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Armells Creek Outfitters Special Recreation Permit Renewal

Portions of BLM land in Fergus County within the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument and Lewistown Field Office at the following locations:

T17N, R20E Sections 10-12, 13-15, 17, 20-24, 27-29
T17N, R21E Sections 5, 7, 8, 17-19
T20N, R21E Sections 1-5, 7-15, 17-24, 26-28, 32-35
T20N, R22E Sections 1-8, 12, 17-20, 29, 30, 32
T20N, R23E Sections 3-10, 15, 17-21, 26-28
T21N, R21E Sections 7, 14, 17, 19, 22, 23-28, 30-35
T21N, R22E Sections 13-15, 17, 19-34
T21N, R23E Sections 19-21, 28-32

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INTRODUCTION

This Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to disclose the environmental consequences of Armells Creek Outfitters Special Recreation Permit (SRP). The EA is a site-specific analysis of potential impacts that could result with the implementation of the proposed action. The EA assists the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in making a determination as to whether any “significant” impacts could result from the proposed action.

Commercial outfitter and guide services provide important recreation opportunities on public lands. Commercial uses are managed under Special Recreation Permits (SRP) on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. The issuance of a SRP constitutes a Federal action. All federal actions must be in compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

BACKGROUND

Mark Robbins dba Armells Creek Outfitters has been a SRP holder since 2000 and has been in good standing. The applicant proposes to use BLM administered public land within the Lewistown Field Office (LFO) and within the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (UMRBNM).

PURPOSE & NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to provide a quality recreational opportunity on public land that serves visitors lacking the skill or equipment necessary to otherwise participate. The need for the action is evident in the regional to national awareness of the sought after hunting opportunities in the area. With a Special Recreation Permit (SRP), the applicant will utilize BLM-administered lands for commercial outfitting during the archery and rifle hunting seasons. All clients of Armells Creek Outfitters would be required to adhere to stipulations that would otherwise not be known by the general public.

DECISION TO BE MADE

This environmental assessment (EA) discloses the environmental consequences of implementing the proposed action. The Deciding Officials for the BLM are the Lewistown Field Office Field Manager and the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Manager. Based on the information provided in this EA, the Deciding Officials will decide whether to grant the SRP.

CONFORMANCE WITH LAND USE PLAN(S)

This action is in conformance with the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument ROD and RMP 2008 which states “The BLM will provide SRPs for commercial outfitting and guiding (hunting) in the Monument consistent with 43 CFR 2932.26 and the goal of managing these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes” (68). “It is the BLM’s goal to provide quality recreational opportunities that serve the public interest via authorized commercial operators for visitors lacking the skill or equipment necessary

to otherwise participate” (Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument ROD and Approved RMP 69).

The proposed action is also in conformance with the BLM Manual 6220-National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations, which states that “Monuments and NCAs will be available for a variety of recreation opportunities, consistent with the purposes for which each area was designated” (BLM Manual 6220-National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations 14). The manual also states that “Monuments and NCAs are available for hunting and fishing, consistent with the designating authority, subject to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations” (14).

This action is also in conformance with the Judith Valley Phillips Resource Management Plan 1994, which states “The BLM will maintain and/or enhance the recreational quality of BLM land and resources to ensure enjoyable recreational experiences;” and “Managing visitor services including a permit system, interpretive programs, visitor contact, and efforts to improve the BLM’s image with public land users” (Judith Resource Area RMP, 18).

RESOURCE ISSUES DROPPED FROM FURTHER REVIEW

The following resources were identified as either having minimal impact or not present in the area of effect. These resources will not be analyzed further for the proposed action:

- Visual Resources – BLM manages lands with inherent scenic value. The BLM uses a Visual Resource Management (VRM) system to inventory and manage visual resources on public land. The primary objectives of VRM are to help identify visual (scenic) values and to minimize visual impacts on BLM land from proposed projects and management activities. Modifications to the landscape are not allowed with the proposed dispersed recreation activity, thus there will be no effect on visual resources.
- Special Designations – The proposed activity borders an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in the Lewistown Field Office. Motorized use will only be allowed on open roads. The transportation layer from the UMRBNM RMP will be available to the outfitter.
- Rangeland Management/Livestock Grazing – There would be no impacts to grazing rotations or permitted use. The proposed action would result in minimal disruption of grazing activities.
- Vegetation – The proposed action will have no impact to land health objectives including upland and riparian vegetation.

