

NEPA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST
internal use only

**Sequoia National Forest
Western Divide Ranger Districts**

Name of Project: Subaru Special Use Permit

Description of Project: Issue a temporary commercial filming Special Use Permit authorizing Imperial Woodpecker (Holder) to film portions of a Subaru (automaker) commercial. Activities will take place on the Western Divide Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument. Tentative filming dates are 8/21 and 8/22.

Filming activities will occur at Trail of 100 Giants and at Dome Rock. Filming of actors walking along a trail or cross country will occur using a handheld camera, or placed on a tripod or dolly. A drone camera will be used for camera shots above trees, looking downward. A Subaru vehicle will be parked in a dirt turnout or trail head for camera shot of vehicle. Ground disturbing activities associated with filming are expected to be similar to typical use at these two popular recreation areas. The two sites will remain open to the general public during filming.

The Holder plans to park support vehicles at trailheads, campgrounds or turnouts. All vehicles will be parked safely off of the roadways to avoid hazard or impede traffic/public.

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 /market development		(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

31.4 Statutory NEPA Exception

	16 USC 6236 – Organization Camp Special Use Authorization
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Determination of Extraordinary Circumstances for the Proposal 36 CFR 220.6(a)

Resource Conditions 36 CFR 220.6(b)	Resource Present?		For Resource Conditions that are Present, the following Findings are made:	Reference material supporting finding of no extraordinary circumstance
	Yes	No		

Federally listed or Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Species or Designated or Proposed Critical habitat, or FS sensitive wildlife species	X		This project should not measurably affect spotted owl and/or goshawk nesting activities or nest trees in the Trail of 100 Giants area. Fledglings are considered to be mobile and no longer strictly associated with the nest tree after August 15. In addition, the proposed filming dates are outside of established LOPs outlined in the Monument Plan.	Consultation with the District Wildlife Biologist.
Floodplains, wetlands or municipal watersheds		X		
Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or National Recreation Areas		X		
Inventoried Roadless Areas or potential wilderness areas		X		
Research Natural Areas		X		
American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites		X		
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



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District Ranger

Date

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Figure 1. Description of filming activities and Trail of 100 Giants.

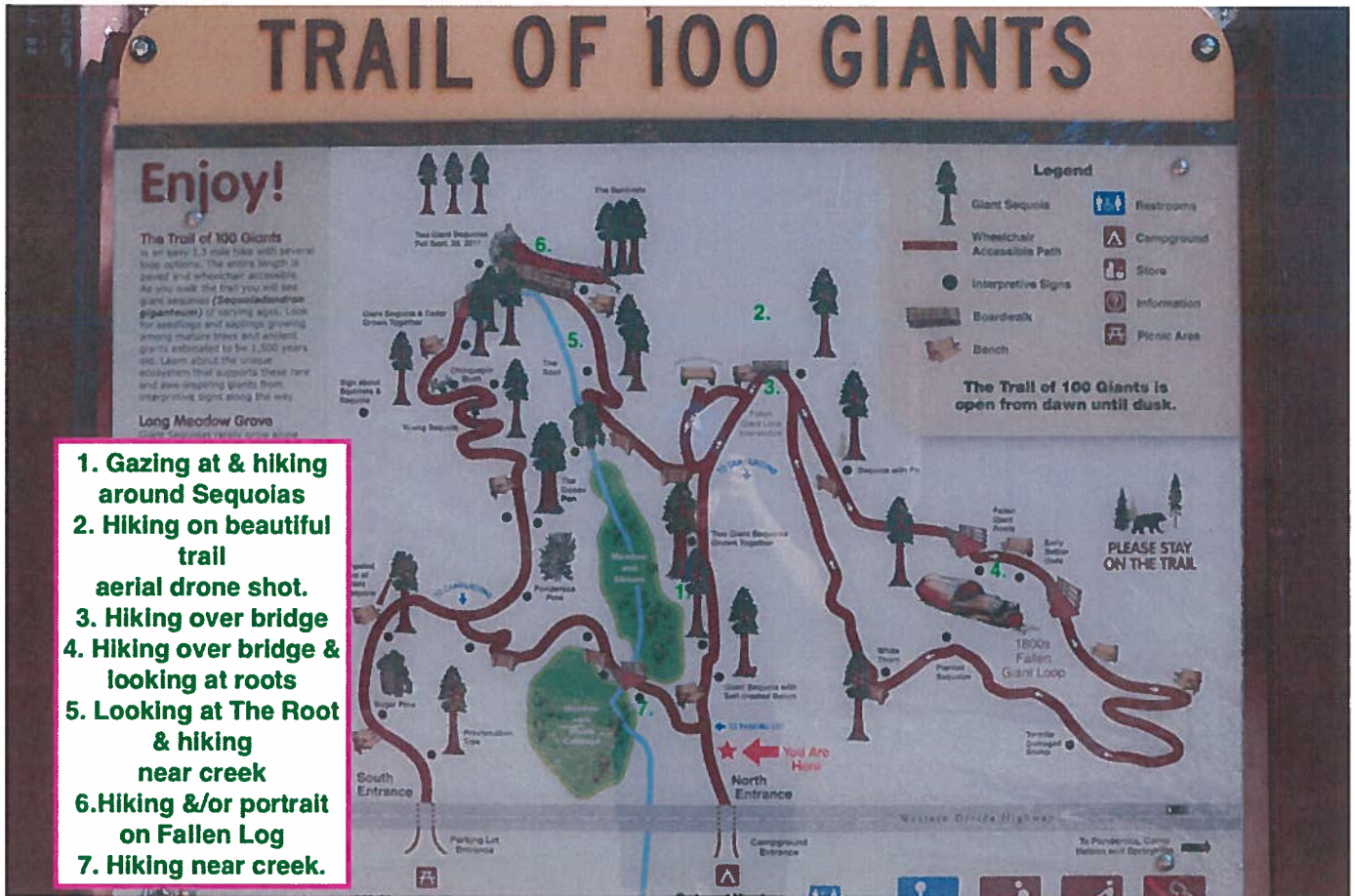


Figure 2. Parking at Trail of 100 Giants.



Figure 3. Parking and filming activities at Dome Rock.

