



Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

Permit Opportunity Prospectus

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Multiple Special Recreation Permit Guided/Outfitted
Recreation Services at
Red Rock Canyon
National Conservation Area
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Introduction

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is inviting applications for multiple categories of full-time guided recreation activity permits, called Special Recreation Permits (SRPs). Current and potential applicants are allowed to submit applications for multiple permit types or activities. This prospectus document will explain the evaluation process the BLM will use to assess submitted proposals and decide how SRPs will be distributed among competing applicants. This document will also offer guidance for those interested in providing commercial guided services in Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (RRCNCA).

RRCNCA is a well-visited recreation area with many different opportunities for outdoor activities. The beautiful setting and proximity to Las Vegas have made this an exceedingly popular destination for many different uses, including 4-wheel driving, horseback riding, road tours, hiking, biking and more. Exponential growth of visitation has been occurring over the last decade, fueling demand for different types of recreation and guided experiences. RRCNCA authorizes commercial permits to enhance the public's use and enjoyment of BLM's public lands.

Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) include commercial use, organized group activities or events, competitive use, and for use of special areas. The BLM has statutory authority for issuance of SRPs derived from the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq., and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 16 U.S.C. 6801 et seq. Further limits are set in RRCNCA's Resource Management Plan (RMP, 2005) and Environmental Assessment (EA) DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2025-0004-EA. Recently, the EXPLORE Act has adjusted prior permit policy in several ways which may be unfamiliar to past permit holders. Overall SRP policy remains the same, however.

Special Recreation Permits and Categories

Current permits are available in these numbers and categories:

- Five for artistic or fitness-based activities, such as yoga, meditation, running, painting, or photography;
- One for four-wheel driving activities on designated roads;
- One for equestrian related activities on designated trails;
- Three for motorized two or three-wheel vehicles such as scooters, segways, or motorcycles;
- Two hiking based guided activities on designated trails;
- One biking based guided activities on designated roads and trails.

Type of Permit	Number Available	Description of Activities
Artistic and Fitness	5	Yoga, meditation, running, painting, photography
Four Wheel Driving	1	Four-wheel driving on designated roads
Equestrian	1	Horse or other equine trail riding or lessons
Scooter, motorcycle, e-bike	3	Two or three-wheel motorized vehicles such as scooters, motorcycles, segways and e-bikes
Hiking	2	Guided hiking tours on designated trails
Biking	1	Guided biking tours on designated roads and biking trails

Permit proposals beyond the scope of current EAs and available permits spaces may apply for a permit at any time but are not specifically included in this prospectus.

Please note that full-time guided rock climbing permits are not currently being offered.

Proposals under this prospectus will be accepted only during a specific timeframe. After the closing date, proposals will be rated by a selection panel with criteria defined in this document in the section titled 'Assessment of Proposals'. The top-rated acceptable proposals will be referred for possible award to the Authorized Officer. The Authorized Officer has the final selection authority to accept proposals to be awarded an SRP.

The BLM reserves the right to deny any or all proposals in accordance with 43 CFR 2932.26.

All applicants must submit, in writing, a proposal that includes the information listed under the section 'Submitting the Proposal'.

Complete proposals must be received no later than the closing date: December 31, 2026.

When Is a Permit Required?

Federal regulations (43 CFR 2932.11) and the EXPLORE Act determine what activities require permits on BLM public lands.

If the BLM determines that it is necessary, based on planning decisions, resource concerns, potential user conflicts, or public health and safety, we may require you to obtain a Special Recreation Permit for—

1. Recreational use of special areas;
2. Noncommercial, noncompetitive, organized group activities or events; or
3. Academic, educational, scientific, or research uses that involve:
 - a. Means of access or activities normally associated with recreation;
 - b. Use of areas where recreation use is allocated; or
 - c. Use of special areas

Consistent with Title III of the EXPLORE Act, Pub. L. 118-234, applicable BLM policy and interim guidance, the Authorized Officer will determine whether a proposed activity requires authorization and the appropriate permit category or permit type. Certain activities that are functionally similar to general public recreation use and do not require additional resource protection measures, operational controls, or permit stipulations may qualify for a Nominal Effects Determination (NED) and may not require an SRP.

