

_____ **Field Office Travel Variance Authorization Application**

USDOJ BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Authorization No. _____

_____ Field Office

Address

Telephone

Travel plan variances are requests by the public, commercial interests, interagency personnel, or BLM personnel to *temporarily* use motorized vehicles on closed roads, seasonally restricted roads, and cross country (off road) use. The following process has been developed to address requests for motorized travel **not already authorized** by a prior written decision based on analysis in an existing EA, or the provisions of a permit, lease, memorandum of understanding, or right of way. Variance requests that cannot be approved due to issues raised during review would be subject to the NEPA process, or Documentation of NEPA adequacy (DNA) for the action requested.

Examples of valid requests for travel variances include, (but are not limited to), use of existing roads for purposes such as:

Accessing Rights-of-Way for the purpose of implementing Operations and Maintenance Plans or agreements

Accessing range improvements for maintenance or repair (30 days prior to, following, or during the permitted operating season)

Accessing private property

Accessing casual use mineral exploration

Accessing special forest products with valid permit

Agency administrative work

Contract work or contract administration

Other authorized uses

**** Variance Applications that include the use of cross-country travel is discouraged and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.**

AUTHORIZATION FOR MOTORIZED USE OF ROAD, TRAIL, OR AREA WITH TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

If approved by the authorized officer, this permit authorizes:

Name: _____

Address: _____ (City, State) (Zip)

Telephone Number (s): _____ (List additional authorized users on back of form)

To use the following road (s), trails, or area with travel restrictions (indicate entry locations and travel areas):

In order to conduct the following operations:

Dates/Times of Use:

Number and Type(s) of Vehicles:

I acknowledge that I am required to comply with any conditions or stipulations of the authorized officer when the permit is issued:

Applicant signature

Date

Field Manager Decision

Standard Stipulations

- Copy of variance or variance cards to be kept with authorized vehicle (s) and displayed in window.
- Variance restricted to authorized (listed) individuals only
- Authorized user shall notify BLM of any changes under this authorization
- Lock gates when entering and leaving closure area (leave gates as found)
- Vehicle use limited to ingress and egress only, using the authorized route, and minimum number of vehicles and trips.
- **No off road travel allowed**, unless specifically authorized under this variance.
- Avoid wet areas, travel only when ground is dry to prevent ruts and resulting erosion
- Wash vehicles prior to use on BLM lands to prevent introduction of weeds

Special Stipulations (if any):

_____ Variance Denied

This application has been denied for the following reasons:

See attached letter.

_____ Variance Approved

This application is hereby approved subject to the Standard stipulations and Special stipulations (if any) listed above:

Field Manager

Date