

**United States
Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Eugene District Office**

Categorical Exclusion Documentation
Special Recreation Permit, 5k Race/Fundraiser
DOI-BLM-OR-E050-2011-0024-CX

A. Background

Triangle Lake Charter School has applied for a Special Recreation Permit (SRP). The purpose of the action is to conduct a 5k running race across public lands within the Upper Lake Creek Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) on June 4, 2011. This would be the third running of this event at Hult Pond, in the Siuslaw Resource Area of Eugene District BLM. The event would serve as a fundraiser for the school wrestling team.

Proposed Action

Public lands affected by the event are located at T15 S, R7 W, S23. Race participants would stage at the Equestrian Trailhead within the SRMA, and the race would begin and end at that location, with the route travelling along the paved road approximately 1.5 miles along road, past Hult Pond, and returning via the same route back to the trailhead (see Map attached to SRP application). Race would begin at 10:30 a.m., and race activities would conclude at approximately 12:30 p.m. Water stations would be placed at race turn-around and at finish line. Flaggers would be placed at entry and exit points of race course. The volunteer fire department would have a vehicle at site to monitor the event. Fruit and other snacks would be provided to participants at end of race, courtesy of race organizer.

The action accommodates public demand for this type of recreation activity and utilizes an established area, well-suited for this type of event. No surface disturbance would occur. Concrete vault restrooms are on site. BLM representative will monitor event.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

The Eugene District has planned this project to conform and be consistent with the Eugene District's 1995 RMP. Following the March 31, 2011 decision by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Douglas Timber Operators et al. v. Salazar, which vacated and remanded the administrative withdrawal of the Eugene District's 2008 ROD and RMP, we evaluated this project for consistency with both the 1995 RMP and the 2008 ROD and RMP. Accordingly, this project is consistent with the Eugene District's 1995 RMP and the 2008 ROD/RMP.

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action meets the criteria for categorical exclusion in the Department of Interior, Departmental Manual 516 Chapter 11.5H (5); in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

"Issuance of special recreation permits to individuals or organized groups for search and rescue training, orienteering or similar activities and for dog trials, endurance horse races and similar minor events."

D. Signatures

Prepared By: Wade Judy Date: 5/5/2011
Outdoor Recreation Planner

Reviewed By: Sharmila Premdas Date: 5/5/2011
Environmental Coordinator

Reviewed By: William E. Hatton Date: 5/5/2011
Field Manager, Siuslaw Resource Area

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this Categorical Exclusion review, contact Wade Judy, Outdoor Recreation Planner, (541) 683-6457.

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW
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		Comments
1.	Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	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 (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA, Sec. 102(2)(E)]	No
4.	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	No
6.	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	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.	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.	No
9.	Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No
10.	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898).	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 (EO 13007).	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 EO 13112).	No

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DECISION RECORD

Decision:

It is my decision to implement this action on BLM lands as described in the categorical exclusion documentation DOI-BLM-OR-E050-2011-0024-CX.

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Decision Rationale:

The proposed action has been reviewed by Resource Area Staff and appropriate project Design Features as specified, will be incorporated into the proposal. Based on the NEPA 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

Notice of the decision to be made on the action described in this categorical exclusion will be posted on the District internet website. The action is subject to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals under 43 CFR Part 4.

Authorizing Official:

William E. Hatton

Field Manager, Siuslaw Resource Area

5/5/2011

Date