



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Film permit-State Penn Productions, Wally Parks

Project Number: 11-moja-036/PEPC 38299

Project Description:

State Penn Productions has applied for a commercial filming permit to shoot footage for a "presentation" marketing film to promote an idea for network television. They propose B-Roll/scenery shots of the Lava beds and surrounding area, and interior of the cinder cones. Filming is expected to last one day (2 hours estimated time on the application), with 2-3 cast and crew.

Film crew will bring one handheld camera; no other props or equipment are listed. One rented production vehicle is listed. There will be no filming on roads or trails.

Contacts:

Applicant: Wally Parks, VP of Production

Producer: Justin Medeiros

Production Coordinator: ~~Caitlin Daley~~ Angela Solis (point-of-contact for film permit)

Project Locations:

Location

County:	San Bernardino	State:	CA
District:	Lava Field	Section:	
Geo. Marker:		Other:	

Mitigation(s):

- Film crew must meet with park personnel for a briefing on park regulations and permit conditions before film shoot may begin. Visitor Services (Law Enforcement Protection) will take the lead in setting up this meeting. CONTACT: Kirk Gebicke (760) 252-6131, or Mark Peapenburg (760) 252-6130

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):

D.4 Issuance of permits for demonstrations, gathering, ceremonies, concerts, arts and crafts shows, etc., entailing only short-term or readily mitigable environmental disturbance.

Park staff has completed an interdisciplinary review of the requested action. The applicant has not demonstrated a familiarity with Mojave National Preserve or, in particular, the Lava Tube where they wish to film. For this reason, they must meet with park personnel before beginning their film shoot to receive a briefing on National Park Service regulations, special use permit conditions, and any other laws or policies they may need to be aware of. It would also be advisable for NPS personnel to monitor all filming activities to ensure maximum protection of fragile resources in and around the Lava Tube. No other issues were raised during the environmental review. With

appropriate monitoring of the proposed film shoot, the natural and cultural resources of the Preserve are not expected to incur significant adverse impacts from implementation of the proposed action. It is, therefore, concluded that impairment will not result from the activities described above. A filming/photography special use permit may be issued to Mr. Wally Parks, State Penn Productions for the activities described herein.

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 (e.g. all boxes in the ESF are marked "no") or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

Superintendent: Stephan R. Davis Date: 8/26/11

NPS Contact: [Signature] Date: 08/23/2011