



## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** Film permit-Litetrap Productions, Michael Murphree

**Project Number:** 12-moja-016/PEPC 40516

**Project Description:**

Michael Murphree, Litetrap Productions, has applied for a commercial filming/photography permit. He proposed a one-day film shoot with two models and a motorcycle. There will be two models plus a crew of 11, for a total of 13 people. Mr. Murphree discussed his ideas with Danette Woo and Kirk Gebicke. His proposed schedule:

1. Stills and video of two models on Soda Dry Lake from Zzyzx Road, and on the motorcycle on Zzyzx Road.
2. Stills and video of the models near the Cinder Cones and Lava Beds from Kelbaker Road, and on the motorcycle on Kelbaker Road.
3. Stills and video of Kelso Peak from Kelbaker Road.
4. Stills and video of the models on the Kelso Dunes.
5. Stills and video of the models on the motorcycle on Kelbaker Road at the Granite Mountains, and at sunset at the Granites.

The shoot is scheduled from 8:00am until 6:00pm. Equipment includes 4 cameras, laptop, back-up hard drive, batteries and chargers, umbrellas, stands, flags, clamps,, tripods, sandbags, generators, extension cord, fan with base. The full list is attached under Project Setup. Vehicles include a Toyota Tacoma pick-up truck, cargo van, recreational vehicle, and Subaru Forester SUV. Mr. Murphree would like to film in mid-February, pending issuance of a filming permit from NPS-Mojave National Preserve.

**Project Locations:**

**Location 1**

<b>County:</b>	San Bernardino	<b>State:</b>	CA
<b>District:</b>	Soda Dry Lake/Zzyzx Road	<b>Section:</b>	
<b>Geo. Marker:</b>		<b>Other:</b>	

**Location 2**

<b>County:</b>	San Bernardino	<b>State:</b>	CA
<b>District:</b>	Cinder Cones/Kelbaker Road	<b>Section:</b>	
<b>Geo. Marker:</b>		<b>Other:</b>	

**Location 3**

<b>County:</b>	San Bernardino	<b>State:</b>	CA
<b>District:</b>	Kelso Peak/Kelbaker Road	<b>Section:</b>	
<b>Geo. Marker:</b>		<b>Other:</b>	

**Location 4**

<b>County:</b>	San Bernardino	<b>State:</b>	CA
<b>District:</b>	Kelso Dunes	<b>Section:</b>	
<b>Geo. Marker:</b>		<b>Other:</b>	

Location 5

County: San Bernardino State: CA  
District: Granite Mountains/Kelbaker 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):

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

Mojave National Preserve staff has completed an interdisciplinary review of the proposed film shoot. The supervisory protection ranger, Kirk Gebicke, discussed the project with the applicant, Mr. Murphree, and concluded that spot monitoring would suffice for this request. The chief ranger, Mark Peapenburg, concurred with this finding. Other reviewers approved of the request without issue. If filming is completed during desert tortoise inactive periods, no additional desert tortoise protective measures will be required. No one identified potentially significant adverse effects to the natural or cultural resources of Mojave National Preserve. It is, therefore, concluded that impairment is unlikely to result from the proposed activity. A commercial filming/photography special use permit may be issued to Mr. Murphree for filming outside of desert tortoise active season (i.e., before March 1 or after November 1).

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: Laurence J. Whelan Date: 1/31/12  
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NPS Contact: [Signature] Date: 30 January 2012