

# Categorical Exclusion Documentation / Decision Record

## A. Background

BLM Office: Medford District Office    Number: DOI-BLM-OR-MOOO-2009-0002-CE

Proposed Action Title: Special Recreation Hunting Permits

### Location of Proposed Action:

Bureau of Land Management Lands throughout the Medford District.

### Description of Proposed Action:

Issuance of Special Recreation Hunting Permit.

### Design Features for the Proposed Action

- Guides will prepare a list of trips taken, dates, and clients name, address, and phone numbers for the District.
- Guides shall provide all required biological information to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Guides shall notify District Resource Field Manager by phone, in person, or in writing as soon as possible in advance of a guides planned use (specify wilderness or non-wilderness).
- Guides shall arrange with the appropriate District Resource Field Manager when a camp is needed.
- Guides shall not camp in District designated campgrounds.
- Guides shall not use motorized vehicles to operate behind closed gates or in areas which are 'closed' or "limited' to OHV use.
- Guides shall not operate in Areas of Environmental Concern (ACEC).

## B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: *Medford District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* (ROD/RMP) (2008)

Date Approved: December 2008

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

“Manage lands not designated as special recreation management areas as extensive recreation management areas for developed and dispersed recreational opportunities. (ROD/RMP, p. 52).

### 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 for 'Special Area' management (43 CFR 2932.5).

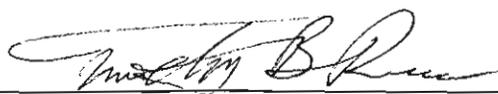
This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment as documented in the following table. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances 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
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X

The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	YES	NO
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 Official**



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2/24/09  
Date

**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 8372.6) 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.