CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION FOR DNRC FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Project Name:Missoula Symphony Gran Fondo Route

Proposed Implementation Date: September 17, 2015

Proponent: Laura Henning

Type and Purpose of Action: Allow for a bicycle ride event and associated vehicular access to mark the course and to provide medical and mechanical support over the route indicated on the attached map on September 19, 2015.

Location: Road in S2 NW4, NE4, N2 SW4 Section 36, T15N-R12W.

County: Powell

Category (refer to ARM 36.11.447 (3)(a) through (w) for additional detail):

- a) ☒ Temporary Uses of Land with Negligible Effects
- b) ☐ Plans and Policies
- c) ☐ Leases and Licenses
- d) ☐ Acquisition of Land or Interest in Land
- e) ☐ Road Maintenance and Repair
- f) ☐ Bridges and Culverts
- g) ☐ Crossing Class 3 Streams
- h) ☐ Temporary Road Use Permits
- i) ☐ Road Closure
- j) ☐ Material Stockpiles
- k) ☐ Backfilling
- l) ☐ Gathering Forest Products for Personal Use
- m) ☐ Regeneration
- n) ☐ Nursery Operations
- o) ☐ Water Wells
- p) ☐ Herbicides and Pesticides
- q) ☐ Other Hazardous Materials
- r) ☐ Fences
- s) ☐ Waterlines
- t) ☐ Removal of Small Trees
- u) ☐ Removal of Hazardous Trees
- v) ☐ Cone Collection
- w) ☐ Timber Harvest (<100 MBF green or 500 MBF salvage)

By process of the adoption of the Forest Management Rules on February 27, 2003, pursuant to ARM 36.2.523(5)(a), the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Trust Land Management Division, has adopted the above categorical exclusions for activities conducted on state forested trust lands. "Categorical Exclusion" refers to a type of action that does not

individually, collectively, or cumulatively require an EA or EIS unless extraordinary circumstances occur (ARM 36.2.522(5)).

Extraordinary Circumstances:

Will the proposed action affect one or more of the following resources, species or situations in the project area? If the resource, species, or situation is present, but project design avoids potential adverse effects on the resource, the answer is "No". One "Yes" answer indicates that Categorical Exclusion is not appropriate for the project, and an EA or EIS must be conducted.

YES	NO	
☐	☒	a) Sites with high erosion risk.
☐	☒	b) Federally listed threatened and endangered species or critical habitat for threatened and endangered species as designated by the USFWS.
☐	☒	c) Municipal watersheds.
☐	☒	d) The SMZ of fish bearing streams or lakes, except for modification or replacement of bridges, culverts and other crossing structures.
☐	☒	e) State natural area.
☐	☒	f) Native American religious and cultural sites.
☐	☒	g) Archaeological sites.
☐	☒	h) Historic properties and areas.
☐	☒	i) Several related projects that individually may be subject to categorical exclusion but that may occur at the same time or in the same geographic area. Such related actions may be subject to environmental review even if they are not individually subject to review.
☐	☒	j) Violations of any applicable state or federal laws or regulations.

The project listed above meets the definition of the indicated categorical exclusion, including specified conditions and extraordinary circumstances, as provided in the Forest Management Rules (ARM 36.11.447).

