

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

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: CO-120-2008-43-CX

PROJECT NAME: Real Deal Event Special Recreation Permit

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (see attached maps)

APPLICANT: Ian Adamson

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: A Special Recreation Permit would be issued to Ian Adamson to conduct a multi-sport event for able bodied and disabled athletes. The event would occur on June 27th through 29th, 2008. The event would have 9 teams with 5 participants per team (one wheel chair, one amputee, and 3 able-bodied-helpers).

Day one of the event would start on County Road (CR) 11 near French Creek with hand/mountain bikes. The participants would travel down to Radium and up to CR 1 (Trough Road) using the existing roads and trails in the vicinity of the hot springs (see attached maps). The course continues on CR 1 to the Pumphouse Recreation Site where participants would transition to kayaks (hardshell and inflatables) at Launch #3. The course would continue down the river to the hot springs where two team members would hike to the top of the cliffs and rappel back to the river. The teams would continue downstream to Rancho del Rio.

Day two of the event would begin at Rancho del Rio with the teams rafting to State Bridge. At State Bridge two team members would begin hiking on existing roads and trails around the west side of Yarmony Mountain to CR 31 (see attached maps). The hikers would travel west on CR 31 to Colorado State Highway 131 then south to private land along the Colorado River to meet their raft team. The three remaining team members would paddle the raft from State Bridge to the private land and meet the hikers.

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: Decision #7; Page 11

Decision Language: “To ensure the continued availability of outdoor recreational opportunities which the public seeks and which are not readily available from other sources ...”

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11, Number: (H) (1), “*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.*” None of the following extraordinary circumstances in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes	No
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		X

Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		
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
Frank Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontology	6/11/08
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Species	6/19/08
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soils, Water, Riparian	6/20/08
Bill B. Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources and Native American Consultation	6/20/08
Joe Stout	P&EC	NEPA Compliance	6/24/08

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: The Proposed Action is not considered an undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, and its implementing regulations because there would be no ground disturbance and all activities would take place on established roads and trails.

Native American Religious Concerns: The Proposed Action is not considered 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.

NAME OF PREPARER: Andy Windsor

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Joe Stout

DATE: 6/24/08

ATTACHMENTS:

1). Event Operations Plan

2). Course Maps

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this Categorical Exclusion 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/ Dave Stout

DATE SIGNED: 6/24/08

Attachment #1

Real Deal Event Operations Plan

June 27 – 29, 2008

1. Course Plan

- Please see maps 1 – 4, attached.
- Locations of marshals:
 1. Bike Start
 2. Radium road intersection
 3. Trough Road, Pump house turn off
 4. Pumphouse boat launch
 5. Colorado River takeout below canyon, river left
 6. Top of ropes, above canyon, river left
 7. Bottom of ropes / swim start, at river edge
 8. 8. Rancho Del Rio boat take out
- Location of emergency medical staff (EMS)
 1. Start, doctor in sweep vehicle
 2. Pumphouse boat launch
 3. Bottom of ropes
 4. 15 EMS / river guides, one per group of five people – groups in 2x two person and 1x one person duckies.
 5. Doctor at Rancho del Rio day 1 finish.
 6. 15 EMS / river guides, one per group of five people (one group per raft), day 2 start to State Bridge.
 7. Doctor at State Bridge take out (river left.)
 8. Doctor will drive to Copper Spur Road and sweep to finish.
 9. Finish at rail bridge on private land.
- Course Marking
 - All groups will be either with guides (on the river) or have GPS and coordinate with maps.
 - Vehicular routes will be marked with Event warning signs.

2. Safety Plan

- 18 EMS staff including one event doctor
- See maps Appendix C and Section 1 for EMS staff locations
- EMS staff qualifications will be available through Timberline Tours (guides) and on request
- River evacuation plan through Timberline Tours. All other evacuations will be done by vehicle and helicopter if necessary.
- Helicopter landing zones:
 - Radium boat launch
 - Pumphouse boat launch
 - Rancho del Rio
 - CR11 between Rancho del Rio and State Bridge
 - State Bridge boat launch
 - Bond
 - On trail 1 mile south of Kayser Spring on Yarmony Mountain
 - Copper Spur Rd

- Finish (private land)

