



## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** SUP-Mojave Death Race 2014

**Project Number:** 14-moja-018/PEPC 52426

**Project Description:**

Dr. Vivan Jui has applied for a special use permit to hold the Mojave Death Race 2014 in Mojave National Preserve. Her husband, Mr. David Molinaro, hosted the event in 2013 several years after it had previously been held. There will be an estimated 180 people and 60 vehicles, including participants, support crews, and race staff. The Mojave Death Race is a triathlon event with 24 legs of running, road cycling, and mountain biking over a 26-hour period. Teams of 12, eight or six athletes each will compete. Twenty-two of the legs take place within Mojave National Preserve. The race begins and ends at Nipton. Each leg starts and ends at an exchange point. See operations plan and appendices attached below for detailed information.

**Project Locations:**

**Location**

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

**Mitigation(s):**

- Park Operations & Mgmt - Communications : The Visitor & Resources Protection Division (Law Enforcement-Gebicke) must prepare an Incident Command plan for the event, and provide a monitoring schedule that identifies personnel to the Special Park Uses Program Manager (Woo).
- Visitor Use & Experience : The list of public toilets for event participants, support teams and organizers should include the vault toilets at the Rock House.
- Visitor Use & Experience : The organizers must provide at least one portable toilet at the OX Ranch.

**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 sporting event. The Visitor Services and Resources Protection Division had no issues with the event in 2013 and recommended one law enforcement ranger to monitor at any time during the event. The VSRP Division must prepare an Incident Command plan for the event, and provide a monitoring schedule that identifies personnel to the Special Park Uses Program Manager (Woo). The list of public toilets for event participants, support teams and organizers should include the vault toilets at the Rock House. The organizers must also provide at least one portable toilet at the OX Ranch.

Reviewers were generally supportive of the proposal, and did not identify potentially significant adverse impacts to the natural or cultural resources of the Preserve. Impairment is not anticipated to result from the proposed activities. A special use permit may be issued to Dr. Vivian Jui for this event, with the stipulations described above included in the list of permit conditions.

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. Whaley ~~ACTING~~ Date: 5/22/14  
NPS Contact: [Signature] Date: 05 May 2014