

AGENDA SUMMARY
GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2022
 Agenda Item: 11.D

TITLE:	COTAH Rally Special Event Permit
FISCAL IMPACT:	Minor revenue to County from event fees; event participants are camping at Dewey Campground and mostly passing through town, so economic benefit of special event is unknown
PRESENTER(S):	August Granath, Grand County Economic Development Director Ben Alter, Grand County Economic Development Specialist

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Attorney Review: Complete July 28, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

I move to approve the special event permit for the 2022 COTAH Rally pursuant to Ordinance No. 643 with the following conditions:

- 1) all motorcycles used or ridden in the special event shall be equipped with an exhaust muffler bearing the Federal EPA required labeling applicable to the motorcycle's model year, stating that the exhaust system meets the 82 dBA standard at 50 feet, as set out in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 40, Volume 24, Part 205, Subpart D and Subpart E, as required by Section 11.06.030(B) of Grand County's General Ordinances; and
- 2) the event organizer shall inspect all such motorcycles and certify compliance to Grand County in writing on or before the first day of the event;
- 3) the event organizer shall disqualify all such motorcycles not bearing the EPA stamp;
- 4) the event organizer shall comply with all Stipulations of its BLM SRP including a maximum speed of 25 mph on all BLM managed roads and trails unless otherwise posted; and
- 5) participants/motorcycles shall not exceed the maximum speed of 25 mph on all dirt roads in Grand County (aka County D Roads) unless otherwise posted.

BACKGROUND:

This will be the first year that the COTAH Rally has applied for a special event permit. This cross-country navigation event involves street-legal dual-sport motorcycles. It is not intended to be a speed or racing event and follows all county, federal, municipal, and state laws, ordinances, regulations, codes and the uniform traffic code for the states of UT and CO. The event begins and ends in Montrose, CO and rides through a portion of Grand County, UT for a total of two days with an overnight stay at Dewey Bridge Campground.

There are very rigorous regulations in place for the participants including mandatory out-of-service communication devices, stocked first aid kit, motorcycle repair tools, WAG bags, PPE, etc. All participants and staff are required to possess current First Aid and CPR certifications. All motorcycles are inspected for operation and safety as well as noise level before the event. However, the noise levels set by the Event Organizer exceed the maximum sound pressure limits set forth in Grand County's Noise Pollution Ordinance; hence the need for the EPA Stamp condition, to which the Event Organizer has agreed to comply. A full list of the event regulations can be found here: <https://cotahrallyadventures.com/regulations>.

For safety, the BLM Stipulations include a maximum speed of 25 mph on all BLM managed roads and trails. For safety as well as consistency, and because it can be difficult for a participant to tell when they are on a County Road or a BLM managed road, the County Attorney recommends imposing a similar speed limit restriction on all dirt roads in the County (aka County D roads).

The event packet has been reviewed and approved by the Special Event Advisory Committee and all Referral Agencies.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- COTAH Rally Application Packet
- BLM SRP Stipulations