



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: CUA-AdMo-Tours, guided motorcycle tours 2014

Project Number: 14-moja-007/PEPC 50731

Project Description:

Joyce Wonderly, AdMo-Tours, Inc., has applied for a commercial use authorization for her company, AdMo-Tours, Inc. AdMo-Tours provides guided motorcycle tours on an on-demand basis. For 2014, Ms. Wonderly has proposed six routes in the Preserve, three more than previously. The additional routes are contained completely within Mojave National Preserve to compensate for routes previously scheduled on lands under the Bureau of Land Management's jurisdiction. The BLM Needles Field Office no longer allows AdMo-Tours to operate on their lands between March 1 and November 1 because of "new tortoise restrictions" (01/29/2014 correspondence from Joyce Wonderly).

Dual-sport, street-legal motorcycles are used for these tours. Support equipment includes Ford F-150 pick-up truck and flat-bed trailer, satellite telephone, first aid kit, and kit mechanics. Tours are scheduled upon client request; they are generally set between 09:00am and 05:00pm between September and June. Ms. Wonderly estimates three to 15 people per visit, up to 48 visits in a twelve-month period.

Project Locations:

Location

County:	San Bernardino	State:	CA
District:	throughout MOJA	Section:	
Geo.		Other:	
Marker:			

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.

Explanation:

Mojave National Preserve has completed an interdisciplinary review of the requested activities. AdMo-Tours proposed three additional routes, such that their commercial tours in the eastern Mojave Desert would be staged completely within Mojave National Preserve. Two of the three new routes originally ran over onto Bureau of Land Management lands in the Kokoweef Peak area. The applicant revised these two routes several times to follow NPS roads and stay on NPS lands west of Kokoweef Peak. With an approved CUA, AdMo-Tours will be providing guided motorcycle tours along six possible routes in Mojave National Preserve in 2014-15. Reviewers did not identify any potentially significant adverse impacts to the

natural or cultural resources of Mojave National Preserve. AdMo-Tours" commercial activities will require a minimum of incidental monitoring; the Preserve will collect enough funds to cover four hours. Additional funds will be collected if determined to be warranted during the permitted period. Impairment is not expected to result from the proposed activities; therefore, a commercial use authorization may be issued to AdMo-Tours for 12 months.

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. Abois Date: 3-25-14

NPS Contact: [Signature] Date: 19 March 2014