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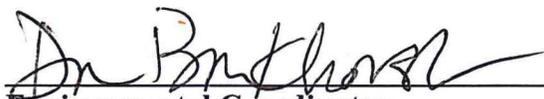
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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Office/Area: Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument	CX#: DOI-BLM-MT-L070-2014-0013-CX
	Date Posted: 9/30/2014
Name: JBOProductions	Date Due: 10/10/2014
Location: See File for Legal Description	Fergus County, Montana

Originator Date/Initials	Title	Assignment
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Environmental Coordinator

10-6-14
Date

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW AND APPROVAL

DOI-BLM-MT-L070-2014-0013-CX

Project Title: JBO Productions Permit

Location: PMM, Fergus, Blaine, and Phillips Counties, Montana
T. 23-24 N., R. 21-23 E., See File for further legal description

Applicant/Address: JBO Productions
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A. Background

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: MTM-107764

Description of Proposed Action:

JBO Productions has applied for a commercial filming permit to film a TV show called *Huntin' Fool*. They will be filming over a span of 10 days starting October 19th. The crew will include one camera operator with camera, one outfitter and one hunter pursuing a bighorn sheep in hunting area 680. There is no off road use allowed. The proposed permit area is in the Cow Creek area and east to include a bout a 5-6 mile buffer north of the river. There are two parcels identified (see map) and the permit if approved would be issued for these two sites. There will be no camping on public lands associated with this permit. There is no horses or aircraft of any type planned for this permit activity.

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>
57	"Film permits confined to the Missouri River and/or access roads in the Monument will be treated as minimum impact permits..."

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):

43 CFR 46.210, *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 43 CFR 46.215 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:

The proposed action includes no ground disturbing activity or activity that could affect cultural resources in the analysis area. No disturbance is associated with the proposal, and the project is temporary. Therefore, water resources and riparian-wetland areas, soils, rangeland and/or upland resources would not be affected to an extent that warrants analysis. Canada Thistle, field bindweed, Russian knapweed, and leafy spurge are state listed noxious weeds that can be found in the potential areas identified. The risk presented would be from contaminated vehicles dispersing noxious or exotic plant seed. Since off road use is not authorized, the risk is limited to existing routes and parking areas which are already periodically checked for invasive plant introductions. Sheep hunting with this hunting tag will happen regardless of film project. As hunters are often accompanied by family, friends or outfitters, the addition of camera crew will not add to the cumulative effects. The proposed action is short term, distributed over a broad landscape, and will not impact wildlife or wildlife habitat beyond that which would occur otherwise. Big game hunting to include Commercial Outfitter use is an authorized recreational activity within the Monument. The proposed action is short term, will occur over a large area and will minimally impact other recreational users. VRM impact will be very short term to non-existent.

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.
2. Permit is not authorized for any camping in upland areas, as crew will be going into and out of permit area daily.
3. There will be no off road vehicle use.
4. Collection or disturbance of archaeological or cultural resources is prohibited within the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.
5. Removal of vegetation or alteration of terrain is prohibited.
6. All Montana hunting & fishing regulations shall be complied with.
7. All vehicles, watercraft and marine equipment must be cleaned and dried to eliminate the potential spread of harmful invasive or 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.
8. There are no horses or aircraft allowed as a part of this permitted activity.
8. A portable toilet for containerization and carry-out of solid human waste is required on overnight trips on the Missouri River.
9. Film credits should be made for the Bureau of Land Management – Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument

Authorizing Official: _____

(Signature)