Permits under the EXPLORE Act or other applicable law are not a part of this announcement. If you wish to be considered for other permits, please indicate this on your application and/or contact our staff to ensure your application is properly filed and considered.

Land Management Planning

The allocations for numbers of permits in RRCNCA are determined by the RMP and EAs. The limits are set for resource protection, to avoid overcrowding, and ensure they are aligned and consistent with the laws, regulations, policies, and intent of RRCNCA. The current EA for SRPs is DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2025-0004-EA which analyzed and set the parameters and stipulations for SRPs in this prospectus. The RMP sets several categories with limits on numbers of companies for permits, as well as the Wilderness Management Plan and EA (DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2012-0004-EA).

Cost Recovery

Applications requiring extensive review, environmental analysis, monitoring, or administrative processing may be subject to cost recovery pursuant to applicable law, regulation, and policy. Consistent with Title III and current BLM guidance, cost recovery generally does not apply to applications requiring fewer than 50 hours of staff time to process, monitor, and administer during a given year. Applications exceeding this de minimis threshold may be subject to cost recovery. The BLM will notify applicants if cost recovery may apply and will provide additional information regarding estimated costs, applicable procedures, and payment requirements before incurring recoverable costs.

General Description of Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

RRCNCA was designated as Nevada's first National Conservation Area (NCA) in 1990 through the signing of Public Law 101-621. It is located about 25 driving miles from the Las Vegas Strip outside of the Summerlin area. At over 200,000 acres, RRCNCA spans north past Lee Canyon and south of SR-160 and the Blue Diamond Area.

The purpose of the NCA is "to conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations ... the unique and nationally important geologic, archeological, ecological, cultural, scenic, scientific, wildlife, riparian, wilderness, endangered species, and recreation resources...". SRPs are one tool used by the BLM to balance all these important resources of the NCA, including the intense recreation use of the area and to help protect the other important resources as the law directs.

RRCNCA attracts approximately 3 million visitors every year, half of which are concentrated in the Scenic Drive, which composes only a small portion of the Conservation Area. Calico Basin is another incredibly popular area of RRCNCA, boasting improved picnic areas and a boardwalk. Locals and national or international visitors are both common, with a faithful group of local citizens who frequently recreate.

A wide variety of hiking, equestrian, and mountain biking trails exist within the Conservation Area. Other recreation activities include: rock climbing, sightseeing, camping, and hunting. Weddings, photography, and filming for local advertising and major motion pictures are also very popular in the Conservation Area. Within RRCNCA there is one developed campground

and two wilderness areas: the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness Area and La Madre Mountain Wilderness Area.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's Spring Mountain National Recreation Area, managed by the U.S. Forest Service, shares the entire western boundary of RRCNCA. Several private inholdings, Calico Basin, the town of Blue Diamond, and Bonnie Springs are surrounded by the Conservation Area. The 520-acre Nevada State Park, Spring Mountain Ranch, is also contained within RRCNCA.

Located in the Mojave Desert, RRCNCA provides varied habitats and has a variety of elevations from 3,000 to over 8,000 feet. This provides excellent habitat for a wide variety of wildlife species including desert bighorn sheep, deer, coyote, desert tortoise, and other native animals. Several plants and animals are endemic to the Spring Mountain Range and are not found elsewhere. Native American and historic cultural sites such as pictographs, petroglyphs, roasting pits, ranching plots, mining structures and historic trails are found in the Conservation Area. The desert tortoise, a federally listed species, is found throughout the lower elevations of RRCNCA. Wild horses and burros also roam RRCNCA and are protected by federal law.

Specific Permit Information

Any awarded permits from this prospectus will be considered a two-year temporary permit. Temporary permits may be converted to long term permits after up to two years of acceptable standing. Long term permits are assigned at the discretion of the authorized officer and shall be consistent with the RMP. A long term permit is authorized for a period not to exceed ten years subject to annual performance reviews and may be renewed without competition, provided the holder has performed in an acceptable manner during the previous permit duration.

