



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Film Permit-Tremendous! Entertainment

Project Number: 15-moja-047/PEPC 60598

Description of Action (Project Description):

Erin Anzalone/Steven Shega (Tremendous! Entertainment) have applied for a commercial filming/still photography permit for October 14-16, 2015 in Mojave National Preserve. The application requests permission to film the program's two hosts visiting the Preserve, highlighting some of the park's unique features. After discussing their project with Jonny Becerra (Interpretation, Kelso Depot) and Dave Nichols (Archaeologist), they would like to visit: Rileys Camp, Joshua tree forest on Cima, Rings Loop trail at Banshee Canyon, Kelso Dunes, Kelso Depot, Caruthers Canyon, and Silver Peak trail in Granite Mountains. Cast and crew of eight people traveling in three vehicles. Equipment includes up to three hand-held cameras, Go-Pro cameras, tripod, and portable lighting. Tremendous! Entertainment has been issued commercial filming permits from 31 other parks, and is planning to also film at Joshua Tree National Park and Death Valley National Park immediately after Mojave National Preserve. They would like to film in wilderness, and have received permission at other parks because of the education component of their series.

Project Locations:

Location 1

County:	San Bernardino	State:	CA
District:	Cima Dome	Section:	Standard Mining District
		Other:	Rileys Camp

Location 2

County:	San Bernardino	State:	CA
District:	Cima Dome	Section:	Joshua tree forest, Cima Road

Location 3

County:	San Bernardino	State:	CA
District:	Kelso	Section:	Kelso Depot

Location 4

County:	San Bernardino	State:	CA
District:	Kelso	Section:	Kelso Dunes

Location 5

County:	San Bernardino	State:	CA
District:	Caruthers Canyon	Section:	

Location 6

County:	San Bernardino	State:	CA
District:	Granite Mountains	Section:	Silver Peak trail

Mitigation(s):

- A monitor must be assigned to the requested film shoot. Visitor & Resource Protection Division will determine the level and intensity of monitoring needed, and assign park staff accordingly. The permit must be monitored while Tremendous! Entertainment is filming on NPS lands. Monitors are not responsible for monitoring activities on private lands (e.g., Giant Ledge Mine in Caruthers Canyon).
- Commercial filming is not allowed in the Mojave Wilderness for any reason.

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

Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Superintendent: Todd J. Stevens Date: 10-1-15

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NEPA Status: CE Internal Scoping Ended

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Current NEPA Type: CE

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CE (current NEPA type)

Internal Scoping Start: 09/15/2015 Internal Scoping End: 09/29/2015

4 Natural/Cultural Compliance

CE Signed:

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CE Explanation:

Mojave National Preserve staff has completed an interdisciplinary review of the requested activities. Mitigations were developed from the comments received during the internal review period. They address wilderness and resource protection concerns. The potential for significant impacts to park resources as been minimized by these mitigations. Impairment is not expected to result from the proposed activities, assuming all mitigations are implemented and permit conditions are strictly adhered to. A commercial filming/still photography special use permit may be issued without further review under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Extraordinary Circumstances

If implemented, would the proposal...	Answer	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
B. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?	No	Mitigations avoid or minimize the risk of such impacts.
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
G. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office?	No	
H. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	No	The permit must include desert tortoise protective measures, which must be strictly enforced for maximum protection to the tortoise.
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?	No	

L. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?	No	The permit will stipulate that all vehicles be cleaned of soil and plant debris before entering Mojave National Preserve.
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