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Alternative A – Proposed Action

Re-issue a Special Recreation Permit for guiding big game hunting on public lands within the LFO and Monument (Figure 1). The permit would be valid for the period of use specified on the permit, not to exceed ten years. Activities on BLM public lands would be limited to big-game hunting deer, elk, antelope, and big horn sheep. Upland bird and varmint hunting will occur on private land only. BLM land would be utilized as day-use only. No overnight camping or campfires will take place on BLM lands under this permit. The estimated maximum number of clients is 36. The estimated number of client days is 144 for big-game hunting with an average of 4-day hunts. The applicant would only use designated roads and trails for vehicle travel. No off-road game retrieval is allowed. The applicant must comply with the attached terms and stipulations of the permit, or be subject to the loss or denial of the SRP.

The applicant has requested authorization of BLM land within LFO and UMRBNM hunting areas which contain big game species of elk, deer, antelope, and bighorn sheep and areas that contain coyotes. The applicant is authorized by the Montana State Board of Outfitters to guide clients to hunt these species. Additionally, the Board of Outfitters has limited the applicant to a set amount of hunter use days. The applicant cannot exceed this amount, and therefore would not continue to operate on BLM public lands if this limitation has been previously met. The applicant, if meeting all of the Board of Outfitters and BLM requirements, would be authorized to hunt the species indicated within his operating plan/area. However, the areas authorized may be subject to change in the future due to ongoing planning efforts or if conditions of the SRP are not met.

