



## Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: **CUA-Badlands Off-Road Adventures, Tom Severin**  
Project Number: **10-moja-021/PEPC 30426**

### Project Description:

**Thomas J Severin (Badlands Off-Road Adventures) has applied for commercial use authorization to run guided motorized tours of the Mojave Road. Mr. Severin has received CUAs and incidental business permits (IBPs) for this activity since 2005. The categorical exclusion originally approved is over five years old and in need of re-consideration.**

**Mr. Severin typically runs two events per year in Mojave National Preserve. He brings 15-20 people in 5-8 vehicles per visit. For 2010, his events are scheduled April 17-19 and October 23-25. The tour begins at the Colorado River (Avi Hotel and Casino) and heads west, ending at Afton Canyon. Badlands Off-Road Adventures leads its clients in their own 4WD vehicles along the Mojave Road, following Dennis Casebier's guidebook. For each visit, overnight camping is planned at Caruthers Canyon or the landing strip at the OX Ranch for the first night, and at or near Seventeen-mile Point the second night. For each event, Badlands provides one to two guides and one vehicle.**

### Project Location:

Location

County:	San Bernardino	State:	CA
District:	Mojave Road	Section:	
Geo. Marker:		Other:	

### Mitigation(s):

- **No mitigations identified**

Describe the category used to exclude action from further NEPA analysis and indicate the number of the category (see Section 3-4 of DO-12):

#### **A.6 Commercial use licenses involving no construction.**

Mojave National Preserve staff has completed an interdisciplinary review of the proposed action. Reviewers were supportive of Badlands Off-Road Adventures activities in the Preserve and had no objections to a commercial use authorization being issued. As demand grows for commercial tours of the Mojave Road, park staff should consider developing a minimum impacts guide – the Chief Ranger would lead this effort. Reviewers did not identify any significant adverse impacts related to the proposed action. It is, therefore, concluded that impairment will not result from commercial activities on the Mojave Road by Badlands Off-Road Adventures. Commercial use authorizations valid for 12-month periods may be issued to Tom Severin for commercial guided tours of the Mojave Road as described in this categorical exclusion. These CUAs must stipulate Mojave National Preserve's standard conditions with regard to the protection and preservation of the Park's natural and cultural resources.

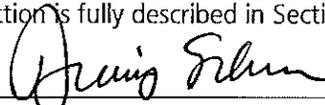
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On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

**Park Superintendent/**

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