3. Communications Plan

- Motorola 2-way radios will be used throughout the course. Frequencies:
 - 462.5625 FRS Ch 1
 - 462.5875 FRS Ch 2
 - 462.6125 FRS Ch 3
 - 462.6375 FRS Ch 4
 - 462.6625 FRS Ch 5
 - 462.6875 FRS Ch 6
 - 462.7125 FRS Ch 7
 - 467.5625 FRS Ch 8
 - 467.5875 FRS Ch 9
 - 467.6125 FRS Ch 10
 - 467.6375 FRS Ch 11
 - 467.6625 FRS Ch 12
 - 467.6875 FRS Ch 13
 - 467.7125 FRS Ch 14
- Cell phones:
 - 303-875-1467 Ian Adamson, director
 - 970-390-3020 Greg Kelchner, Timberline Tours
 - Land line phones from Rancho del Rio, State Bridge and Bond
- Who is the main contact person for the media
 - Chris Carrigg 617-512-7161
- BLM contact via phone and e-mail, director Ian Adamson

4. Staging Area Plan

- All parking will be remote from the event course except for event vehicles and shuttles.
 - Staff will park at Rancho del Rio, with the exception of the start, where Timberline shuttles will drop participants off and return to Rancho del Rio.
 - Timberline shuttles will use their permitted parking lots at the boat launching ramps.
 - Shuttles will be used from the finish back to Eagle.
- EMS will be positioned at each staging area: start, Pumphouse, Rio del Rancho, State Bridge and the finish.
- No overflow parking is required.
- Official stations:
 - Registration: Eagle
 - Timing: Rancho del Rio
 - Start: French Creek pass (day 1, map 1), drop off plus one lead vehicle and one sweep vehicle. Rio del Rancho (day 2)
 - Finish: Rio del Rancho (day 1, map 2), private land down stream of Bond UTM 354315 4417012 (day 2, map 4)
- No course markings will be used except for traffic warning signs where applicable. See maps 1, 3 and 4.
- Three port-a-lets will be stationed at Rio del Rancho, two regular and one wheel chair access. Participants will use bathrooms at Pumphouse boat ramp (we will provide one extra port-a-loo) on day 1. At this point they will be spread over several hours and demand is likely to be low.

5. What will you need from the BLM

- No closure of routes will be required.
- No law enforcement help is required.

6. Other permits

1. US Forest Service: *Not required*, see appendix A
2. Grand County Sheriff (CR 11 & CR 1): *Approved by phone*, Lt. Holland 970.725.3343
3. Eagle County (CR 31): *Approved*, see appendix B
4. Colorado Division of Wildlife (bike start): *Approved by phone*, Doug 970.725.6200
5. Colorado Department of Transport (hwy 131): *Approved by phone*, Dan Roussin 970.683.6284.
6. Colorado State Patrol troop 4C, *Approved by phone*, Rich Duran 970.945.6198
7. State of Colorado Land Board (river access by Bond): *Not required*, private land (Timberline Tours approval from the owner John Cochran)

7). Correspondence

Correspondence from Sulphur Ranger District

From: jksimmons@fs.fed.us
Subject: Re: [WebEmail] Permission to use County Roads for organized event 6/28
Date: March 3, 2008 10:12:14 AM MST
To: ian@ianadamson.com

Dear Ian Adamson:

The area in which you have interest is not on Forest Service land, but is on BLM and the Colorado State Wildlife Area land.

Contact numbers:

BLM in Kremmling: 970-724-3000
Grand County Road and Bridge District Foreman, Russ Bateman: 970-531-1193
Grand County Sheriff's Office: 970-725-3343
Colorado Division of Wildlife in Hot Sulphur Springs: 970-725-6200

If you have to contact other agencies/departments, these folks will know who to contact.

Best of luck with your event.

Some things to keep in mind and prepare for are:

1. portable toilets along the route and at the start/finish.
2. a "sag wagon" with water, energy bars, sunscreen, minor first aid kit, etc.
3. possibly an EMS vehicle ready to respond if a participant gets injured.
4. flaggers and warning signs to warn vehicles of the event - this may be your folks or the sheriff's employees. Since these are public roads, I'm guessing that the public will need access to them. Know that log trucks and other large trucks run this route all the time, so warn your participants.
5. Possibly have visible bike flags on the bikes/ hand cycles so that they are visible to drivers.
6. someone to check the course prior to and after the event to check for hazards along the course and clean up of any trash afterwards.