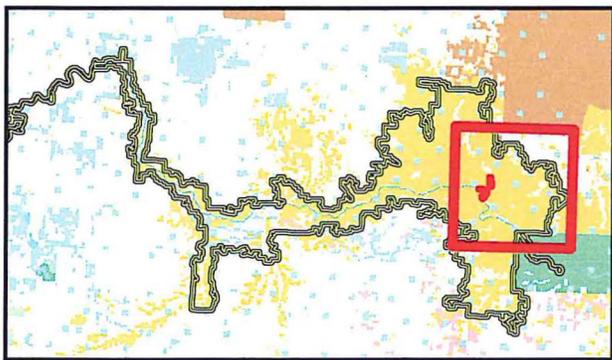
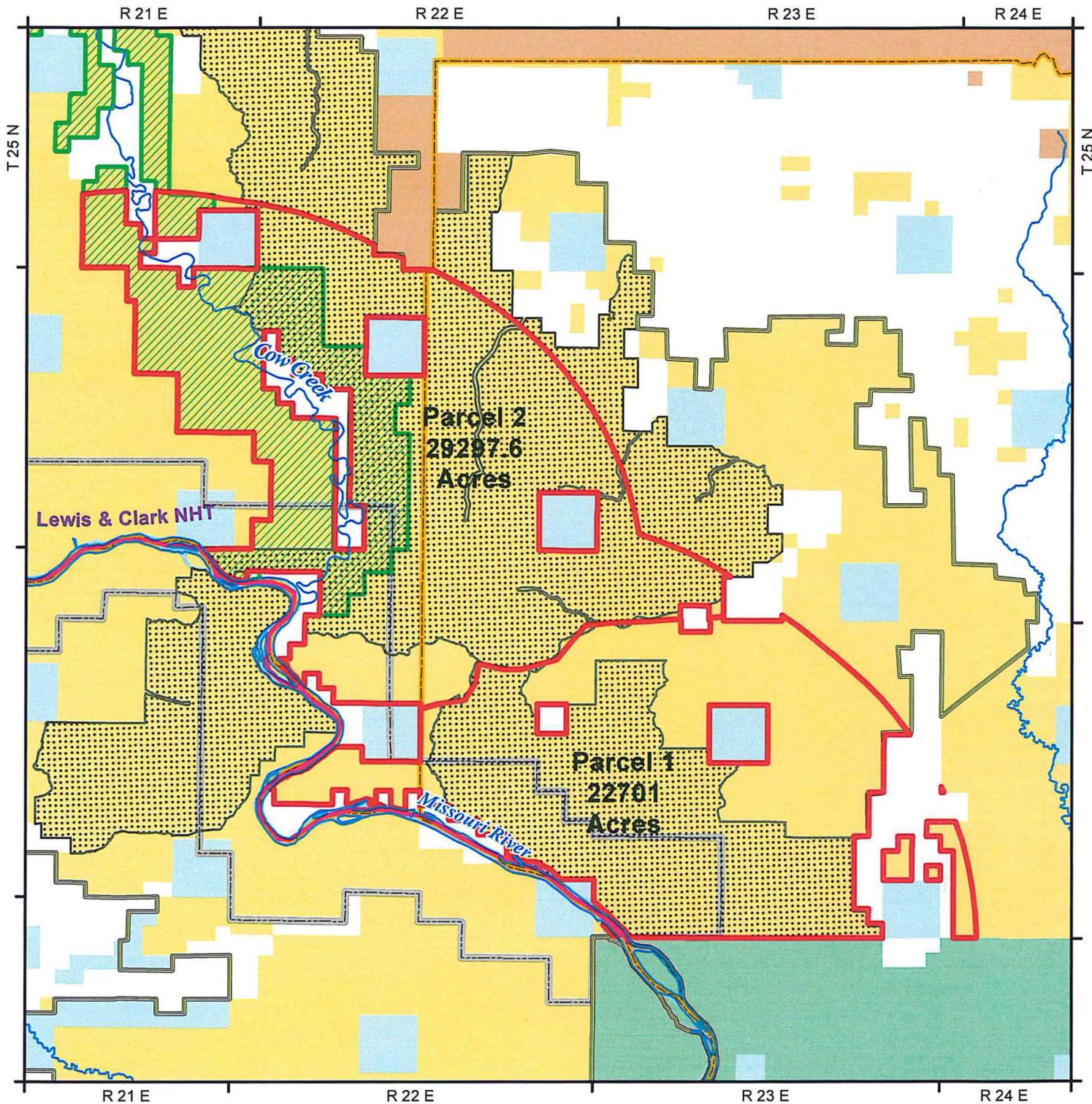
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Name:

Title:

Film Permit Area



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September 2014
Scale = 1:150,000



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| Major Stream | BIA - Indian Trust Lands |
| Lewis & Clark NHT | BIA - Undetermined |
| RiverBuffer_SMA | BLM - Land Utilization |
| MT_Counties | BLM - Public Domain |
| Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument | Private |
| Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) | Division of State Lands |
| Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) | US Fish and Wildlife Service |
| Wild and Scenic River Corridor | WATER |