

# **BLM scraps Burning Man VIP compound, grants permit**

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The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has scrapped demands for a \$1 million VIP compound at this year's Burning Man, the agency announced Friday evening.

The agency also announced that it granted Burning Man its special recreation permit for the 2015 event, which is allowed to draw 70,000 people to Nevada's Black Rock Desert from Aug. 30 to Sept. 7. Burning Man is an annual arts celebration that has been held in Northern Nevada since 1990.

In June, the BLM requested that Burning Man pocket the expense to build a "Blue Pit Compound" on the event site, a living quarters area that would accommodate BLM law enforcement and officials from Washington, D.C., some of whom would only be visiting for a day or so.

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