RRCNCA issues SRPs to facilitate recreational use on public lands, help meet management objectives, provide opportunities for economic activity, control visitor use, protect recreational and natural resources, educate visitors, and provide for the health and safety of visitors. SRPs are issued as a discretionary action for the above listed reasons. As RRCNCA's RMP limits permit space, these SRPs are extremely competitive and desirable. It is the BLM's view that those commercial companies that hold one of those permits should utilize it for the best benefit of the public. Under-utilization would be grounds to terminate a permit and open it up for re-competition for other operators. If awarded, all permits will include a stipulation requiring a minimum number of 40 user days utilized annually. User-days represent a day or part of a day for each participant accompanied by a guide or provided commercial services.

Artistic/Holistic Tours and Events

These events could include classes or tutorials for any artistic or holistic activity including but not limited to nature photography, yoga, meditation, or painting. To limit damage to natural resources, all tours would utilize designated roads or trails, and activities will only occupy

designated spaces such as picnic areas or parking lots and disturbed areas as authorized. Group size will be limited to up to 12 people per tour and no more than 12 participants per day.

Guided Off-Highway Tours

Tours could include, but are not limited to, modified SUVs and trucks, motorcycles and other Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs). Any vehicle used must be street-legal and licensed in the state of Nevada. All travel in RRCNCA is limited to designated roads, both paved and unpaved. No overland or off-road travel is permitted in RRCNCA. Some proposed activities may require coordinated authorization or additional approvals from other agencies, landowners, or jurisdictions. Consistent with applicable law and policy, including Title III of the EXPLORE Act, the BLM may coordinate with other agencies or jurisdictions where appropriate to support efficient administration of multijurisdictional recreation activities.

Group size will be limited to up to five vehicles per tour and no more than five vehicles per day, including the guide.

Guided Horseback Riding Operations or Tour

Tours could include horses, burros, and mule riding. All tours would be conducted in designated locations only on equestrian-designated trails and staging areas not currently utilized by other equestrian permittees. No new permanent structures will be authorized or built, and no overnighting facilities for stock exist for use. Utilization of adopted wild horses, mules and burros is encouraged and would provide a valuable interpretive opportunity. The permittee will be required to feed stock-certified, weed-free feed at least 48 hours prior to any tour and would provide a copy of the certificate annually.

Group size will be limited to five tours per day with up to 12 horses per guide per tour in wilderness, and no more than 40 horses at one time and 320 horses per day outside of wilderness. Restrictions based on areas will apply.

Guided Bicycle Operations or Tours

Road and mountain biking are both allowed as a part of this permit type. Tours could include, but are not limited to street bikes, mountain bikes or class 1, 2 or 3 e-bikes. Use of e-bikes is only in approved areas for that class of bike. All travel will be on designated roads and trails. No biking is allowed off designated biking trails.

Group size will be limited to up to 12 bikes per tour and no more than 24 bicycles per day.

Scooter Operations or Tours

Tours could include, but are not limited to segways, non-class 1, 2 or 3 e-bikes, scooters, mopeds or human/motorized powered devices. All travel will be on designated roads.

Group size will be limited to 12 vehicles per tour and 12 vehicles per day.

Guided Hiking Operations or Tours

Tours could include, but are not limited to hiking, scrambling, backpacking, and other non-

technical foot travel. No climbing or technical rope use is allowed as part of this permit. All travel will be on designated roads and trails. Commercial hiking is restricted to designated trails. For hiking in designated wilderness areas, applicants will be required to submit a Wilderness Education Plan with their Operations Plan.

Group size will be up to 12 persons per tour and no more than 24 participants per day.

Required Information and Certifications

All permittees are ultimately responsible for following all stipulations, rules, laws, and regulations. The permittee will comply with all Federal, State and local laws and ensure compliance of all guides and participants. If the proposed operation includes the use of any land other than RRCNCA, the permittee will be responsible for gaining any permits or permission necessary for use and providing proof of that authorization to the BLM, if requested.

All tours are required to educate all participants about desert tortoises and take steps to protect the species. Any permits utilizing wilderness areas are required to educate their clientele on designated wilderness. All tours should include elements of *Tread Lightly* or *Leave No Trace* principles and help accurately interpret information about the cultural history, Mojave Desert ecology, plants and animals, and the BLM.

