

**U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Kremmling Field Office  
P.O. Box 68  
Kremmling, CO 80459**

## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

NUMBER: CO-120-2008-59-CX

PROJECT NAME: Ludden Film Permit

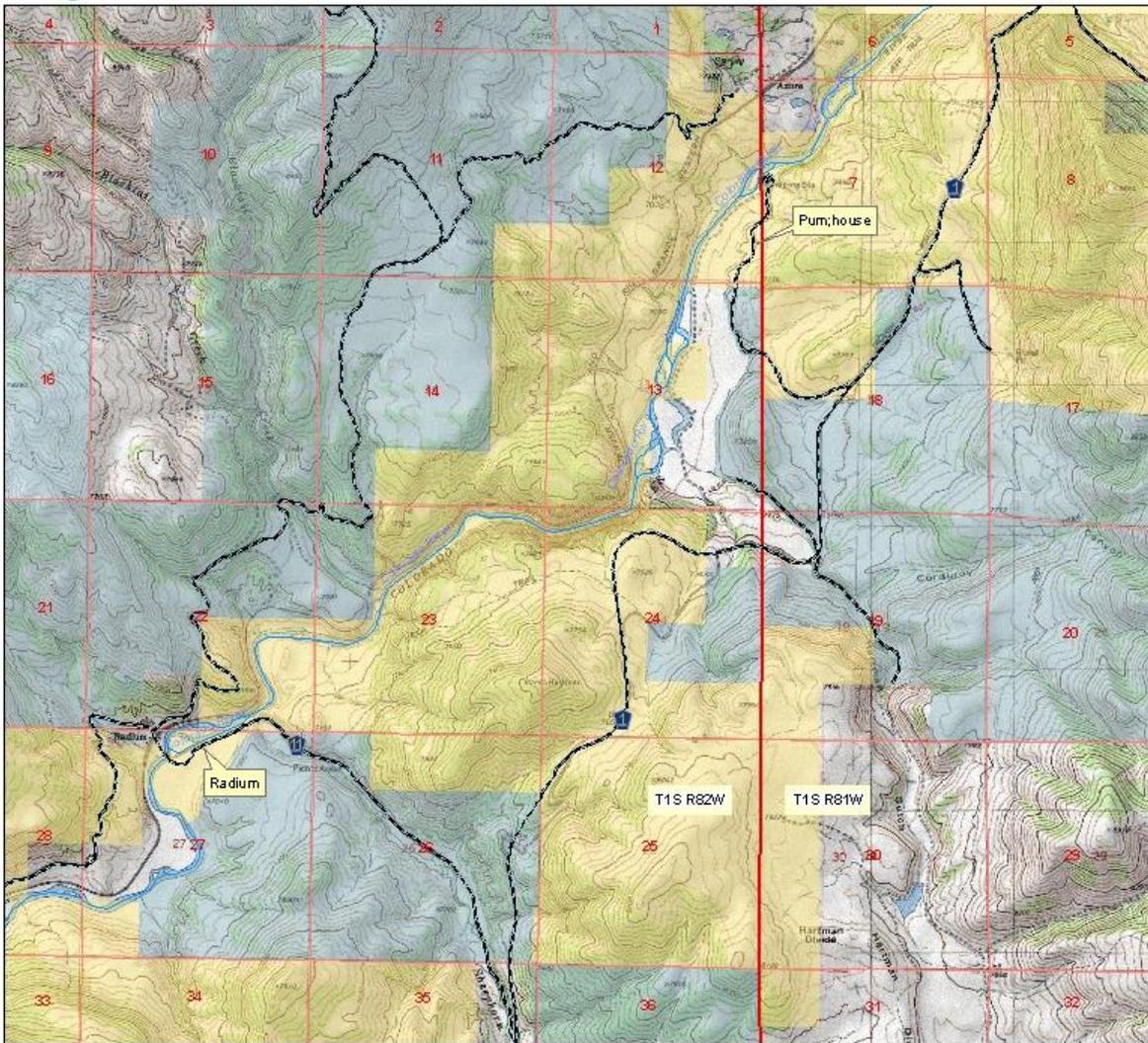
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Colorado River from Pumphouse to Radium and Lyons Gulch to Dotsero

APPLICANT: Arden Oksanan

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Arden Oksanan proposes to film a documentary about Brad Ludden, a professional kayaker from Kalispell, MT, turned Colorado resident. Brad Ludden founded First Descents, a kayaking camp for young adults with cancer. The film crew would be following Brad around as he works with the campers on the Colorado River (see project map below). All filming would occur at put-ins, take-outs, and on the river from various points as Brad floats by. Two small Panasonic HD cameras, a Toyota Tundra truck, and personal kayaks would be used. Filming would occur for two days at the end of July. Approximately 12 people would be involved in the filming activities.



# Ludden Filming - Pumphouse to Radium



**Legend**

County Roads	<b>Land Status</b>
Major Roads	Bureau of Land Mgt
Reservoirs	Division of Wildlife
Major Streams	National Park
Wilderness Study Area	National Rec Area
AC EC	National Wildlife Refuge
	Private
	State
	State Forest
	US Forest Service

0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles

1:40,000

**No Warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the Accuracy, Reliability, or Completeness of this Data for Individual Use or Aggregate Use with Other Data.**

**Maps: Radium, Sheephorn Mtn BLM, Kremmling FO 7/1124/2008**



PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with the following plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3):

Name of Plan: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

Decision Number/Page: II-B-12 pg. 14

Decision Language: Process and approve small scale, low impact use authorization requests.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1 “*Activities which are educational, informational, advisory, or consultative to other agencies, public and private entities, visitors, individuals, or the general public.*” None of the following extraordinary circumstances in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

<b>Extraordinary Circumstances</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety		X
2.2 Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness 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; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)].		X
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
2.7 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.		X
2.8 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.		X
2.9 Violate a Federal Law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X

2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
2.11 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).		X
2.12 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).		X

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Susan Cassel	Realty Specialist	Permitting	7/25/08
Joe Stout	P&EC Coordinator	NEPA Compliance	7/25/08
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural	7/24/08
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E	7/25/08

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: The Proposed Action is not an undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, and its implementing regulations. Thus, no historic properties would be impacted.

Native American Religious Concerns: The Proposed Action is not an undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, and its implementing regulations, therefore tribal consultation is not necessary.

Threatened and Endangered Species: There would be no impact to threatened, endangered, or sensitive species.

COMPLIANCE PLAN: The permit would be monitored by BLM Park Rangers on the days of filming to ensure compliance with the permit.

NAME OF PREPARER: Susan Cassel

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Joe Stout

DATE: 7/25/08

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this CER and have decided to implement the proposed action.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action relative to the 12 criteria listed above and have determined that it does not represent an extraordinary circumstance and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ David Stout

DATE SIGNED: 7/25/08