

NEPA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST
internal use only

**Sequoia National Forest
 Western Divide Ranger District**

Name of Project: Sierra Mountain Center, LLC

Description of Project: Guiding rock climbing activities on Dome Rock and the Needles complex using established climbing routes between September 13-18, and October 5-7, 12-14 of 2019; not to exceed 200 service days. Overnight camping will occur in developed campgrounds and accessing climbing areas will be on the established trails. All activities will be supervised by a licensed guide. Holder, employees, contractors and representatives shall be familiar with the terms and conditions of the Special Use Authorization and carry a copy of the operating and maintenance plan while operating. Prudent Measures for the Peregrine falcon and nesting cycle are described in the special use permit. (Sec 13,14,28, &33, T21S, R32E) on the Western Divide Ranger District, Sequoia National Forest. (Map attached). Groups will be using established trails and minimal ground disturbance would occur.

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.			
31.11 Categories Established by the Secretary 7 CRF 2b.3(a)		31.12 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
X	(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
		X	(8) Approve/modify/continue less than 1 year Special Use Permit
			(9) New Permit for existing ski area for administrative changes only
			(10) Amend/Replace existing Special Use Permit for administrative changes only

Determination of Extraordinary Circumstances for the Proposal 36 CFR 220.6(d)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Conditions 36 CFR 220.6(b) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Condition Present? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Resource Conditions that are Present, the following Findings are made: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reference material used to support finding of no extraordinary circumstance
	Yes	No		
Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Terrestrial Wildlife Species or Their Designated or Proposed Critical habitat, or FS sensitive wildlife species		X	No P, T, E or S wildlife species or critical habitats will be <u>adversely</u> affected by this proposal. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	
Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Aquatic Species or Their Designated or Proposed Critical habitat, or FS sensitive aquatic species .		X	No P, T, E or S Fish, Amphibians or Macroinvertebrates or critical habitats will be <u>adversely</u> affected by this proposal. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	
Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Plant Species or Their Designated or Proposed Critical habitat, or FS sensitive plant species		X	No P, T, E or S plant species will be <u>adversely affected</u> by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	
Floodplains, 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.	
Congressionally designated wilderness, wilderness study areas, or National Recreation Areas GSNM	X		No Congressionally designated areas will be <u>adversely</u> affected by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	Activities confined to existing trail. Level of risk no greater than current public use.
Inventoried Roadless Areas		X	IRAs will not be <u>adversely</u> affected by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	N/A
Research Natural Areas		X	RNAs will not be <u>adversely</u> affected by this action.OHV use not allowed in wilderness/no routes exist No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	N/A
American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites			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.	Activities confined to existing trail. There is no potential to impact sites.
Archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas			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.	Activities as authorized under this permit have no potential to effect historic properties (36 CFR 800.3 (a) (1)).

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:  _____
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Date: 9/5/19