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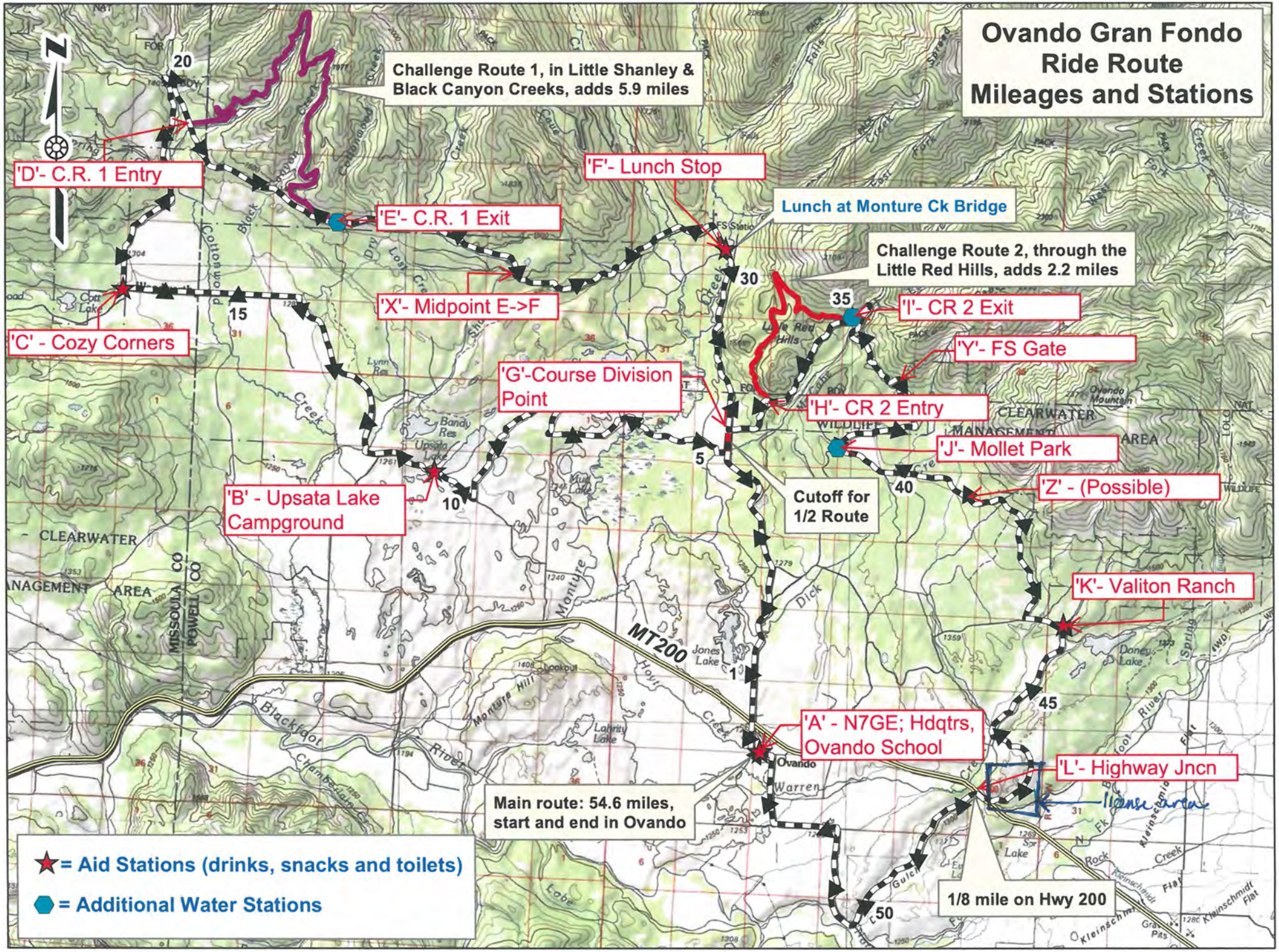
(Name) (Date)

Decision by: Robert H. Storer SWLO Trust Lands Pgm Mgr.
(Name) (Title)

Robert Storer 8/20/15
(Signature) (Date)


Ovando Gran Fondo
Ride Route
Mileages and Stations
Challenge Route 1, in Little Shanley & Black Canyon Creeks, adds 5.9 miles
'D'- C.R. 1 Entry
'E'- C.R. 1 Exit
'F'- Lunch Stop
Lunch at Monture Ck Bridge
Challenge Route 2, through the Little Red Hills, adds 2.2 miles
'X'- Midpoint E->F
'I'- CR 2 Exit
'C' - Cozy Corners
'Y'- FS Gate
'G'-Course Division Point
'H'- CR 2 Entry
'J'- Mollet Park
'Z' - (Possible)
'B' - Upsata Lake Campground
Cutoff for 1/2 Route
'K'- Valiton Ranch
MT200
'A' - N7GE; Hdqtrs, Ovando School
'L'- Highway Jncn
Main route: 54.6 miles, start and end in Ovando
1/8 mile on Hwy 200
= Aid Stations (drinks, snacks and toilets)
= Additional Water Stations
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