

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Coeur d'Alene District, Idaho

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Shorts Bar Road Grading/Gravel and ADA Sidewalk/Parking

Office: Cottonwood

NEPA Register No: BLM-ID-2012-0022-CX

Subject Code/Case File No.:

Location: Idaho County, Idaho; Salmon River, approximately 2 miles east of Riggins, Idaho off of the Big Salmon River Road

Boise Meridian, T.24N., R.01 E., section 14

Description of the Proposed Action

The purpose of this project is to improve existing recreational facilities at the Shorts Bar site and to provide access in conformance with American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Grade the gravel road and parking area for drainage and bring in new material and gravel and compact it and blade it out. Also install 2 ADA sidewalks and parking areas in front of 2 sets of vault toilets.

BLM is proposing to grade the gravel road and parking area for drainage and bring in new material and gravel and compact it and blade it out. BLM will also install 2 ADA sidewalks and parking area for the vault toilets. The need for action is to correct drainage and replace gravel for the road and parking area. Also provide ADA accessible access to the 2 sets of vault toilets. The work will take place at the Shorts Bar Recreation Site located approximately 2 miles east of Riggins Idaho located along the Salmon River Road. During road work silt barriers will be installed around the project area to ensure no run off from the project area will occur during work. The work is being proposed to be completed during the fall/winter of 2012/2013.

Land Use Plan Conformance

The proposed action is in conformance with the Cottonwood Resource Management Plan (RMP), as it was approved December 31, 2009. It is specifically provided for in the decisions on page 42 of the RMP for Recreation Resources (RC):

Objective RC-1.2. Provide intensive recreation management in the Special Recreation Management Areas.

Action RC-1.2.2.6. Continue to implement the Salmon River Special Recreation Area (SRMA) Activity Plan and review and revise the plan.

The proposed action is further consistent with the Salmon River SRMA plan, Vinegar Creek to Hammer Creek, approved February 26, 1988, specifically:

Page 10 Chapter 2 Management Objectives: Recreation Opportunities To Be Provided:

4) Improve existing recreational facilities as needed for resource protection, reduction of conflicts between user groups, or visitor safety.

Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with the 516 DM 2, CX No. 1.7, for “Routine and continuing government business, including such things as supervision, admin, operations, maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity (e.g. limited size and intensity). This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed and none of the exceptions described in 43 CFR 46.215 exist. In reviewing the proposed action, I considered that mitigation measures to protect resources and uses would be implemented as the improvements are constructed.

Signature

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Authorizing Official: Will Runnoe Date: 10/23/2012
Will Runnoe, Field Manager

Contact: For additional information, contact Joe O’Neill, Outdoor Recreation Planner, 208-962-3683.

Categorical Exclusion Documentation -- Extraordinary Circumstances Review

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<i>The following must be answered negatively before the CX may be approved</i> (43 CFR 46.215)	No	Reviewer
<i>Will this project</i> have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?	X	J.O.
<i>Will this project</i> adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as:		
historic or cultural resources;	X	D.S.
park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers;	X	J.O
sole or principal drinking water aquifers;	X	C.A.J
prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988);	X	C.A.J.
or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department of the Interior's National Register of Natural Landmarks?	X	D.S.
<i>Will this project</i> have highly controversial environmental effects (NEPA section 102(2)(E)?	X	J.O.
<i>Will this project</i> have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	X	J.O.
<i>Will this project</i> establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	X	J.O.
<i>Will this project</i> be related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?	X	J.O.
<i>Will this project</i> have adverse affects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?	X	D.S.
<i>Will this project</i> have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Threatened or Endangered Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	X	C.A.J.
<i>Will this project</i> threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	X	J.O.
<i>Will this project</i> have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations? (Executive Order 12898 -- Environmental Justice)	X	J.O.
<i>Will this project</i> limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites? (Executive Order 13007 – Sacred Sites)	X	D.S.
<i>Will this project</i> contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species? (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act, Executive Order 13112)	X	L.D.

Reviewers and Comments

Specialist	Name	Comment	Date
Outdoor Recreation	Joe O'Neill	Project Lead (<i>see Project File for surnamed original</i>)	10/16/12
Archeologist	David Sisson	Memo on Cultural	10/04/12
Wildlife Biologist	Craig Johnson	See memo sand TES clearance forms	10/04/12
Natural Resource Spec	Lynn Danly	Located within weed project site no new expected weed issues	10/16/12
Field Manager	Will Runnoe		
NEPA Coordinator		LUP Conformance & applicable CX confirmation	10/16/12