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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW
AND DECISION RECORD**

Date: April 7, 2005

CX Number: CA-660-05-49

Name of Proposed Action: Berdoo Canyon Clean Up

Legal Description: T4S, R8E, Sections 20 and 30, SBM

USGS Topographic Map: West Berdoo Canyon: 1:24k

Land Use Plan conformance: In compliance with 43CFR1610.5-3 and BLM MS1617.3, the proposed action is in conformance with the California Desert Conservation Area Plan (1980 as amended).

Description of Proposed Action:

The proposed clean up will occur on approximately two miles of Berdoo Canyon Road north of the intersection with Dillon Road. The focus is the Berdoo Canyon Wash located in the heart of section 20. This action would remove and dispose of illegally dumped refuse and debris such as miscellaneous household appliances, combustible and non-combustible yard waste (i.e., shotgun shells, clay pigeons, shot up televisions, lawn mowers, empty barrels, bricks, woody and grassy debris), which has accumulated within the large wash and vegetation zones along the route.

Incidences of illegal dumping have grown to epidemic proportions. Statistically it has been proven that by the reduction of illegally dumped household and commercial trash, dumping areas cease to attract continued illegal actions.

Volunteer groups will be used as the labor force with assistance from the BLM staff. Approximately 25 people will be participating in the event for a total of 100 hours of contributed labor time. Heavy equipment will not be utilized during the event. Minimal vehicle impacts, such as tire tracks from pick-up trucks, will occur within close proximity of the approved route of travel. Impacts will be raked out after the removal of large appliances. "Limited Use" and "No Dumping" signs will be installed on public lands. The proposed date of the action is Saturday, April 9, 2005, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

A 40-yard container donated by Waste Management of the Desert will be placed at a previously impacted site approximately 1 mile along Berdoo Canyon Road. A deputy probation officer with the County of Riverside will be setting up a first aid station at the same location. BLM Recreation Staff will provide a shade structure.

Categorical Exclusion Reference: 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, H10.

Removal of structures and materials of non-historical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.

Screening for Exceptions: The following exceptions apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (516 DM, Appendix 2). The preparer and/or indicated specialist must verify that the Proposed Action does not:

2.1	Have significant adverse effects of public health or safety?	No exception
2.2	Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farm lands, wet lands, flood plains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of National Landmarks?	No exception
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects?	No exception
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No exception
2.5	Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No exception
2.6	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?	No exception
2.7	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?	No exception
2.8	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species?	No exception
2.9	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?	No exception
2.10	Threaten to violate a Federal, State, or local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No exception

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Reviewed by: _____
Environmental Coordinator

DECISION: It is my decision to approve the proposed action as described in Categorical Exclusion (CX) number CA-660-03-26. I find this action conforms to 516 Departmental Manual (DM) 2 and DM 6 with no exceptions. I further find this action in conformance with applicable land use plans and that it will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation. Conditions of approval, if attached, are incorporated by reference as the decision of the

Bureau of Land Management regarding this action. A copy of this Decision Record and attendant conditions of approval shall be in the possession of the on-site operator during all undertakings approved herein.

APPROVED BY: _____

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