

Basic Information Form

Park Name: Valles Caldera National Preserve

Project ID: 70325

Other Project ID: _____

Project Status: Proposed

Compliance Status: In Process

Sensitive: No

Project Target Start: 05/20/2017

Project Creation Date: 02/07/2017

Project Title: Jemez Mountain Trail Run

Secondary Title: *No secondary title given at this time*

Project Description: High Altitude Athletics Club is requesting a Special Use Permit for a 50-mile run to take place on May 20, 2017. The run will start and end in Los Alamos, NM, passing through the Santa Fe National Forest and part of the Valles Caldera National Preserve. There will be an aid station in the Rincon de los Soldados. Aid station volunteers (3-4 people plus two vehicles) will set up an awning for shade and a table along the VC04 to supply runners with aid. The course will be marked with reflective tags on wire stakes, which will be removed after the event. The course enters the preserve down the buried phone line corridor to the VC04 to the VC09 and exiting the preserve. The event, including setup and take down, is expected to last from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Up to 250 runners may participate in the run.

Project Leader: Brenda Montoya

NEPA Specialist: Madeline Scheintaub

NHPA Specialist: Madeline Scheintaub

External Agency/Applicant: High Altitude Athletics Club

Division/Office: _____

Designer: _____

Conceptual Design Date: _____

Project Type: Special Use Permit

Project Category: Other: Special Event

General Notes: _____

Locations

County/Borough, State	District, Section	Geo. Marker	Other	Tract ID
Sandoval, NM				

File List

Title
..... (1.4 MB, PDF file)
..... (2.2 MB, PDF file)
..... (386.8 KB, PDF file)
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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Jemez Mountain Trail Run

PEPC Project Number: 70325

Description of Action (Project Description):

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Project Locations:

Location

County:	Sandoval	State:	NM
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Mitigation(s):

- Permittee will have a port-a-potty at the aid station for use by the volunteers and runners. Permittee is responsible for placing and removing the port-a-potty.
- Permittee shall provide measures to ensure the safety of attendees and participants at the event including security and emergency response personnel.
- Wildlife biologist will access the most recent wildlife data and inform the superintendent of potential human-wildlife conflicts.
- Permittee will create a communication plan for the education of runners about safety in bear country, and implement the plan.
- Bear bells will be required for all race participants and volunteers. Bells will be provided by permittee.
- Hazard trees will be felled if they have the potential to fall on project participants or infrastructure.
- Wildlife shall not be approached or fed; trash receptacles must be tightly covered to avoid access by wildlife.
- Remove all materials, including trash and food wastes, from project sites to reduce the attraction of predators, such as crows and jays.
- Care shall be taken not to disturb any wildlife species (reptiles, migratory birds, raptors, or bats) found nesting, hibernating, estivating, or otherwise living in, or immediately nearby, worksites.
- All workers will be informed of the penalties of illegally collecting artifacts or intentionally damaging any archeological or historic property.
- Ensure that this project is communicated to affected staff and visitors.

CE Citation: D.4 Issuance of permits for demonstrations, gathering, ceremonies, concerts, arts and crafts shows, etc., entailing only short-term or readily mitigable environmental disturbance.

CE Justification:

This Special Use Permit is for a one-day event with minimal environmental disturbance.

Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Superintendent: _____ **Date:** _____

Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
B. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?	No	
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
G. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office?	No	
H. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	No	
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)?	No	
L. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?	No	