Armells Creek Outfitters Operating Area

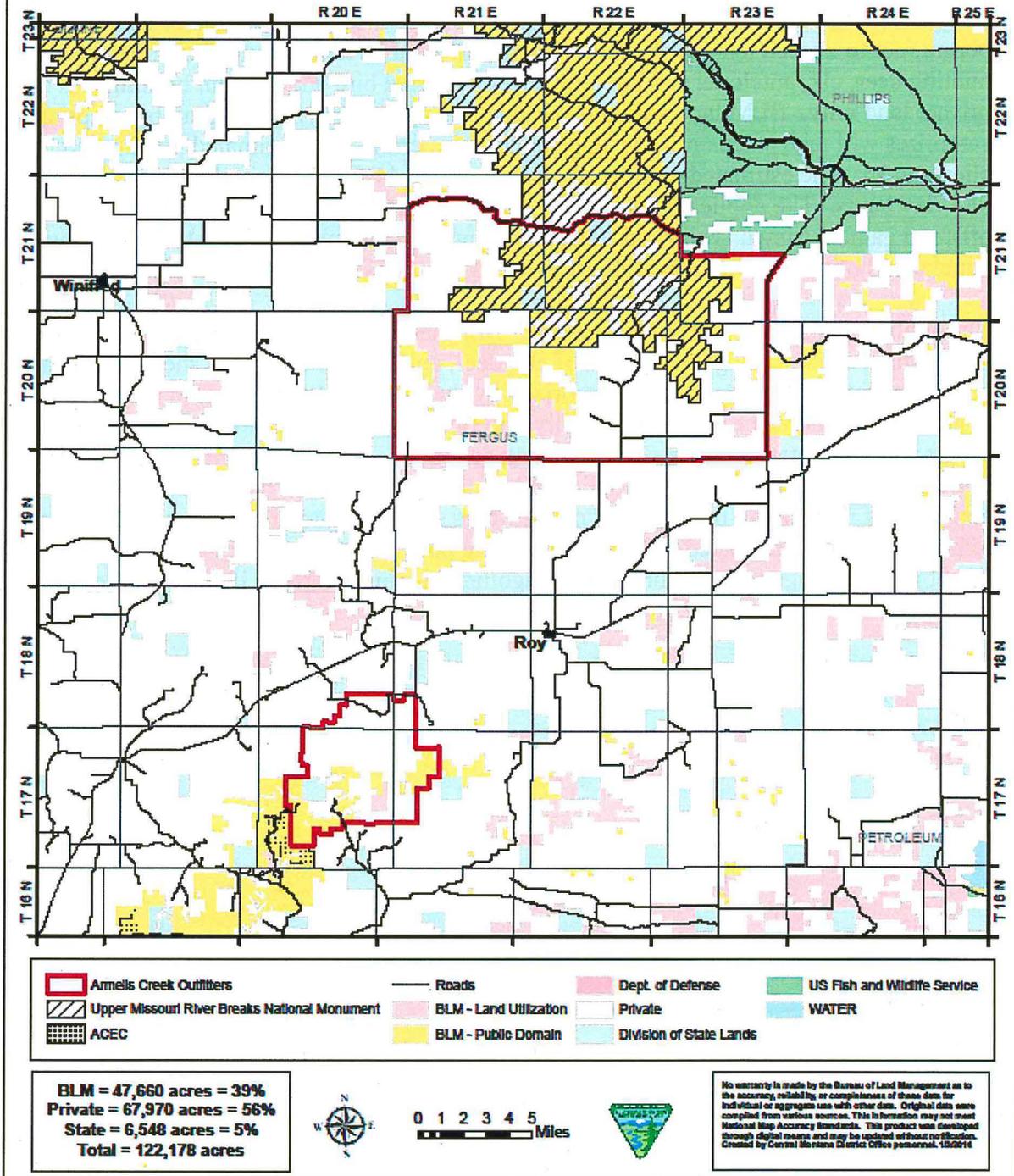


Figure 1: Armells Creek Outfitters Proposed Operating Area

Alternative B – No Action

The No Action alternative would result in not issuing a permit to the applicant for outfitting on public lands.

AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

Cultural Resources: A review of the Central Montana District's site and survey atlas was completed on February 6, 2015. The area of potential effect has a lengthy history of archaeological inventory, dating to the 1970s, with numerous historic and prehistoric resources present. A more exhaustive analysis of the resources is available within the Class One Overview of the UMRBNM and Lewistown Field Office, on file at the BLM office in Lewistown.

Noxious Weeds:

Monument: Noxious weeds in the UMRBNM are concentrated along the Missouri River Corridor, Judith River Corridor, Arrow Creek Corridor, water developments and near roads and trails. There are some instances of state listed noxious weeds in upland sites in the Arrow Creek, Right Coulee, Cow Creek, and Knox Ridge areas. Non noxious invasive species, such as downy brome and sweet clover, are common in upland areas.

LFO: Noxious weeds are found in the riparian and upland sites throughout the SRP area. Houndstongue, Canada thistle, and field bindweed are the most common species found. Russian knapweed, spotted knapweed, and leafy spurge occur in relatively small isolated patches.

Wildlife and/or Fisheries Habitat:

LFO and Monument:

Wildlife - General:

Wildlife species within the project area include species typically associated with central Montana and the Missouri River Breaks habitat. Mule deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, raptors, furbearers, reptiles and amphibians are common throughout the analysis area. The project area is within identified elk, pronghorn, big-horn sheep, and mule deer year round range. For a complete listing of species which could occur within the project area, see Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument (UMRBNM) Resource Management Plan (RMP) (December 2008).

Threatened, Endangered and Species Proposed for Listing:

There are no threatened, endangered or wildlife species proposed for listing present in the area of the proposed action. There is no designated critical habitat for any species within the project area.

Designated Sensitive Species:

Ferruginous hawk, Brewer's sparrow, burrowing owl, loggerhead shrike, long-billed curlew, mountain plover, peregrine falcon, golden eagle, red-headed woodpecker, Sprague's pipit, long-legged and long-eared myotis and Townsends big-eared bats all have habitat and could occur within available habitat; however, there are no documented roosting or nesting sites within the project area. Bald eagles are documented within the project area along the Missouri River, but are dispersed during the proposed period of use. The greater short-horned lizard occupies open sagebrush grassland habitat and badland habitat and is present within the project area. Greater sage grouse inhabit a small portion of the area year round, and part of the proposed permit area includes a Greater Sage Grouse Priority Habitat Management Area. Black-tailed prairie dog occupy habitat within the project area.

Migratory Birds:

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 USC 703-711) protects all migratory birds including those listed as BLM Sensitive Species. The sagebrush/grassland and ponderosa pine/Douglas-fir habitat types occur within the project area. The species present are those common to these habitat types within northcentral Montana.

Fisheries:

Many native and introduced fish species occupy the Missouri River and its tributaries within the project area.

