

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW AND APPROVAL

DOI-BLM-MT-L070-2011-00-CX

Project Title: Muddy Boots Productions Film Permit

Location: PMM, Fergus County
BLM Administered Lands in T. 22 N., R. 24 E.
See case file for further legal description.

Applicant/Address: Muddy Boots Productions
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Project Contact:

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A. Background

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: MTM-106837

Description of Proposed Action:

Muddy Boot Productions has applied for a commercial filming permit to film a TV show called Wardens. They will be filming with Montana Game Wardens between one and five days over a span of one week. They will have two videographers with cameras travelling with the Wardens. Most footage will be completed in the Refuge, but they may film on BLM as well. The videographers will travel with Montana Wardens by boat and will stop at random campsites. There is no off road use allowed, and crew will have standard camping gear.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance *(select all that apply)*

- Headwaters RMP (approved in July 1984)
- West HiLine RMP (approved in September 1988 and on January 29, 1992 for the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River)
- Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP (approved on September 9, 1994)
- Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management Final EIS for Montana and North and South Dakota (approved on August 7, 1997)
- Off-Highway Vehicle EIS and Proposed Plan Amendment for Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota (approved on June 18, 2003)
- Fire/Fuels Management EA/Plan Amendment for Montana and the Dakotas (approved on September 26, 2003)
- Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Approved Resource Management Plan (approved on December 4, 2008)
- Other *(specify name/date approved)*

Conformance:

The proposed action is in conformance with the land use plan(s) selected above, which states as follows: *(If more than one plan applies, include the page no. and language from all applicable plans):*

| <i>Page No.</i> | <i>Language</i> |
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| 57 | Film permits confined to the Missouri River and/or access roads in the Monument will be treated as minimum impact permits. |
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C. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with (select one):

516 DM 2, Appendix 1, or

516 DM 11.9

Appropriate CX number and text, or paraphrase of the text:

E (19)..Issuance of short term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations...

The proposed action has been reviewed and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply. This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having significant effects on the environment.

Explanation of why there is no potential for significant impacts:

This activity will not affect range, soils or vegetation any more than any other recreational traffic that is occurring on the landscape this time of year (i.e., hunting, fishing, hiking.) This action will not adversely affect recreational opportunities or inhibit visitors recreating within the prescribed area of operation. There would be no effect to invasive species as long as mitigation is implemented. While there is new information concerning climate change, global warming, and greenhouse gas emissions, the information does not add significantly to the site-specific environmental effects of the proposed action.

D: Signature

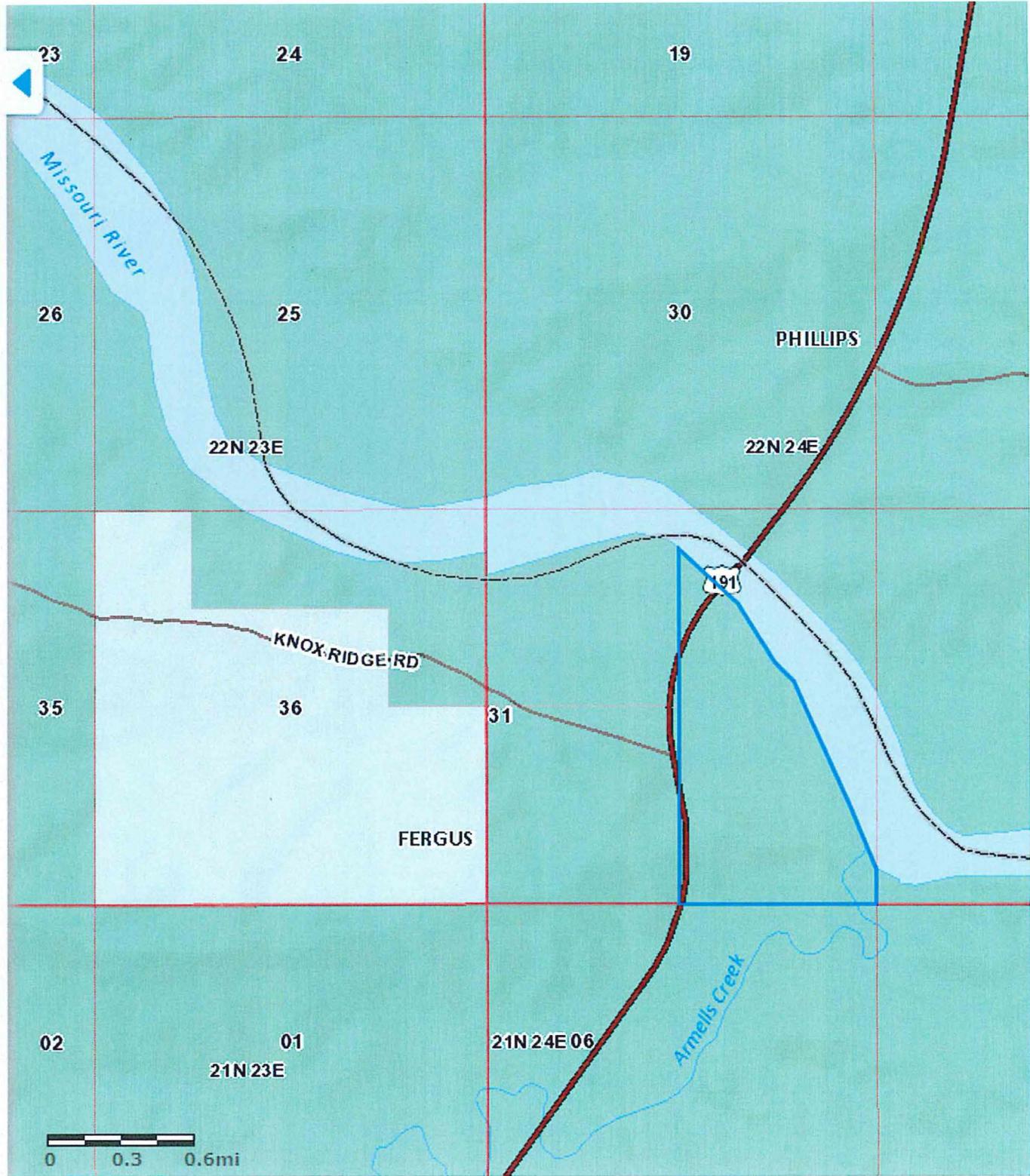
I considered this review and determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the proposed action.

