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To: All District Managers
From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use and Protection
Subject: Special Recreation Permits for Poker Runs

This Information Bulletin clarifies the application of the Special Recreation Permit (SRP) regulations at 43 CFR 2930, Permits for Recreation on Public Lands, and Bureau of Land Management Handbook H-2930, Recreation Permit Administration, concerning the issuance of SRPs for Poker Runs.

A Poker Run is described as an event where registered entrants follow an established route, stop at predetermined locations, and draw a card to be used to form a poker hand. The poker hand is presented to officials by each participant after completion of the established route. The poker hands are ranked by traditional poker rules, and prizes are awarded.

The *Federal Register* dated October 1, 2002, established the final rule for Permits for Recreation on Public Lands with an effective date of October 31, 2002. This rule codified at Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 2932, SRPs for Commercial Use, Competitive Events, Organized Groups and Recreation Use in Special Areas, defines and provides definition of these categories for administering SRPs.

Commercial use is defined as recreational use of public and related waters for business or financial gain.

Competitive use is defined as any organized, sanctioned, or structured use, event or activity on public land in which two or more contestants compete and either of the following elements applies:

- (1) Participants register, enter, or complete an application for the event; or
- (2) A predetermined course or area is designated.

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Using the above definitions and in consultation with the Washington Office National Recreation Group, we have confirmed that under the 43 CFR 2930 regulations a Poker Run is considered both a commercial and a competitive use for the purpose of issuing an authorization through a SRP.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this Information Bulletin and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

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