

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-050-2015-0024-CX

PROJECT NAME: Disc Golf Design Special Recreation Permit (SRP)

LOCATION: Stewart Pond, WEW, BLM Eugene District

APPLICANT: Matt Benotsch, Eugene Disc Golf Club (EDGC)

Description of Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

Matt Benotsch on behalf of Eugene Disc Golf Club is proposing to host a disc golf event on August 1, 2015 from approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. As part of this proposal Mr. Benotsch has submitted a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) application, along with signed SRP stipulations which explain all fees and requirements associated with the proposed activity. There is also an Operating Plan associated with the Special Recreation permit application which describes proposed activities.

The expected number of participants is approximately 50 youth and adults. Activities would be under the umbrella of an organized, competitive disc golf event.

Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions: Page 21- Final Environmental Impact Statement, West Eugene Wetlands Resource Management Plan (2015) **Goal 4 – Provide recreation opportunities**. Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the BLM manages public lands for outdoor recreation use. Substantial recreation infrastructure has already been developed in the planning area and continued support and maintenance of that infrastructure would continue to provide recreation opportunities. Pages 72 and 73 - Increase levels and types of recreation uses that contribute to meeting recreational demand and quality visitor experiences.

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.

Signature

Signature of Project Lead:

/S/ Wade Judy
Wade Judy, Outdoor Recreation Planner

Date: 7/10/2015

Signature of NEPA Coordinator:

/S/ Sharmila Premdas
Sharmila Premdas, Siuslaw Resource Area

Date: 7/10/2015

Signature of the Responsible Official:

/S/ Michael J. Korn
Michael J. Korn, Field Manager, Siuslaw
Resource Area

Date: 7/10/2015

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>1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety. <u>Rationale:</u> The proposed activity is subject to agreed upon and signed stipulations required by the BLM. There would be a large crew of volunteers to clean up any trash and remove garbage.</p>		X
<p>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. <u>Rationale:</u> The event is consistent with activities that take place on an occasional basis at the project location.</p>		X
<p>3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]. <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>4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. <u>Rationale:</u> The proposed activity is a one that is consistent with year-round use of the area, and would accommodate this use with no known environmental risks.</p>		X
<p>5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. <u>Rationale:</u> The proposed 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>6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. <u>Rationale:</u> This action is not related to other SRP's within the districts.</p>		X
<p>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. <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>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. <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>9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. <u>Rationale:</u> The proposed action conforms to the direction given for the management of public lands in the West Eugene Wetland ROD/RMP (2015), which complies with all applicable federal, state and local tribal laws.</p>		X
<p>10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 2898). <u>Rationale:</u> The event would not affect low income or minority populations.</p>		X

Extraordinary Circumstances	YES	NO
<p>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). <u>Rationale:</u> There are no sacred sites identified within the project area.</p>		X
<p>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). <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.</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-E050-2015-0006-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/ Michael J. Korn
Michael J. Korn
Field Manager, Siuslaw Resource Area
Eugene District Office

7/10/2015
Date: