

DECISION MEMO
TEMPORARY SPECIAL USE PERMIT – RECREATION EVENT
WASHAKIE RANGER DISTRICT of the SHOSHONE NATIONAL FOREST, USDA FOREST SERVICE

PROPOSED ACTION:

The proposed action is to issue a temporary special use authorization to **Tony Scott, Wyoming Motorcycle Trials Association, Riverton, WY** for a recreational event they have applied for during the 2002 season on the Washakie District of the Shoshone National Forest.

The above mentioned group has applied to the authorized officer for such action by submitting a backcountry permit application. In reviewing the responses to the questions on the application submitted by the applicant, it is believed that the applicant will demonstrate good faith and not engage in activities or transactions contrary to federal contracts, permits, laws, or regulations. The use applied for by this applicant is consistent with other permitted use occurring in the proposed permit area.

DECISION:

It is my decision to issue this permit based on direction from the Shoshone National Forest Plan concerning Special Uses, Section III-82.

SCOPING & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Scoping consisted of consultation with other District and Forest personnel with recreation and special use responsibilities and the public. The Wyoming State Historical Preservation Office recommended that a portion of the proposed event site be avoided in order to minimize potential impact to cultural resources. Additionally, SHPO has recommended that the event organizer provide portable toilets to discourage individuals from digging within the event site. I have determined that both recommendations will be included as conditions in the operator's permit. Based on the inclusion of these conditions and with no other objections to the proposed event, I find that the potential for adverse impact is minimal.

REASONS FOR CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDING THE PROPOSED ACTION:

The proposed action falls under Category 31.2, Paragraph 3(h), of the Forest Service Handbook 1909.15 - Environmental Policy and Procedures Handbook. Based on an environmental analysis and past experience, the effects of implementing this action will be of limited context and intensity and will result in little or no environmental effects to either the physical or biological components of the environment. The action does not involve any extraordinary circumstances. Therefore, this action can be categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

FINDINGS REQUIRED BY OTHER LAWS:

The Forest Plan has been reviewed and a determination made that this decision is consistent with the Forest Plan. The actions in this project comply fully with the goals of the Forest Plan, the Management Area Direction, including that contained under management prescription(s), and the Forest-wide standards and guidelines.

Floodplain, wetlands, prime lands, threatened and endangered species, minerals, and cultural resource management implications have been considered and these resources will not be adversely affected.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This decision may be implemented immediately and is not subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.8(a)(4).

CONTACT PERSON:

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Date