Appropriate first-aid equipment will be furnished by the permittee and available on every tour. Guides shall be trained and certified in, at a minimum, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and are encouraged to have First-Aid or Wilderness First Responder (WFR) training. Any emergency resulting in injury requiring evacuation or property damage must be reported to the BLM within 24 hours.

Natural Resource and Cultural Site Protection

Red Rock Canyon as a National Conservation Area is committed to protecting the plants, animals, and cultural sites within it. Permittees are expected to protect these resources as well and guide participants accurately. The following are a sample of rules and regulations. A sample of extended stipulations are included as Appendix A.

All permits within this prospectus are limited to designated roads and trails for the protection of all resources. For invasive and noxious weeds and plants, vehicles and equipment and gear will be inspected before and after for the presence of seeds or plant parts. Animals and plants will be left unmolested, and wildlife, including wild horses and burros, will not be fed. All food and trash items will be protected from wildlife. All cultural resources will be protected within RRCNCA.

Waste and garbage will be disposed of properly, and large amounts of trash will be removed by the permittee. Any backcountry use permits are required to utilize wag-bags or other sanitary waste disposal as needed.

The Wilderness Act states that “there shall be no commercial enterprise ... within any wilderness area designated by this Act and except as necessary to meet minimum requirements for the administration of the area”. To meet this requirement, permittees who are operating in the wilderness must give education on federally protected wilderness to all participants. Group limits within wilderness in RRCNCA are 12 persons and 12 stock animals.

Proposal Requirements

To be considered, each proponent must submit the information requested below:

1. **A completed application, preferably through [RAPTOR](#)**
 - a. Digital, fillable applications (form 2930-1) are available online. Digital versions, not scans or pictures, are preferred. Please call our office to request a physical copy, if necessary.
2. An **Operating Plan** with detailed information for each item of your operation, including:
 - a. **Safety plan**
 - i. That details precautions taken for safety, example emergency plans, and lists current certifications held by staff;
 - b. **Communications plan**
 - i. That details what communications devices can or will be used in what situations, and how the permittee will have contact with staff onsite.
 - ii. Any required information such as wilderness, tortoise, or additional interpretive information.
3. **Any brochures, offering lists, etc,** with:
 - a. Client costs, times of day/place/dates of service, how you plan on advertising your services, any facilities needed for your operation on-site, and location(s) of activities.
4. Any **current outfitter/guiding certification** including First Aid/CPR, WFR, food handler's certificate, interpretive certificates, or other relevant trainings.
5. **OPTIONAL:**
 - a. **Maps** are not immediately required and need only be submitted if an applicant is proposing to use areas not already on designated trails or roads. If you are proposing to use only specific designated sites, please include maps. If you intend to use the designated trails and roads for your proposal, write “areas as designated by the BLM” on your application.
 - b. If you currently hold or formerly held **permits with federal lands**, it is highly encouraged to include proof of good standing of these permits.

Information is to be treated as confidential to the extent allowed under the Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552 and 552a respectively).

Submitting the Proposal

Completed proposals should be uploaded in full to [RAPTOR](#). Submit proposals through only one method.

Proposals and applications will also be accepted through email.
Physical mail or personally delivered applications will be accepted, but are not preferred.

RAPTOR: BLM's electronic permitting application.

E-mail: blm_nv_sndr_rrc_recreation@blm.gov

An email acknowledging receipt of your application will be sent back to you.

Physical mail:

BLM Red Rock Canyon NCA

Attn: Outdoor Recreation Planner, Prospectus

1000 Scenic Loop Dr.

Las Vegas, NV 89161

Proposals will be accepted until December 31, 2026. Proposals submitted after close of business on this date may not be considered under this prospectus.

Incomplete proposals may not be considered. It is ultimately the proponent's responsibility to ensure completeness. If requested, we may be able to check for completeness if the proposal is submitted more than 14 days in advance of the closing date.

Physical materials submitted with proposals will not be returned.

Assessment Of Proposals

The objective of the BLM is to identify proposals that best support recreation management objectives, visitor services, public safety, resource protection, and responsible administration of commercial recreation services within RRCNCA. The BLM will make every effort to transparently and professionally analyze the proposals presented. A selection panel will evaluate the proposal based on predetermined criteria, which is outlined below.

