

NEPA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST
internal use only

**Sequoia National Forest
Western Divide Ranger District**

Name of Project: Klaus Gerhart, DBA UBER ADVENTURES Special Use Permit (SUP).

Description of Project: Outfitting and Guiding Seven Tea Cups Sec. 23, 25, 26, & 35 T. 22 S., R. 32 E., MT. DIABLO MERIDIAN,

Temporary special use outfitting and guiding permit to hold courses in Swiftwater Canyoneering on July 23 and August 13 2017, within the Dry Meadow Creek drainage, specifically the portion known as The Seven Tea Cups, which terminates in to the Upper Kern River, North of Johnsondale Bridge. The course will begin no earlier than 7:30 a.m. and conclude no later than 5:00 p.m. on those dates. All vehicles will park using established parking at the Johnsondale Bridge, Forest Service marked trails will be used to access the Seven Tea Cups for the sections of Dry Creek that are being used for the course. Leave No Trace methods will be used while courses are being held.

There will not be any ground disturbing activities. The areas used by the Holder are open to the general public. Forest service may have someone present to monitor Holder Operations, but this is not required.

The permit does not authorize use of private property or land administered by other agencies. Holder will contact private land owners or responsible agency to obtain permission for this use.

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Purpose of Checklist: For projects categorically excluded under NEPA that do not require a decision memo, this checklist documents that there are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that warrant further analysis and documentation in an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Applicable Categorical Exclusions for Projects Not Requiring a Decision Memo	
For full description of each category and examples refer to FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30.	
32.11 Categories Established by the Secretary 7 CFR 1b.3	32.12 Categories Established by the Chief 36 CFR 220.6(d)
(1) Policy admin. development/planning	(1) Prohibit for resource protection
(2) Activities related to funding/money	(2) Admin procedures, processes, instructions
(3) Inventories, research activities, studies	(3) Repair/maintain Admin. Sites
(4) Educational and information activities	(4) Repair/maintain roads, trails, landlines
(5) Law enforcement and investigation	(5) Repair/maintain Rec. Sites/Facilities
(6) Advisory or consultative activities	(6) Acquisition of land or interest in land.
(7) Trade representation/market develop	(7) Sale or exchange of land with same land use
	(8) Approve/modify/continue less than 1 year Special Use Permit
	X
	(9) New Permit for existing ski area for administrative changes only
	(10) Amend/Replace existing Special Use Permit for administrative changes only
32.4 Statutory NEPA Exception	
	16 USC 6231 – Organization Camp Special Use Authorization

Determination of Extraordinary Circumstances for the Proposal 36 CFR 220.6(a)				
Resource Conditions 36 CFR 220.6(b)	Resource Condition Present?		For Resource Conditions that are Present, the following Findings are made:	Reference material used to support finding of no extraordinary circumstance
	Yes	No		
(1) Federally listed threatened or endangered Terrestrial Wildlife Species or their designated critical habitat, species proposed for Federal listing or proposed critical habitat, or Forest Service sensitive species		X	No federally listed threatened or endangered terrestrial wildlife species or designated critical habitat, species proposed for Federal listing or proposed critical habitat, or Forest Service sensitive species will be <u>adversely</u> affected by this proposal. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	Forest Wildlife. Biologist. No Plant or animal Habitat will be disturbed
(4) Flood plains, wetlands, or municipal watersheds;		X	No floodplains, wetlands or municipal watersheds will be <u>adversely</u> affected by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	District Hydrologist. The Activities authorized by the SUP are not ground disturbing.
(5) Congressionally designated areas, such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas; ¹		X	No Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas will be <u>adversely</u> affected by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	District Special Use Officer. The activities authorized by the SUP will not impact the areas.
(6) Inventoried roadless areas or potential wilderness areas;		X	Inventoried roadless areas will not be <u>adversely</u> affected by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	District Special Use Officer. The activities authorized by the SUP will not impact the areas.
(7) Research natural areas;		X	Research natural areas will not be <u>adversely</u> affected by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	District Special Use Officer. The activities authorized by the SUP will not impact the areas.
(8) American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites, and		X	Implementation of the Proposed Action would not <u>adversely</u> affect American Indian religious or cultural sites. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	District Archeologist. The project is deemed exempt as no ground disturbing activities are proposed. This project will not propose an adverse effect to cultural resources or restrict public access to these areas during the event.
(9) Archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas.		X	No archeological sites or sites eligible for National Historic Register listing will be <u>adversely</u> affected by this proposal. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	See (6) above

¹Although the Giant Sequoia National Monument is not congressionally designated, if a project is within the Monument boundaries than this resource condition will be marked as present.

I have considered the above listed resource conditions and determined there are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that warrant further analysis and documentation in an EA or EIS. None of the extraordinary circumstances described in 36 CFR 220.6 (b) exist.

Signature


ERIC G. LAPRICE
District Ranger

Date

7/14/17