

**Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels  
and Fire Rehabilitation Actions**

**Off Camber Motorcycle Club  
DOI-BLM-AZ-P010-2012-011-CX**

**A. Background**

BLM Office: *Hassayampa Field Office (HFO)*

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: **AZA-33800**

Proposed Action Title/Type: **Off Camber Motorcycle Enduro**

Location of Proposed Action: **T7N, R3W, West of Castle Hot Springs Road**

Description of Proposed Action: This event is a qualifier-type off-road motorcycle endure competition held on a course approximately 50 miles in length, 12 miles which is on BLM administered land. The course consists of timed sections and untimed sections (transfer sections). This event will consist of 6 or 7 timed sections with transfer sections between the timed sections. Only 2 of the test sections will be on BLM. The rest of the course and all of the associated activities such as parking, staging, pitting, camping, registration, scoring, and refueling will be on State Trust Land under a state department Special Use Permit. Entrants will be classified as A, B, C or sports riders. A total of 250 entrants is expected. Only A and B riders will ride the section of the course on BLM. It is expected this will total 160 riders on BLM. Riders are expected to be on BLM from approximately 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A week before the event, the course will be marked with ribbon and turn arrows and these will be removed after the event.

**B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan (LUP) Name: **Bradshaw-Harquahala Resource Management Plan**

Date Approved/Amended: **4/1/2010**

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

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

RR-148: Provide a suitable array of opportunities for motorized and non –motorized recreation in a Sonoran Desert wash and upland environment. Manage for semi-primitive motorized and some roaded natural settings.

RR-149: Provide opportunities for the following while protecting the natural and cultural resources in the area: OHV activities, etc.

**C: Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 Departmental Manual (DM) 11.9: 516 DM 11 11.9, Actions for Categorical Exclusion H, Recreation Management: 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 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 11.9 apply.

I considered: Mitigating measures will be attached to the permit as stipulations. The stipulations for this permit request are located in the attached document (Appendix A).

**D: Signature**

**Review:** *We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects (see Attachment 1). Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.*

**Prepared by:** \_\_\_\_\_/S/\_\_\_\_\_

**Mary Skordinsky  
Project Lead**

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_/S/\_\_\_\_\_

**Leah Baker  
Planning & Environmental Coordinator**

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_/S/\_\_\_\_\_

**Elroy Masters, Acting Field Manager**

**Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:  
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**Note:** A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.



BLM Categorical Exclusions: Extraordinary Circumstances<sup>1</sup>

**Attachment 1**

The action has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) apply. The project would:		
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> Signs will be posted to inform the public of the event. The event will run on existing roads and trails. Camping and other functions of the event will take place off BLM administered lands.
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness or wilderness study 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 (Executive Order 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> Use will occur on the roads and trails. There are no known unique features along the proposed routes.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> OHV activities have been identified in the RMP as legitimate for this area.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> There are no known potentially significant effects or unique or unknown environmental risks. Activity is restricted to existing roads and trails.
5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> There are no precedent setting significant environmental effects associated with the event.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		
<b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The RMP restricts motorized competitive events to 2 per year.
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?		

<sup>1</sup> If an action has any of these impacts, you must conduct NEPA analysis.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> There are no new uses associated with the routes identified for this event. Participants are restricted to the roads and trails, and cross-country travel is prohibited.
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?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> Desert tortoise may be encountered. Guidelines for handling the tortoise will be included in a stipulation.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> There are no areas identified that violate the protection of the environment.
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> This action does not adversely affect low income or minority populations.
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)?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> There are no known sacred sites along the identified routes.
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)?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> Activity will stay on the course. There are no known actions covered in this permit that would propagate weed species.

**Decision**  
**Attachment 2**

**Project Description:**

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**Decision:** Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed, with the following stipulations (if applicable).

The decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. Public notification of this decision will be considered to have occurred on December 22, 2010. Within 30 days of this decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix Arizona, 85027. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed with the Authorized Officer.

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_/S/\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_01/25/2012\_\_\_

**Elroy Masters**  
**Acting Field Manager**