7. some of the road is gravel, so the participants need to be aware and prepared.

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Correspondence from Eagle County

From: Gordon.Adams@eaglecounty.us
Subject: use of CR31
Date: March 3, 2008 3:14:35 PM MST
To: ian@ianadamson.com
Cc: Brad.Higgins@eaglecounty.us

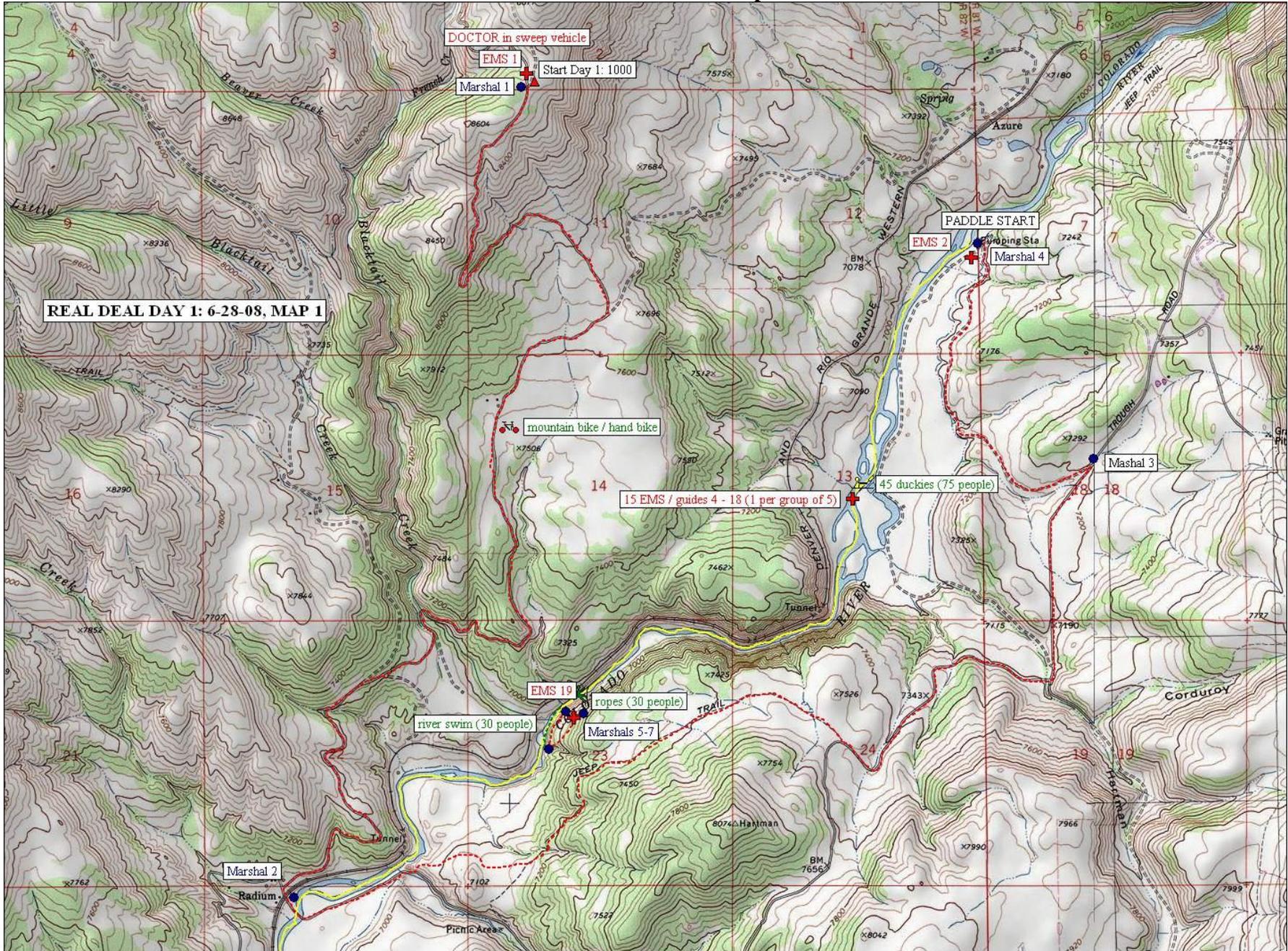
Re: Real Deal, June 28 – 29, 2008

On Mar 3, 2008, at 3:14 PM, Gordon Adams wrote:

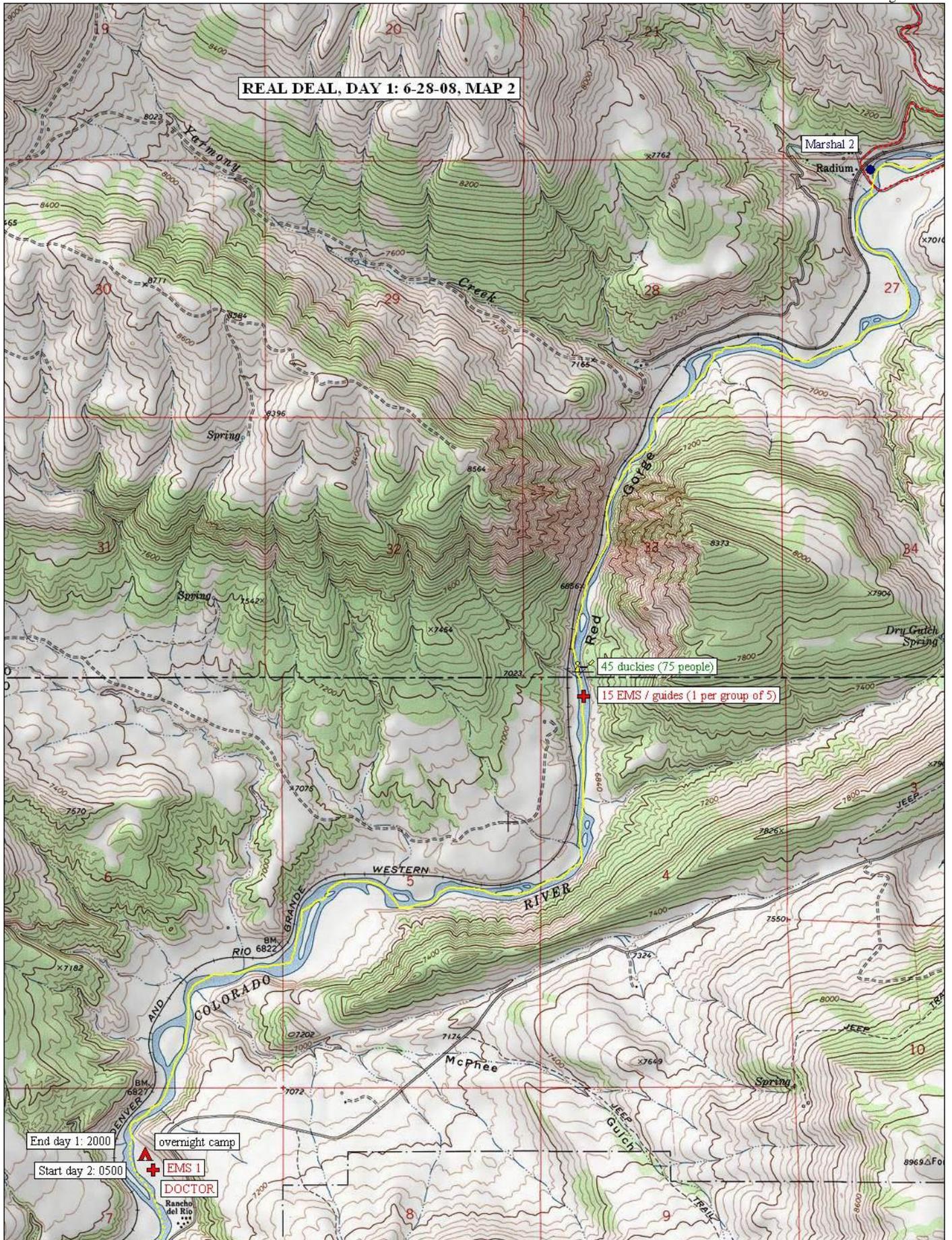
Feel free to use Copper Spur Road for your event. We ask that you; not obstruct traffic flow, have warning signs placed, and that you contact and advise the local emergency services of your plans to use the road. Call me if you have questions.

Gordon Adams
Assistant Director, Road and Bridge
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Attachment #2 Course Maps



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REAL DEAL DAY 2: 6-29-08, MAP 3