The assessment and selection process is expected to take 90 days and end by March 31, 2027.

Below are the general criteria being considered:

1. Operating Plan, Safety Plan, and Communications Plan

- a. Completeness, detail and professionalism
- b. Knowledge of location (RRCNCA) and how it contributes to operations
- c. Details for education and interpretation operations
- d. Conformance with resource management goals for RRCNCA

2. Brochure materials

- a. Value to the public of offerings – is it new, innovative, or different than others?
Or is it currently offered
- b. Completeness, detail and professionalism

3. Certifications

- a. CPR is required, First Aid highly encouraged
- b. Other certifications such as interpretation, more advanced medical training (WFR, etc.), guide trainings, food handler's if needed, etc.
- c. Skill, experience, or training of guides

4. Current or former federal lands permits (extra criteria)

- a. Proof of good standing if you have current or former permits
- b. New federal applicants need not provide
- c. The lack of these documents will not detract from an applicant's viability

Note that the process may include an evaluation of past permits issued by land management agencies for any violations issued by the BLM, U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service or other entities and agencies. The evaluation may also consider violations for related issues the permittee has received by state or local authorities.

Selection

After review from the selection panel and approval from the Authorized Officer, an award will be offered to the selected applicants approximately 90 days after the closing date of application submittals. At that time, all paperwork, SRP fees, and additional information will be required as communicated. The Authorized Officer retains final discretion regarding permit selection, issuance, modification, or non-issuance consistent with applicable law, policy, environmental analysis, resource protection needs, and recreation management objectives.

The successful proponent will be notified no later than the first week of April 2027.

Additional Permit Documents Post Selection

A selected proposal must supply these additional permit documents:

1. Insurance

- a. The permittee must secure liability insurance in an amount adequate to protect the interest of the United States. The holder will have in force commercial general liability insurance covering damage to property of at least \$30,000, which can be included in annual aggregate. A copy of the insurance policy must be provided before a special use permit will be issued. The insurance document must state "The United States of America is additionally insured." With an address of:
4701 N Torrey Pines Dr
Las Vegas, NV 89131
- b. A risk determination worksheet will be completed by the BLM for each applicable permit. If the activity is determined to be low risk, insurance will not be required.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS		
SRP EVENT OR ACTIVITY	PER OCCURRENCE	PER ANNUAL AGGREGATE
Low Risk – if an SRP is determined to be Low-Risk, insurance is not required	\$300,000	\$600,000
Moderate Risk: All SRPs in this prospectus announcement as determined by law	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
High Risk: SRPs include climbing	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000- \$10,000,000

2. Guide List

- A list of all guides that currently work for or will be working for the permittee and any certifications earned. The permittee will continuously update this list.

3. Additional Stipulations

- RRCNCA requires additional mitigation measures for the protection of resources. Stipulations specific to your permit will be provided after award for agreement and signature.

4. Brochures and Advertisements

- The selected applicant must provide a copy of advertising brochures, websites, or advertisements outlining current rates and services offered. Digital links to websites, social media accounts, etc need not be printed.

5. Fees

- Applicable fees are described below. These fees are calculated using the guidelines in [43 CFR 2932.31](#) and the EXPLORE Act. These fees are:

- **Minimum Use Fee: \$130**

The minimum fee for the first year is \$130 and is required before use. Upon year end the Post Use will be calculated and prorated with the minimum use fee.

- **Post Use Fee:** permittee will elect either the greater of \$130 minimum annual fee or the permittee's choice of \$7 per person/per day or 3% of AGR.

The permittee shall elect fee calculation method at the time of permit issuance. At the beginning of each calendar year post use fees for the past year and a prepayment for the next year are due. Failure to meet this deadline may cause remedial action to a permit such as probation, suspension, or revocation.

- **Assigned Site Fees: \$260 per site per year**

A fee for assigned sites may be required for those utilizing assigned areas of RRCNCA. This may apply to certain uses of areas if elected.

