

DECISION MEMORANDUM
Four Seasons Guides SRP
DOI-BLM-AZ-A020-2010-0002-DNA
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Vermilion Cliffs National Monument
Kanab Field Office

Approval and Decision

Based on a review of the project described in the attached Determination of NEPA Adequacy documentation and Arizona Strip Field Office and the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument staff recommendations, I have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument Resource Management Plan (approved 2008), the Kanab Field Office Resource Management Plan (approved 2008), the Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness Management Plan (approved 1986), and is consistent with the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument Proclamation. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed, with the permit stipulations identified in Attachment A.

Authorize a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) for Four Seasons Guides to conduct day-hiking and backpacking trips in the Paria Canyon as described in the attached DOI-BLM-AZ-020-2010-0002-DNA.

Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities

This 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 and the attached Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed at the Arizona Strip Field Office; 345 East Riverside Drive; St. George, Utah 84790, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

In accordance with 43 CFR 2931.8, this decision remains in effect pending appeal unless a stay is granted. If you wish to file a petition (pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) (request) for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the Office of the Solicitor (Department of the Interior, Office of the Field Solicitor, Sandra Day O'Connor U.S. Court House #404, 401 West Washington Street SPC44, Phoenix, AZ 85003-2151) (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Lorraine M. Christian, Arizona Strip Field Manager

Date

Harry Barber, Kanab Field Office, Manager

Date