

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

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Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District
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A. Background

BLM Office: Border Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: SRP OR-135-08-002

NEPA Log Number: OR-135-08-CX-003

Proposed Action Title: Collie Dog Club SRP

Location of Proposed Action: Fishtrap, Lincoln County, WA. T21N, R38E, Sec. 13, 24, and R39E, Sec. 7,8,17,18,19 (see attached map)

Description of Proposed Action: Description of Proposed Action:

The five-year organized group Special Recreation Permit application by the Inland Empire Collie Club is for dog (any breed) trials to attempt to qualify dogs for American Kennel Club (AKC) qualification of "Tracking Dog" or "Tracking Dog Excellent", utilizing a course within the same general use area, and in the same manner, as they have done for several years on BLM land close to roads in the Fishtrap area. The first year's event will take place April 26th – 27th including set up, the event, and clean up, and will involve approximately 10 participant dog trainers with their dog, and an additional 15 – 20 spectators and workers. Staging area for the event will not exceed three acres.

- During the event, dogs individually follow a flagged track that has small objects along the way and a glove at the end of the track. To qualify, the dogs must indicate each item along the way, ending with the glove.
- Nobody will be camping overnight for the event. Ten to fifteen people will come the first day to plot and lay out (flag) tracks. A separate track about 1/4 mile long will be plotted for each dog. The second day, the event occurs including 10 participants with their dog, and an additional 10 to 15 workers and spectators.
- A potluck lunch will be held after the event in the Farmer's Landing parking area with one motor home present.
- Dogs are kept on a leash at all times, even when following the flagged course for the event, and if necessary will be restrained by their handler from harassing wildlife and any grazing livestock in the area.
- Water and bowls will be brought to the site to water the dogs.
- One chemical toilet will be brought in for the event, unless a BLM-contracted toilet is already at the potluck/staging area. After the event, organizers will pick up and remove garbage, and clean up the courses and parking area.
- An emergency plan is written and will be on hand, and two of the participants are nurses.
- Any course marking would be done via a walk through rather than by vehicle.

- Any year within the permit period, areas may be subject to closure to avoid impacts to sensitive species of plants or animals, or to protect cultural or archeological resources. Any subsequent course alterations would be made via consultation with Spokane BLM.
- Any gates opened must be immediately closed if grazing livestock are present, and livestock must not be allowed to escape through the gate. If no livestock are present, opened gates must be closed at the end of the event.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Spokane Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: Approved 1987/Amended 1992

Option 1 (conforms with LUP): The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Chapter 2; General Management Objectives: 7. Manage public lands and keep access routes open for a variety of recreational opportunities/experiences, including both motorized and nonmotorized recreation activities.

OR

(Option 2: not explicitly provided for in the LUP) The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (*objectives, terms, and conditions*):

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 11.9H. (1)

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 2 apply, as shown in the following table:

CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	YES	NO
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

F: Signature

Authorizing Official: _____/S/ James Scott Pavey_____ Date: _____4/17/08_____

(Signature)

Name: Scott Pavey

Title: Field Manager, Border Resource Area

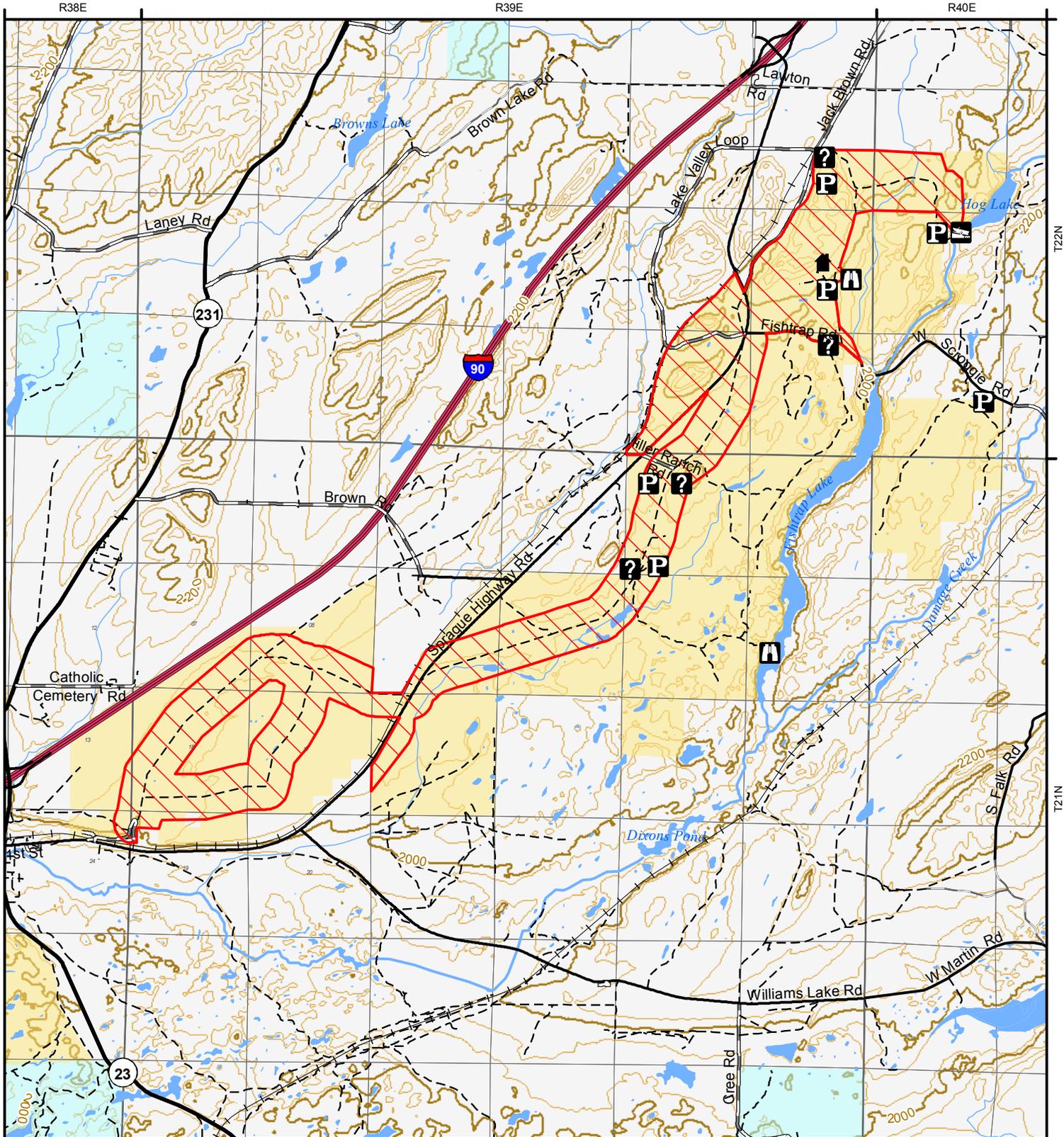
G. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Steve A. Smith, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Border Resource Area, Steve_A_Smith@blm.gov, 509-536-1219

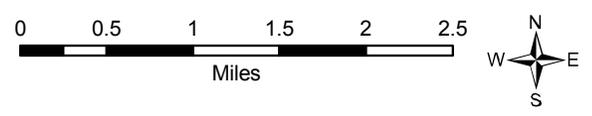
Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.

2008 Collie Club SRP

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| Dog Trials Area | Structure | Paved Road |
| Interstate | Boat Launch | Gravel Road |
| State Highway | Information | Unimproved Road |
| BLM Land | Parking | Primitive or Other Road |
| DNR Land | Watchable Wildlife | Railroads |



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