bohemia Park and the finish area.

**Medium (Medio) Route**

*Section 1. Bohemia Park to Lorane (12.7 miles).*

The race begins at Highway 99 onto Main Street, west on Main Street to the Cottage Grove city boundary near the intersections of Gowdyville Road and Cottage Grove Lorane Road.

*Section 2. Lorane to Upper Smith River Road to Hwy 99 Junction (13.7 miles).*

The course departs Lorane to the south on Territorial Highway for 9.1 miles to its junction with Curtin Road. After 0.8 miles Curtin Road merges with Umpqua Hwy 99 and continues south-southeast on Umpqua Hwy 99 for 3.8 miles to its junction with Upper Smith River Road.

*Section 3. Upper Smith River Road to Siuslaw River Rd (21.8 miles).*

The course continues north on the Upper Smith River Road (Rd 37) (from its junction with Hwy 99) for 15.3 miles to the intersection of Upper Smith River Road and Elk Creek Road. It then turns onto Elk Creek Road and continues north on Elk Creek Road for 6.5 miles to its junction with Siuslaw River Road.

*Section 4. Siuslaw River Road to Lorane (10.6 miles).*

The course continues east on the Siuslaw River Road (from its intersection with Elk Creek Road) to the village of Lorane.

*Section 5. Lorane to Bohemia Park (12.7 miles).*

The course continues into Lorane on the Siuslaw River Road, turning onto Lorane Road and continues east until the road becomes Main Street in Cottage Grove. It then continues down Main Street until reaching Bohemia Park and the finish area.

**B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance**

*Eugene District*

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the following LUP: Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (RMP), as amended. Date Approved: June 1995, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions: "Provide a wide range of developed and dispersed recreation opportunities that contribute to meeting projected recreation demand within the planning area," and "Support locally sponsored tourism initiatives and community economic strategies by providing recreation projects and programs that benefit short and long-term implementation" (Eugene District RMP, 1995, p.80).

*Roseburg District*

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the following LUP's:

1. Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (Northwest Forest Plan FSEIS, 1994 and ROD, 1994)
2. Final Roseburg, and Eugene Districts' Proposed Resource Management Plans / Environmental Impact Statements, and Records of Decision (EISs, 1994 and RMPs/RODs, 1995)
3. Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines for Amendment to the Survey & Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines (FSEIS, 2000 and ROD, 2001)\*\*

*Coos Bay District*

This project is tiered to and in conformance with the Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (USDI BLM 1994) and its Record of Decision (USDI BLM 1995) and the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) on Management of Habitat for Late Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (Northwest Forest Plan [NFP]) (USDA/USDI 1994) and its Record of Decision (USDA/USDI 1994a) as supplemented and amended. These plans have been reviewed to determine if the proposal is in conformance as required by 43 CFR 1610.5-3 and BLM MS 1617.3.

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): The Federal Code of Regulations: 43-2932, incorporated into the Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan of 1995. The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): "Continue to provide non-motorized recreation opportunities and create additional opportunities where consistent with other management objectives." (p. 46)

**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 11.9, H (1): *Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impacts no more than 3 staging area acres; and/ or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan.*

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 11.9 apply.

**D. Signature**

Signature of Project Lead:

/s/Wade Judy  
Wade Judy, Outdoor Recreation Planner

Date: 02/07/2013

Signature of NEPA Coordinator:

/s/Dana Wilson

Dana Wilson, Landscape Planner, Siuslaw  
Resource Area

Date: 02/07/2013

Signature of the Responsible Official:

/s/Alan Corbin

Alan Corbin, Field Manager, Siuslaw Resource  
Area

Date: 02/07/2013

**Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this Categorical Exclusion review, contact Wade Judy, Outdoor Recreation Planner, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Springfield, Oregon (541) 687-3457.

## EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES CHECKLIST

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*Review the proposed action against each of the 12 "extraordinary circumstances" listed below. Any action that is normally categorically excluded must be subjected to sufficient environmental review to determine whether it meets any of the extraordinary circumstances, in which case, further analysis and environmental documents must be prepared for the action. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.*

Extraordinary Circumstances	YES	NO
<p><b>1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> The proposed activity is subject to an exhaustive safety and security plan outlined in the proponents project proposal, including utilizing local law enforcement, emergency service vehicles, volunteer flaggers, etc.</p>		X
<p><b>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.</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> The race would be utilizing paved roads on BLM land, and would not significantly impact aforementioned natural resources.</p>		X
<p><b>3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> There are no predicted environmental effects from the proposed action which are considered to be highly controversial nor are there unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses.</p>		X
<p><b>4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> There are no predicted environmental effects from the proposed action which are considered to be highly controversial nor are there unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses.</p>		X
<p><b>5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> The proposed race event is a discrete action and does not commit the BLM to pursuing further actions, and as such would not establish a precedent or decision for future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.</p>		X
<p><b>6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> This action is not related to other actions within the districts.</p>		X
<p><b>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.</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> No properties are listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places within the units of the proposed action.</p>		X
<p><b>8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, as an Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> It was determined that the proposed action is not likely to have adverse effects to any listed species or their critical habitat.</p>		X
<p><b>9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> The proposed action conforms to the direction given for the management of public lands in the Eugene District ROD/RMP (1995), the Coos Bay District RMP (1994), and the Roseburg District RMP (1994) all of which comply with all applicable federal, state and local tribal laws.</p>		X

Extraordinary Circumstances	YES	NO
<p><b>10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 2898).</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> The bike road race would not affect low income or minority populations in that it does adversely impact them. Paved bicycle paths and roads, including the Row River Trail, are plentiful in the area and free of charge.</p>		X
<p><b>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).</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> There are no sacred sites identified within the project area.</p>		X
<p><b>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).</b>  <u>Rationale:</u> The proposed action does not result in measurable changes to the current baseline of the risk, or actual introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species in or from the project area. Vehicles accessing the project area for the proposed action would stay on existing roads (no additional roads proposed), reducing the potential of picking up and dispersing noxious weeds or seed.</p>		X

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**DECISION RECORD**

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**Decision**

It is my decision to implement this action as described in the categorical exclusion documentation DOI-BLM-OR-E050-2013-0002-CX

**Decision Rationale**

The proposed action has been reviewed by BLM staff. The Proposed Action is in conformance with the 1995 Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (as amended). Based on the Categorical Exclusion Review, I have determined that the proposed action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further analysis is required.

**Administrative Remedies**

Any person adversely affected by this decision may appeal it to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an appeal is taken, a notice of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days of this decision for transmittal to the Board. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and with the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal was filed. A copy of a notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs, must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97205.

Signature of the Responsible Official:

/s/Alan Corbin  
Alan Corbin  
Field Manager, Siuslaw Resource Area  
Eugene District Office

02/07/2013

Date:

/s/Max Yager  
Max Yager  
Field Manager, Swiftwater Resource Area  
Roseburg District

02/15/2013

Date:

/s/Dennis Tourowski  
Dennis Tourowski  
Field Manager  
Coos Bay District

02/11/2013

Date: