

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Elko Field Office

**ELKO MOTOCROSS RACETRACK: Extended Site Permit
2004-2009
Elko County Riders and Racing Club**

Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record

BLM/EK/PL-2004/13
2930, SRP-NV-014-03-16

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on the attached Environmental Assessment BLM/EK/PL-2004/13, I have determined that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the human environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. Adherence to the permit stipulations, which are part of the action, will help minimize any potential adverse effects to resources.

Decision

It is my decision to authorize the Special Recreation Permit (SRP) for a 5-year extended site permit for a motocross racetrack for the Elko County Riders and Racing Club, as described in the Proposed Action of Environmental Assessment BLM/EK/PL-2004/13. This decision is contingent on the Permittee complying with the terms and conditions checked on the reverse side of the Special Recreation Application and Permit (16) and the Special Recreation Permit Stipulations (1-45) as signed by the SRP Applicant (see attachment). This includes stipulations for fencing the area before any construction begins; reclaiming the area once the permit has expired or been cancelled; paying a commercial use fee of 3% of gross income; limiting use of the motocross race facility and providing for protection of resources and safety of participants during motocross races and activities. The proposed action, as analyzed in BLM/EK/PL-2004/013, is not expected to result in any undue degradation to public lands.

BLM personnel will inspect the location of the fencing, survey the construction of the motocross course and parking areas, and monitor the motocross racetrack periodically throughout the duration of the permit to ensure compliance with permit stipulations. Thirty days after the permit expires or is cancelled or terminated, BLM personnel will conduct a post-use inspection to verify that all reclamation work has been completed, as specified in SRP Stipulations 43-45.

Rationale

It is Bureau policy to authorize commercial and competitive use of public lands where this use is consistent with existing plans, laws, regulations, etc. This proposal does not conflict with Federal, state or local laws, regulations or plans. The proposed action is in conformance with the

Elko Resource Management Plan, Issue #4 - Recreation, Management Prescription 3, which states the planning area is open to off road vehicles except for Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) and preliminary suitable portions of Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), limited to designated roads and trails. The proposed motocross site is not located in a SRMA or WSA.

The proposed action will provide an opportunity for a competitive motocross racetrack near Elko, NV that includes space for spectators and allows for maintenance and redesign of the racecourse. There is a local demand for such a motocross racecourse area. The existing motocross area at Summit Raceway does not include these design features or allow for redesign of the area to include such.

Selection of the proposed action will not result in any significant or long-term disturbance to critical or other resources. The proposed site is a reclaimed gravel pit. Impacts will occur with the construction and use of the motocross course; however, these will not appreciably affect the long-term productivity of the area as the motocross racetrack is a relatively short-term use of a confined area. The major effects from the construction of the course and use of the racetrack will be blowing dust, noise, vegetation removal, increased soil erosion, visual impacts, possible noxious weed invasion and increased motorized vehicle use and human activity in the area. With the expiration of the permit and the required subsequent reclamation, these impacts will be reduced greatly. After reclamation, casual off-highway vehicle use of the area will continue.

The No Action Alternative was not selected because opportunity for a commercial motocross racetrack area would be forgone.

Approval and Implementation Date

Per regulation 43 CFR 2931.8, this decision will go into effect immediately and will remain in effect unless a stay is granted under Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations 4.21(b). However, the SRP Permittee is not authorized to begin construction until the 30-day appeal period has lapsed.

DAVID J. VANDENBERG, Manager
Nonrenewable Resources

Date

Appeal Rights

Within 30 days of receipt of this decision, you have the right of appeal to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of Secretary, in accordance with the regulations at Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations 4.400. If an appeal is taken, you must follow the procedures outlined in the Form 1842-1, Information on Taking Appeals to the Board of Land Appeals. Within 30 days after you appeal, you are required to provide a Statement of Reasons to the Board of Land Appeals listed in Item 3 on the form. In addition, please provide our office with a copy of your Statement of Reasons. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.