

# Categorical Exclusion Documentation / Decision Record



## A. Background

BLM Office: Medford District Office      Number: DOI-BLM-OR-MOOO-2010-0005-CE

Proposed Action Title: Special Recreation Permits - Hunting

### Location of Proposed Action:

Bureau of Land Management administered lands throughout the Medford, Coos Bay, and Roseburg Districts.

### Description of Proposed Action:

Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for hunting purposes on BLM-administered lands.

### Design Features for the Proposed Action

- The permittee shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws; ordinances; regulations; orders; postings; or written requirements applicable to the area or operations covered by the SRP and its operating plan.
- The permittee shall notify each District's established authorized officer's representative by mail, phone, fax, or email, at a minimum 24 hours prior to conducting guided hunts on BLM-administered lands for each District permitted.
- The permittee shall provide the lead authorized officers representative (in this case Medford District) with a quarterly post-use report (i.e. March 31, June 30, September 30, December 31) including the information in Appendix A of the attached operating plan. The permittee must report non-use as well.
- The permittee shall request in writing the need and proposed location for a base camp prior to set-up. Only after authorization, shall the permittee occupy a base camp on BLM-administered lands. Occupancy of authorized BLM base camps will not exceed 14 calendar days in a row.
- The permittee shall not occupy a site in any BLM developed campground.
- The permittee shall not use motorized vehicles behind gates or areas closed to such use.
- The permittee shall not guide in the areas identified in the operating plan (e.g. ACEC's).

## B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Medford District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP) (1995)

Date Approved: June 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the RMP because it is specifically provided for in the following RMP decision:

- Provide a wide range of developed and dispersed recreation opportunities that contribute to meeting projected recreation demand within the planning area. (p. 63)
- Pursue recreation opportunities that will benefit local community economic strategies consistent with BLM land use objectives. (p. 63)
- Manage extensive recreation management areas to provide for opportunities for dispersed, unstructured, and resource dependant recreation uses. (p. 66)

Land Use Plan Name: Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP) (1995)

Date Approved: June 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the RMP because it is specifically provided for in the following RMP decision:

- Ensure the continued availability of Public Lands for a diversity of resources dependent on outdoor recreation while maintaining the commitment to manage Public Lands consistent with the applicable laws, regulations and principles of ecosystem management. (p. 55)
- Provide a wide range of developed and dispersed recreation opportunities that contribute to meeting projected recreation demand in the planning area. (p. 55)
- Make BLM-administered lands in Zones 1, 2, and 3 available for a variety of uses as authorized by Section 302 of the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act and Special Recreation Permits.

Land Use Plan Name: Coos Bay District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP) (1995)

Date Approved: May 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the RMP because it is specifically provided for in the following RMP decision:

- Provide a wide range of developed and dispersed recreation opportunities that contribute to meeting projected recreation demand within the planning area. (p. 46)
- Support locally-sponsored tourism initiatives and community economic strategies by providing recreation projects and programs that benefit both short- and long-term implementation. (p. 46)
- Manage special and extensive recreation management areas in a manner consistent with BLM *Recreation 2000: A Strategic Plan* and *Oregon-Washington Public Lands Recreation Initiative*. (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) as follows:

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 CX cannot be used for commercial boating permits along Wild and Scenic Rivers. This CX cannot be used for the establishment or issuance of Special Recreation Permits in 'Special Area' management sites (43 CFR 2932.5).

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment as documented in the following table. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply.

### D. Categorical Exclusion Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation

The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	YES	NO
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
2.2 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.		X
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		X
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
2.7 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.		X
2.8 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.		X
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X

The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	YES	NO
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
2.11 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).		X
2.12 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).		X

**E. Signature of Authorizing Officials**

*Timothy J. Reuwsaat*      *3/16/10*  
 Timothy J. Reuwsaat      Date  
 Medford District Manager

*Jay Carlson*      *2/25/10*  
 Jay Carlson      Date  
 Roseburg District Manager

*Mark Johnson*      *3/1/2016*  
 Sr. Mark Johnson      Date  
 Coos Bay District Manager

**F. Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Jim McConnell, Medford District BLM, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504.

**G. Administrative Remedy**

Any person adversely affected by a decision of the authorized officer under this part (43 CFR 2931.8) may appeal under part 4 of this title from any final decision of the authorized officer. All decisions of the authorized officer under this part shall remain effective pending appeal unless the Secretary rules otherwise.