Pertinent design features, stipulations or mitigation (if applicable):

1. Applicant can only access legally accessible BLM administered lands with this permit. This permit does not give permission to access non-BLM lands. For any camping in areas with no established fire ring, fire pans/mats will be required for the camp site. Only dead and down wood can be used for campfires.
2. There will be no off road vehicle use.
3. Collection or disturbance of archaeological or cultural resources is prohibited.
4. Removal of vegetation or alteration of terrain is prohibited.
5. All Montana hunting & fishing regulations shall be complied with.
6. Leave No Trace practices shall be adhered to at all times, removing all evidence of filming activity, campfires, temporary structures, etc., upon completion of project.
7. All watercraft and marine equipment must be cleaned and dried to eliminate the potential spread of harmful aquatic species. Water cooled motors, live wells, and other equipment that may harbor invasive species in components that can carry water need to be cleaned w/ a 10% bleach solution and dried prior to launch. Vehicles should be thoroughly pressure washed and cleaned before entering public lands.
8. A portable toilet for containerization and carryout of solid human waste is required on overnight trips on the Missouri River.
9. Film credits shall be made for the Bureau of Land Management – Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.
10. There shall be no filming or still photos of Bureau of Land Management employees whether paid staff or volunteers.

Authorizing Official: Michael Karina Date: 9/18/2013
(Signature)

Name: MICHAEL KARINA
Title: MONUMENT MANAGER



Subcategory: Real Property
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 Property Address:
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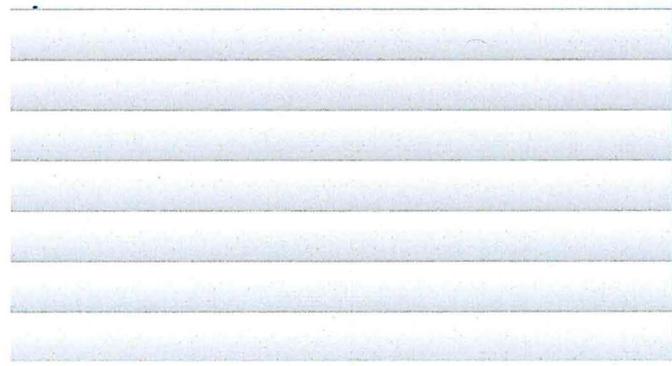
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| Office/Area: Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument | CX#: DOI-BLM-MT-L070-2013-0011-CX |
| | Date Posted: 9/18/2013 |
| Name: Muddy Boots Productions | Date Due: 9/19/2013 |
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| Location: See File for Legal Description | Fergus County, Montana |

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| Reviewer | Title | Assignment | Date/Initials |
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| Zane Fulbright | Archaeologist | Cultural Resources | 9/18/13 ZLF |
| Mark Schaefer | Recreation Planner | Rec., Wilderness, Visual | 9/18/2013 MRS |
| Kenny Keever | Nat. Resource Spec. | Weeds | 9/19/13 KCK |
| Tom Darrington | Rangeland Mgmt. Spec. | Range, Soils, Veg. | 9/18/2013 TD |
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Environmental Coordinator

Date 9/19/13