Recreation Resources: The Monument and LFO offer opportunities for a wide range of dispersed, planned and permitted uses. Recreational uses include camping, hunting, OHV use, wildlife viewing, hiking, fishing, floating and various other activities.

Monument: The proposed action within the Monument lies within the Uplands Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). For this area, the BLM's goal is to manage these lands for a variety of sustainable visitor experiences in mostly primitive and natural landscapes. This goal would allow BLM to provide dispersed and developed recreation opportunities (Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument ROD and Approved RMP 68). There are no outfitter and guide SRPs overlapping Armells Creek Outfitters operating area in the Monument.

LFO: Recreation activities are largely unrestricted and undeveloped in the majority of the LFO. The proposed operating plan within the LFO overlaps portions of BLM land with two other SRPs: Hunters Montana at T. 17 N., R. 21 E. Sections 7, 8, and 17 and M & E Outfitters at T. 20 N., R. 21 E. Sections 4-9 and T. 21 N., R. 21 E Section 31.

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Direct/Indirect:

Cultural Resources: With the stipulations attached to this permit allowing no collection or disturbance of cultural resources, selecting this alternative would result in a “No Historic Properties Affected” determination.

Noxious Weeds:

LFO and Monument: There would be no effect to noxious weeds if proper mitigation is followed. Vehicles and equipment should be thoroughly cleaned prior to entrance onto public lands and between movement of vehicles and equipment to different sites to prevent introduction and spread. Houndstongue seeds found on clothing should be removed and bagged for disposal upon return.

Wildlife and/or Fisheries Habitat:

LFO and Monument:

Wildlife:

There will be additional disturbance from vehicle traffic, hunters on foot or horseback, and individual mortality of big game species being hunted in areas which might otherwise be off-limits to hunters. The proposed action has been occurring and permitted for over a decade and is part of the environmental baseline considered for wildlife. Continuation of the activity in the same manner as has previously occurred would have no additional impact for any wildlife species on the current environmental baseline

Fisheries:

No fisheries will be affected by the proposed action.

Threatened, Endangered, or Species Proposed for listing:

There will be no impact to any T&E or Species Proposed for Listing or important habitat or prey base.

BLM Designated Sensitive Species:

Sage-grouse can be disturbed by hunting activity and associated traffic. Disturbances to them will be the same as to big game species, with level of impacts dependent on the number of hunters, vehicles, number of trips, and areas hunted not accessible to the general hunting public. No changes to use are proposed and sage-grouse habitat would not be impacted as a result of the proposed action. The proposed action is compliant with guidance in WO IM 2012-43.

Bald eagles migrate through the area in the fall, winter and spring on the Missouri River. Golden eagles are common in the described use area at this time of year. These birds may benefit by remains or offal of animals killed. There is slight risk of lead poisoning

from bullets left in remains if consumed. These impacts will not alter the existing situation for eagles, based on existing and ongoing impacts within the project area.

Recreation Resources: The applicant's operation has the potential to disrupt or displace recreational hunters seeking the same species, in the same areas, resulting in competition with these individuals. The public land requested provides ample space for the allowable number of hunters set by the MFWP under their permitting system. Overnight camping is not authorized and low impact use of the land and/or tread lightly/leave-no-trace ethics are encouraged. Additionally, the Off-Highway Vehicle EIS and Proposed Plan Amendment for Montana, North and South Dakota (2003) states that off-road game retrieval is not allowed.

Cumulative Impacts: No cumulative impacts are expected.

NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE

Direct/Indirect

Cultural Resources: No historic properties would be affected with the selection of this alternative.

Noxious Weeds: There would be no effect to noxious weeds in the UMRBNM/LFO.

Wildlife and/or Fisheries Habitat: There would be less permitted outfitter use associated with not reissuing the SRP. However, loss of one outfitter would not change the amount of total hunter use that occurs in the area. Only the number of guided hunter days would change (decrease) as part of the environmental baseline. No impacts to wildlife or fisheries would occur under this alternative

Recreation Resources: Recreationists would have less of an opportunity to seek activities where they may be lacking necessary skills or equipment in order to participate since fewer outfitters would be available.

CONSULTATION COORDINATION

Availability of the Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-MT-L070-2015-0004-EA) can be found online at <http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/info/nepa/umrbnm2015.html>.

