

Many of our projects are in the government realm. It is easy to become immersed in the federal world of Acronyms. While Here are a few bits from the alphabet soup and how they fit into our showcased projects.

### **SRP - Special Recreation Permit**

Proposed fun on the public land might warrant a permit. Review BLM's site for the official requirements but generally speaking, large commercial, competitive and advertised events need a permit.

Burning Man permit issued for 2006-2010

[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm\\_information/newsroom/2006/06/burning\\_man\\_recieves.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/newsroom/2006/06/burning_man_recieves.html)

### **SRP Stipulations**

Stipulations allow for events to be held on the public lands but only under certain conditions.

The Burning Man event is held with over 80 stipulations

[2006-10 Stipulations](#) - 1.3 MB PDF file

[Stipulations added for 2010](#) - 232 KB PDF file

Read our reports for [Stipulation Monitoring at Burning Man 2006, 07 and 2008](#)

### **NEPA process to create the SRP and its stipulations**

#### **NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act**

The NEPA **process** is designed to review proposed actions on the public lands and ensure the balance of the public's enjoyment of the public lands while protecting the natural resources.

<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/nepa.html>

#### **EIS - Environmental Impact Statement**

For really big projects like corporate gold mine or installing hundreds of miles of pipeline, BLM's comprehensive review of all possible impacts as prescribed by the NEPA review process. The **EIS the final document of these findings**

## **EA - Environmental Assessment**

For smaller projects like motorcycle races or even Burning Man, a fair review can be made with less involvement than an EIS. A single EA was created for to cover 5 Burning Man events from 2006-2010

Like with an EIS, the BLM holds meetings and solicits comments from the public when starting an EIS/EA, and again upon the publication of a draft EA.

[2006-10 Event EA](#) - 859 KB PDF file

## **FONSI - Finding of No Significant Impact**

The BLM finds that a proposed action turns out to be ok and will leave no significant impact to the public lands.

[2006-10 Event FONSI](#) - 31 KB PDF file

## **ROD - Record of Decision**

The results of the EIS/EA review

[2006-10 Event ROD](#) - 39 KB PDF file

## **DNA - Determination of Needs Analysis**

The review of existing EA's to see if a new EA is needed to permit future events.

[Permit to be renewed for 2011 Burning Man and later events](#)

## **BLM - Bureau of Land Management**

The federal agency that manages the public lands, which are primarily in the Western US.

Approximately two-thirds of the land in Nevada is BLM.

<http://www.blm.gov>

<http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en.html>

That's all we know about the whole NEPA process!

Check out the BLM website for the official word and more details.