



## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** Film Permit- -Kimsooja

**Project Number:** 15-moja-039/PEPC 59855

**Project Description:**

Kimsooja, Kimsooja Studio LLC, has applied for a commercial filming/still photography special use permit to film in the Lava Tube. The project is described as "weaving on five continents." The applicant wants to film the Lava Tube and the light shining into the tube. Equipment includes one camera, one tripod, and one sound recording device. The project excludes the use of actors, props, or sets other than the equipment listed.

**Project Locations:**

**Location**

<b>County:</b>	San Bernardino	<b>State:</b>	CA
<b>District:</b>	Cinder Cone Lava Beds	<b>Section:</b>	Lava Tube
<b>Geo.</b>		<b>Other:</b>	
<b>Marker:</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 activities. Few comments were made, in which no significant impacts were identified. A Visitor Protection ranger will spot check the film shoot to ensure permit compliance - - minimum of two hours dedicated to permit monitoring. Impairment is not expected to occur. A commercial filming/still photography permit may be issued to Kimsooja without further review under the National Environmental Policy Act.

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: Todd J. Swess Date: 8-5-15

NPS Contact: [Signature] Date: 08/04/15