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REFERENCES

- Bureau of Land Management. "Approved Judith Resource Area Resource Management Plan." 1994.
- 2014. "Montana Sensitive Species List" (IM No. MT-2014-067), Dated August 18, 2014—. "BLM Manual 6220-National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations." Manual. 2012.
- . "Judith, Valley, Phillips (JVP) Resource Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement." RMP. 1992.
- . "Off-Highway Vehicle Environmental Statement and Proposed Plan Amendment for Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota." Record of Decision. 2003.
- . "Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument ROD and Approved RMP." RMP. 2008.

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

ARMELLS CREEK OUTFITTERS SRP
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Finding of No Significant Impact: Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, and considering the significance criteria in 40 CFR §2932.26, I find that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

This finding is based on the following reasons. There are no significant effects to cultural, noxious weeds, wildlife and/or fisheries habitat, T&E species, or recreation. There would be no effects to cultural resources with the stipulations attached to this permit allowing no collection or disturbance of cultural resources. With proper mitigation for noxious weeds, there should be no effect. There will be a minimal impact on species due to the increase in hunters and vehicles. This increase in activity on its own would not be a significant impact, but contributes to the overall impacts from other outfitter led hunting, public hunting and other activities within the permit area. No fisheries will be affected. For threatened, endangered, or species proposed for listing, Pallid sturgeon and the black-footed ferrets are in the area. However, there will be no impact on either of these species or important habitat or prey base. There are BLM sensitive species in the proposed area, such as sage-grouse, bald eagles, and golden eagles. The impacts to the sensitive species will not be significant. The applicant's operation has the potential to disrupt or displace recreational hunters seeking the same species, in the same areas, resulting in competition with these individuals. However, the public land requested provides ample space for the allowable number of hunters set by the MFWP under their permitting system. No overnight camping or off-road usage will be permitted.



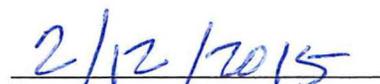
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Michael Kania, UMRBNM Manager



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Decision:

I have decided to authorize Mark Robbins dba Armells Creek Outfitters a 10-year Special Recreation Permit to utilize BLM-administered lands for commercial outfitting during the archery and rifle hunting seasons as described in Alternative A.

In addition to the 13 general terms and conditions listed on the back of the Special Recreation Permit Form 2930-2, the following special stipulations apply:

Fee Schedule

January 31	Trip Log due
March 1	Post-Season Use payment due

1. Commercial Use Fees
 - o The BLM shall collect a fee from **Armells Creek Outfitters** for the use of public lands. The fee, as set by regulation 43 CFR 2930, will be the greatest of \$105/year or 3% of the gross income. An additional discount is based on usage of 39% BLM land.
2. Determination of gross income will be based on the following:
 - o Gross income means the total of all financial gains received by the permittee, their employees, or agents for goods or services provided in connection with commercial activities authorized by the SRP, **whether or not provided on public land or related waters**. Financial gain includes payments of money, revenue from sale or images or broadcast rights, on-site sales or rentals, as well as gratuities, donations, gifts, bartering, trophy fees, etc., regardless of source.
3. Late payment of fees, including pre-season, partial, and end-of-season payments, may subject permittee to remedial action: probation, suspension and/or revocation. Interest and administrative handling charges will be assessed for late payments.
4. **Record Keeping**
 - o The permit holder shall maintain an accounting system under which its accounts and determination of gross revenue can be readily identified within its system of accounting administration. Such an accounting system shall be capable of providing the information required by this permit including, but not limited to, the permit holder's customer balance income reports to verify revenue reported, deductions, and discounts claimed for future audits.
 - o The permittee will provide a completed Trip Log/Post-Use Information that includes:
 - i. Supporting documentation to derive at gross revenue including an itemized list of event cost for each client or participant;

- ii. Corroborating evidence (verification) to the recordkeeping system of the permit holder;
- iii. A method of verifying BLM field monitoring data of permittee.
- o In computing net profits for any purposes of this permit, the permit holder shall keep its accounts in such manner that there can be no diversion or concealment of profits or expenses in the operations authorized under this permit.

