



## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** Film Permit-B-Pictures (NHK Educational Corp), Chinami Inaishi

**Project Number:** 14-moja-003/PEPC 49464

**Project Description:**

Ms. Chinami Inaishi (NHK Educational Corporation) has applied for a commercial film permit. Her company is producing a documentary on terraforming on Mars, and want to film and interview Dr. Chris McKay (NASA) in Mojave National Preserve. NHK plans to bring a crew of four people plus Dr. McKay, for a total of five cast and crew, to the Desert Studies Center at Zzyzx November 15 and 16, 2013. They will travel in one vehicle. Equipment includes one HD camera, sound and lighting equipment. On Friday, November 15, crew will scout and do b-roll filming; on Saturday, November 16, they will interview Dr. McKay.

**Project Locations:**

**Location**

<b>County:</b>	San Bernardino	<b>State:</b>	CA
<b>District:</b>	Soda Dry Lake/Soda Mountains/Soda Spring	<b>Section:</b>	Zzyzx/Desert Studies Center
<b>Geo. Marker:</b>		<b>Other:</b>	

**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.

**Explanation:**

Mojave National Preserve staff has completed an interdisciplinary review of the proposed action. Reviewers had no concerns regarding significant adverse impacts to the natural or cultural resources of the Preserve. Impairment is not expected to result from implementation of the proposed action; therefore, a filming/commercial photography special use permit may be issued for this request.

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: Lawrence J. Whalen ACTING Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NPS Contact: [Signature] Date: 17 November 2013