- **Entrance Fees (Scenic Drive only)**
Commercial vehicles entering the Scenic Drive are subject to fees of \$20 per vehicle and \$5 per participant. America the Beautiful passes apply to individuals. Fee records will be kept by the permittee and paid to the BLM on a set schedule or with post-use fees.
- The BLM Authorized Officer may require prepayment of fees based on expected use estimates. Prepayment fees will be adjusted and/or balanced annually with the post use report. Fees are subject to change and set by the BLM Director. All updates are posted to the Federal Register.

Other information

Record Keeping - The permit holder will be required to have the ability to provide the BLM annual financial and actual use records to determine the final annual fee. All original records of use by date, trip, fee, and number and name of persons must be retained and readily available for inspection for the most recent five years.

Proposals Considered Public Documents - All proposals submitted in response to this Prospectus may be disclosed by the BLM to any person, upon request, to the extent required or authorized by the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552).

- a. If you believe that your proposal contains trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, mark the cover page of each copy of the proposal with the following legend:
“The information specifically identified on pages of this proposal constitutes trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information that the Offeror believes to be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. The Offeror requests that this information not be disclosed to the public, except as may be required by law”.

Appendix A:

Example Stipulations and Mitigation Measures

In addition to items (A) through (R) on the back of the permit form (2930-2), the following special stipulations are included as part of this permit. Stipulations specific to individual locations or specific activities may be added in addition to these stipulations at the discretion of the Authorized Officer (AO). These additional stipulations can be modified or changed at any time by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prior to the event.

1. General Stipulations

- 1.1. The Holder shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations for the protection of resources and the environment, to include but not limited to air, cultural, hazmat, soil, vegetation, water, wildlife.
- 1.2. The painting of rocks or the establishment of permanent markers or improvements is prohibited.
- 1.3. The permittee or permittee's representative may not assign, contract, or sublease any portion of the permit authorization or interest therein, directly, or indirectly, voluntarily, or involuntarily. Contracting may be approved by the Authorized Officer (AO) in advance, if necessary, to supplement a permittee's operations. Such contracting should not constitute more than half the required equipment or services. If equipment or services are contracted, the permittee shall continue to be responsible for compliance with all stipulations and conditions of the permit.
- 1.4. Permits do not allow exclusive use of a site. Picnic areas, trails and other facilities are open to the public.
- 1.5. All permits are subject to a minimum use of 40 user days.

2. Use Fees and Post Use Reports

- 2.1. Fees must be received in advance and at least 14 days before the date of the ceremony and permit issuance. The non-commercial/organized group use fees shall be the minimum SRP fee of \$130 or \$7/person/day. Commercial fees include an assigned site fee of \$260 plus SRP fees of the greater of \$130 or 3% of gross (May 2023).
- 2.2. Preferred and easiest method of payment is by phone with a credit or debit card. Please email to arrange a time for payment. For other payment methods, arrange with our office.

3. Insurance

- 3.1. Commercial Use Permits: permit will be automatically suspended, and the permittee will not be authorized to conduct the activity described in the SRP if the BLM does not have a copy of the permittee's certificate of insurance.
- 3.2. Insurance minimum requirements are listed on the permit form 2930-2.

- 3.3. The certificate of insurance must state the following: "The United States of America is additionally insured." The address is 4701 N. Torrey Pines, Las Vegas, NV 89130.

4. Fire Restrictions

- 4.1. Fire restrictions are generally enacted May through October. Compliance with fire restrictions is mandatory while fire restrictions are in effect. Specific non-compliant activities may be permitted in writing on a case-by-case basis by a line officer after review and approval by the Fire Management Officer (43 CFR 9212).
- 4.2. Conditions that support wildfires can occur any time of the year in Southern Nevada. In general, and when fire restrictions are not in effect, use standard fire prevention measures and best management practices to prevent fires (43 CFR 2805.12(d) or subsequent revisions).
- 4.3. The permittee shall immediately report fires to the BLM, appropriate dispatch center or 911 and make all accommodations to allow immediate safe entry of firefighting apparatus and personnel.
- 4.4. In the event of a human-caused wildfire the proponent will be held responsible for all costs of suppression and damaged resources pending a wildfire Origin and Cause Investigation. An Origin and Cause Investigation will be carried out on any human-caused fire by BLM Law Enforcement or their designated representative. To minimize disturbance of potential evidence located at the fire scene, the permittee shall properly handle and preserve evidence in coordination with the BLM. The proponent shall report to the Fire Investigator or BLM Incident Commander and enter into the fire origin area on BLM fires only when given permission to do so. The proponent will cooperate with the BLM in performance of fire investigation to determine wildfire cause.
- 4.5. The permittee will utilize any item or take any action that could result in the ignition of a wildfire, i.e. flare/fuel & wick torch/any incendiary device.

