

Burning Man permit up for renewal

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The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public input as it evaluates a proposal from Black Rock City LLC to renew its special recreation permit to hold the Burning Man festival for the 2011-2015 period.

The festival is held annually on public lands in Pershing County, Nev. in the Black Rock Desert approximately 10 miles northeast of the community of Gerlach, Nev. The festival has been held since 1990 and has been permitted by the BLM since 1992.

According to the BLM, the operations associated with the event occupy about 4,400 acres of public land for a seven week period starting with fencing the site perimeter the second week of August and concluding in late September with the final site cleanup. The major activities are confined to several weeks in late August and early September associated with final setup, the actual event and the initial phases of cleanup. During this period, Black Rock City becomes one of the largest cities in Nevada, with approximately 50,000 participants.

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