

NEPA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST
internal use only

Sequoia National Forest
Western Divide Ranger District

Name of Project: Our Place Together - Temporary Special Use Permit.

Description of Project:

Authorizing Smuggler Incorporated to film a featured commercial film on Forest Service lands. Activities will take place on the Western Divide Ranger District in the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

Filming Dates:

Filming dates are 8/13/19 – 8/15/19. Filming time will be:

- 8/13/19 Start at approx. 12PM, Stop at approx. 9PM
- 8/14/19 – Start at approx. 8AM, Stop at approx. 8PM
- 8/15/19 – Start at approx. 10AM, Stop at approx. 8PM with breakdown and restoration to follow until 11:59PM

Parking (vehicles, equipment, aircraft):

All vehicles in forest-designated parking areas (parking area identified on attached map). Our production is small, and we're anticipating having no more than 6 vehicles.

Staging (dressing rooms, catering, portable restroom, etc.):

Base camp, dressing tents, catering, restrooms, etc. will be set up off of 21S63 near dispersed camping area 5.

Filming activities:

Project will involve shooting a featured film which will take place in a campsite (located in dispersed camping area 5 and will consist of normal campsite features like a tent, sitting area, etc.), in various forested/rocky areas, and along a river/stream. See attached map for filming locations.

Ground Disturbance

Ground disturbing activities (such as vehicle parking, walking, and campsite set up) is expected to be minimal and similar to the casual visitor in the already established dispersed camping area 5 and Peppermint Creek Falls area. Additionally, all cast and crew (totaling 20) will utilize Leave No Trace practices.

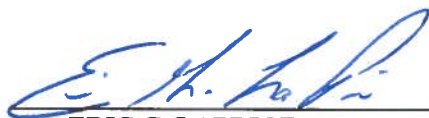
Purpose of Checklist: For projects categorically excluded under NEPA that do not require a decision memo, this checklist documents that there are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that warrant further analysis and documentation in an environmental assessment or environmental 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.	District Wildlife Biologist
(4) Flood plains, wetlands, or municipal watersheds;		X		
(5) Congressionally designated areas, such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas; ¹		X		
(6) Inventoried roadless areas or potential wilderness areas;		X		
(7) Research natural areas;		X		
(8) American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites, and		X		
(9) Archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas.		X		

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

8/7/19