General

1. **It is understood that the proposed visits are for day-use only and overnight group camping will not occur on lands managed by the BLM within the LFO and UMRBNM.**
2. Motorized travel limited to established roads and 2-tracks on BLM land. For Monument routes, please see attached maps.
3. The estimated maximum number of clients is **36**. The estimated number of client days is 144 for big-game hunting. If it appears that the maximum number of clients will be exceeded, Armells Creek Outfitters must notify the BLM prior to use.
4. Permittee is responsible for all actions of employees and clients on both public and private lands.
5. Permittee shall inform all employees and clients of the terms and conditions of the authorizing permit.
6. Issuance of an SRP does not authorize the permittee's use of public campgrounds.
7. Cook tents, latrines, corrals and hitching racks must be located at least 200 feet from the nearest spring, stream, lake, or reservoir, unless such use is otherwise prohibited.
8. All vehicles and equipment shall be pressure washed or otherwise thoroughly cleaned prior to entering public lands. Infestations of noxious weeds shall be immediately reported to the BLM.
9. Certified noxious weed seed free forage is required when horses or pack animals are used on BLM-administered land in Montana.

Storage and Disposal (Pack In/Pack Out)

1. Placement of caches of supplies and food or equipment for future trips is **not** allowed.
2. Permittee shall dispose of refuse resulting from the permitted use, including waste materials, garbage, and rubbish of all kinds in the following manner, and shall guard the purity of streams and waters:
 - (a) All non-combustible refuse and all unburned combustible refuse must be carried out of the area and disposed of in an approved disposal site. Burying garbage pits is prohibited.
 - (b) The use of small portable toilets is encouraged. At a minimum, sanitation facilities will consist of a slit trench or pit toilet 8 to 20 inches deep. Facilities will be placed in porous soil in high ground at least 200 feet from all water sources. After use, fill the hole with loose soil and tramp in the top soil or sod on top. Nothing other than human waste may be deposited in a pit toilet. Toilet paper should be carried out. Use a single large latrine around camp rather than several small ones.
 - (c) The use of soaps, detergents, or bleaches in springs, lakes, and streams will not be allowed. Waste water must not be dumped within 50 feet of springs, lakes, and streams or in areas of saturated or impermeable soils.

Cultural Resources

1. Permittee **shall not** disturb archeological and historical values, including, but not limited to, petroglyphs, ruins, historic buildings, and artifacts.
2. Permittee **shall** leave in place any hidden cultural values uncovered through authorized operations.

Fires – Know Fire Restrictions At All Times

1. Because of the impacts campfires create, their use should be kept to a minimum. Using cook stoves or fire stoves is recommended as an alternative to cooking over campfires. When allowed, campfires shall be small and kept under control. Do not build new rock fire rings.
2. No campfires will be left unattended. Permittee is solely responsible for all fires which permittee, employees, or clients start.
3. Cutting or gathering firewood from prehistoric or historic structures or from standing trees (alive or dead) is prohibited. Burn only dead and down wood.

Rationale for the Decision:

The Proposed Action Alternative was selected because it best meets the purpose and need. This decision was reached after careful analysis of the effects of each of the two alternatives presented in the EA.

Plan Conformance and Consistency:

The proposed action has been reviewed and found to be in conformance with the land use decisions to respond to requests for Special Recreation Permits as described in the UMRBNM Resource Management Plan and the Judith Valley Phillips Resource Management Plan.

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was prepared for the EA and determined that the proposed action will not have significant effects on the quality of the human environment or cause unnecessary or undue degradation of the natural environment.

Public Involvement:

No public comment period was provided for this EA, but notice of this EA process was posted on the UMRBNM NEPA Log website <http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/info/nepa/umrbnm2015.html>.

Administrative Remedies:

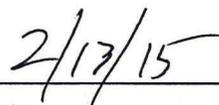
If you believe that you have been affected adversely by this decision, or that you believe the decision is incorrect, you may have the right to appeal this decision.

This decision may be appealed to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed at the Central Montana District Office, 920 NE Main, Lewistown, MT 59457 within 30 days of this decision. A copy of the notice of appeal and any statement or reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served on the Office of the Solicitor at the USDI Field Solicitor's Office, P.O. Box 31394, Billings, MT 59107-1394. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition, pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21, for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. The provisions of 43 CFR 4.21(b) defines the standards and procedures for filing a petition to obtain a stay pending appeal.



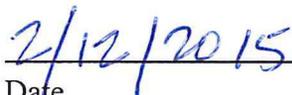
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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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