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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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	Date Posted: 9/15/2015
Name: <i>Lion Television</i>	Date Due: 9/15/2015
Location: T. 25 N., R. 10 E., Section 18	Fergus County, Montana

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW AND APPROVAL

DOI-BLM-MT-L070-2015-0010-CX

Project Title: Lion Television Film Permit

Location: Chouteau County, Montana
T. 25 N., R. 10 E., Section 18

Applicant/Address: Lion Television
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW AND APPROVAL

A. Background

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: MTM-108405

Description of Proposed Action:

Lion Television has applied for a filming permit to film an interview in the Decision Point area adjacent to the Missouri River for one day, September 18, 2015. The crew will include twenty people, which includes on camera talent with 3 cameras. The crew and filming activity consists of filming an interview of two folks walking around within the Decision Point area learning about the Lewis & Clark expedition. There is no off road use allowed. 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. The Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail would not be affected to an extent that warrants analysis. 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. The risk presented for noxious weeds would be from contaminated vehicles dispersing noxious or exotic plant seed. Mitigation measures would reduce the potential for introduction of undesirable invasive organisms. 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. The proposed action is short term and limited activity so no additional impacts to wildlife or wildlife habitat would be expected. Hunting and fishing are the primary recreational activities observed during this time of year, and there may be minimal, temporary, impacts to recreation users and visual resource management. The filming activity will be monitored by the Bureau of Land Management river operations.

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. 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.
3. There will be no off road vehicle use.
4. Collection or disturbance of archaeological or cultural resources is prohibited.
5. Removal of vegetation or alteration of terrain is prohibited.
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 shall be thoroughly pressure washed and cleaned prior to entering public lands.
8. Film credits shall be made for the Bureau of Land Management – Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.
9. There shall be no filming or still photos of Bureau of Land Management employees whether paid staff or volunteers.

Authorizing Official: _____


(Signature)

Date: _____

9/15/2015

Name:
Title:

