

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

U.S. Department of Interior

Bureau of Land Management

Office: Farmington Field Office

Tracking Number: **DOI-BLM-NM-F010-2011-78-DNA**

Case file/Project Number: Wannabe Racing, Inc Special Recreation Permit

Proposed Action Title: Wannabe Racing Dunes Motorcycle Race

Location/Legal Description: T 29N R 13W Secs: 19, 20, 29, 30

Applicant (in any): Wannabe Racing, Inc. d.b.a. Brett Craig

A. Purpose:

Wannabe Racing, Inc. has applied for a Special Recreation Permit (SRP). The purpose of the action is to conduct the Wannabe Racing Dunes Motorcycle Race across public lands within the Dunes Off-Road Vehicle Recreation Area on April 14th (setup) through the 17th (cleanup), 2011 . This would be the 6th consecutive running of this event within the Farmington Field Office resource area.

B. Need:

The action accommodates public demand for competitive motorized recreation. The proposed route is within an Open Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) area and is in compliance with the Dunes Vehicle Recreation Area Management Plan 1992.

C. Summary of the Proposed Action:

The event is an off-road motorcycle event to be held in April, 2011. Public lands that will be affected by the event are the Dunes Off-Road Vehicle Recreation Area (Dunes RA) (T29N, R13W Secs. 19, 20, 29, and 30). The race course is an approximately 10 mile loop and will be scored using computerized transponders and manual scoring techniques. Approximately 300 contestants and up to 400 spectators are expected to participate during the race (April 15-17th, 2011).

Camping will be allowed within the Dunes RA, with camping consolidated to three small wash areas established away from the course. Six portable toilets (or more dependent on crowd size) will be established around camp areas and the main event tent. Toilets will be service at least once during the event. Trash receptacles will be placed in camping areas and throughout the spectator areas and will be emptied daily by event staff. BLM will provide a 40-yard dumpster for trash and the annual cleanup associated with this event.

Proponent will provide an ambulance on site staffed with one EMT and one paramedic. In addition, a first responder will be riding the course with up to 8 additional sweep riders. All personnel will be equipped with radios for communication. BLM personnel including law enforcement officers will be present during the event to ensure compliance with safety protocol and event stipulations.

D. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: 2003 Farmington Resource Management Plan (FRMP) Date: 12/2003

Dunes Vehicle Recreation Area Management Plan Date: 4/1992

The proposed action is in conformance with the 1992 Dunes Management plan, page 4, and paragraph 3. It states “In response to a growing demand by Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) users for an unrestricted space in which to learn, drive and play, the Dunes Vehicle Recreation Area . . . was designated . . . as an “open” ORV area for recreational use in a manner as unregulated as possible”.

E. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

A cultural review was conducted in January of 2005 (case number NM-22-2005-15/25) for Wannabe Racing within the Dunes RA. Consultation with BLM cultural staff indicates that no new survey is required.

A T&E and sensitive species review was conducted in January of 2005. A secondary review was conducted in January of 2011. No T&E or sensitive species are anticipated to be impacted by the proposed action.

The proposal will not have adverse effects on public health or safety, unique resources, sensitive or T&E species, or cultural resources. It does not involve controversial environmental effects or significant cumulative environmental impacts. It does not establish precedents for future actions.

The proposed action is in conformance with the Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for the Dunes Vehicle Recreation Area. The proposed action is also consistent with the 2003 Farmington Resources Management Plan prescriptions for managing the Dunes RA and SRP proposals.

F. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

- 1) The proposed action is consistent with area analyzed in the Dunes Vehicle Recreation Area Management Plan EA #NM-019-90-68, signed in April, 1992. There are no differences in resource, geographical or social environmental conditions that could be considered for further analysis.
- 2) The range of alternatives analyzed in EA # NM-019-90-68 included; the proposed action of creating an “Open” OHV designation for the Dunes RA to address the increase in motorized recreation demands (consistent with the current proposed action), alternatives included a developed recreation area; and a no-action alternative. No new environmental concerns, interests or resource values have changed or developed that would warrant further analysis or consideration of a new range of alternatives.

G. Clarification Statement

- 1) Field checks will be conducted by BLM personnel prior to the proposed event, confirming flagging of mapped course, and after the event for compliance with permit stipulations.

H. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted.

Will this action:	<u>Specialist Signature/Date</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Stipulations</u>
1) Adversely impact the following:				
T&E Plants or Animals	_____	<	<	<
Riparian	_____	<	<	<
Wildlife	_____	<	<	<
Recreation/Wilderness	_____	<	X	X
Range	_____	<	<	<
Soil, Air and Water, Hazmat	_____	<	<	<
Air Quality	_____	<	<	<
Cultural or Historic Resources	_____	<	<	<
Paleontological Resources	_____	<	<	<
2) Have significant adverse effect on public health or safety?		<	X	
3) Have uncertain or potentially significant environmental effects?		<	X	
4) Have highly controversial environmental effects?		<	X	
5) Establish a precedent for future decisions?		<	X	
6) Be individually insignificant but be part of a series of actions with cumulatively significant environmental effects?		<	X	

Name	Title	Resource
Dale Wirth	Branch Chief Renewable Resources	
Sarah Scott	Natural Resource Specialist	Riparian
Barney Wegener	Natural Resource Specialist	Soil, Water and Air, Hazmat
John Hansen	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife
Jim Copeland	Lead Archeologist	Cultural Resources
John Kendal	Biologist	Threatened, endangered, special status spp.
Stan Dykes	Range Management Specialist	Range Management/ Weed Management
Janelle Alleman	Recreation Planner	Recreation
Esther Willetto	Range Technician	Range and Navajo Consultation
Sherrie Landon	Environmental Protection Specialist	Paleontology
Darlene Horsey	Land Use Planner/NEPA coordinator	Planning and NEPA
Jeff Tafoya	Range Management Specialist	Range Management

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plans and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

Signature of Project Lead

Date

Signature of NEPA Coordinator

Date

Branch Chief of Renewable Resources

Date