5. Endangered Species

- 5.1. The permittee shall do everything possible to ensure that participants do not harass or collect or take wildlife. 50 CFR 17.21, NAC 503.093
- 5.2. The permittee shall be responsible for informing all participants about the desert tortoise. Information will be provided by the BLM on the life history of the desert tortoise, its protected status, protocols for dealing with tortoises when they are encountered, and the definition of "take".
- 5.3. Should a desert tortoise enter the area of the event, the permittee will immediately stop all activity until such time as the animal has left the area of its own accord.
- 5.4. For the safety of the desert tortoise, the area of activity shall be confined to the smallest practical area, considering topography, location of animal burrows, public health and safety, and other limiting factors.
- 5.5. If a Desert Tortoise is encountered, it must be avoided. No vehicle or participant shall approach any closer than five (5) feet of a tortoise. Tortoises often take cover under

vehicles, and participants will be instructed to check under their vehicles before driving.

6. Wildlife

- 6.1. The Holder shall remove from public land and properly dispose of any and all trash, litter, debris, waste, excess materials, including flagging and signs, or other substances and materials resulting from the use under this authorization. All trash and food items shall be promptly contained within closed, raven-proof containers.
- 6.2. The BLM may close any site at any time for specific wildlife concerns, such as but not limited to: nesting, breeding, or migration.
- 6.3. Permittees and participants will not harass, harm, or feed wildlife. All trash and/or food products must be secured and attended to at all times. No crumbs, food debris or spray are allowed and must be cleaned.
- 6.4. A speed limit of 25 miles per hour shall be required for all vehicles travelling on existing roads unless otherwise posted.
- 6.5. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area includes the Red Rock unit of the Spring Mountain Horse and Burro Management Area. If wild horse and/or burro are encountered in or near the authorized area do not feed, harass, or otherwise interact with the animal. Report sick or injured animals and violations of animals to the BLM immediately.
- 6.6. If any Gila Monsters are encountered, please report it immediately to the Nevada Department of Wildlife at (702) 486-5127.
- 6.7. The Holder will comply with the terms and conditions of the Biological Opinion File No. 1-5-04-F-526 for this project. The Biological Opinion is on file at the Bureau of Land Management, Southern Nevada District Office. The terms and conditions are attached.

7. Cultural and Paleontological Resources

- 7.1. It is illegal to collect or disturb archaeological materials on public lands without a permit issued from the BLM. These permits are only granted to qualified archaeologists associated with institutions or contracting firms.
- 7.2. Fossils may not be collected within the boundaries of RRCNCA. Violators will be subject to criminal penalties.
- 7.3. Permittee is responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the above cultural and paleontological cultural stipulations.
- 7.4. Permittees and Participants will remain on designated trails; climbing over fences and on boulders is prohibited within archaeological sites.
- 7.5. No climbing or drones allowed withing 50 feet of rock writings.

8. Vegetation

- 8.1. No litter of any kind may be left behind.

- 8.2. All materials used, including anything for transport, must be stored within the designated venue area or in authorized use spaces. Do not stash or store items behind or on shrubs, outside of the venue, underneath boardwalks or underneath natural materials such as rocks or downed vegetation.
- 8.3. Vegetation removal of any kind is prohibited in all parts of Red Rock Canyon NCA. This applies whether the plant or material is alive or dead or if the material is kept or discarded back onto the ground.
 - 8.3.1. This includes but is not limited to: Picking flowers, breaking off branches, uprooting plants, trampling of trailside plants, taking cactus skeletons or pinecones, or slashing overgrown vegetation. Taking away vegetation from the place it was found is considered as "removal," no matter the intention.
- 8.4. No new habitat disturbance is authorized; no trail work is authorized. Participants must stay on designated trails, not create or utilize social trails, trample vegetation, destroy or damage natural rock and soil structures, or build rock cairns which could alter and expose the native and invasive seed bank. Photo opportunities are not excluded from this stipulation.
- 8.5. Information on noxious weeds will be provided by the BLM. Permittees should instruct participants in cases needed to reduce spread of noxious plants.
- 8.6. All participants shall inspect, remove, and dispose of weed seed and plant parts found on their clothing and personal equipment, bag the product, and dispose of it as trash. At some major trailheads, boot brush stations are available for use.
- 8.7. An equipment check should ensure that no equipment, clothing, shoes, carrying cases etc. shall have any trace of mud and dirt, dried or fresh vegetation matter, or raw seed.

9. Public Health and Safety

- 9.1. The permittee must assume responsibility for inspecting the permitted area for any existing or new hazardous conditions, e.g., trail and route conditions, landslides, avalanches, rocks, changing water or weather conditions, falling limbs or trees, submerged objects, hazardous wildlife, or other hazards that present risks for which the permittee assumes responsibility.
- 9.2. The permittee shall ensure that first aid services provided at this event have the capability to ensure that any accident victim may be located, treated, and evacuated as needed. Have a reliable communication system to provide immediate contact for the first aid provided (EMS, 9-1-1). NOTE: Cellular service reception is limited in many areas within RRCNCA and may not be a reliable communication source.
- 9.3. The Scenic Drive is a one-way road. Wrong way travel is prohibited unless approved or directed by the AO or Law Enforcement Officer.
- 9.4. All vehicles will be limited to designated roads and parking lots. Motorized cross-country travel is prohibited.

10. Compliance

- 10.1. BLM staff may meet and/or monitor the permit during the event to ensure compliance.
- 10.2. The Permittee will receive an annual performance evaluation. Performance will be based upon compliance with the SRP Stipulations, the Biological Opinion Terms and Conditions, compliance with the Permittee's Operation Plan, Permittee's protection of resource values, and the quality and safety of services provided to the public.
- 10.3. Performance evaluation levels are:

A= Acceptable: Permittee is in compliance with permit stipulations; has taken prompt steps to rectify any performance issues and complaints; does not repeatedly violate conditions or show a disregard for stipulations.

P= Probationary: There have been repeated violations or disregards for permit stipulations.

U= Unacceptable: Permittee willfully and/or repeatedly violated permit conditions to provide substandard service to the public. Conduct is lacking in reasonableness or responsibility to the point that it becomes reckless or negligent.

- 10.4. Administrative penalties issued against the permittee by the BLM Authorized Officer for failure to comply with one or more conditions or stipulations of this permit include but are not limited to the following:

10.4.1. Probation: Probation is defined as putting a Permittee under special scrutiny for a specified period (one season of use) for failure to comply with one or more permit conditions or stipulations.

10.4.2. Suspension: Suspension is a temporary removal of all permit privileges. While operating in a probationary status, failure to comply with one or more operating conditions or stipulations will result in permit suspension.

10.4.3. Termination: Termination is a permanent removal of permit privileges. Based on a review of the violation(s), a permit in suspension status may be terminated.

Failure to comply with the stipulations of this permit will result in the cancellation of permit, denial for future permits, and possible legal action.

Appendix B:

Helpful Information, Websites, and Links

BLM's SRP Website

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-passes/special-recreation-permits>

Red Rock Canyon NCA's BLM Website

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/nevada/red-rock-canyon>

RAPTOR: BLM's online permit portal

<https://permits.blm.gov/raptor/home-srp>

eCFR – 43 CFR 2932

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/subtitle-B/chapter-II/subchapter-B/part-2930/subpart-2932?toc=1>

EXPLORE Act Information and Guidance

<https://www.blm.gov/about/laws-and-regulations/explore-act>

Red Rock Canyon NCA Resource Management Plan

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/nevada/red-rock-canyon/management-and-planning/rmp>

Programmatic EA for SRPs

<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2035668/510>

Wilderness Management Plan and EA

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/nfs/files/legacy-media/humboldt-toiyabe/Toiyabe%20NF%20Amendment%2016.pdf>