

# **Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation**

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# **Chapter 1. Categorical Exclusion Rationale**

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**Moose Collar Retrieval — DOI-BLM-AK-F030-2013-0004-CX**

<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Appropriate staff should review the circumstances listed below, comment and initial for concurrence. Rationale supporting the concurrence should be included where appropriate.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Answers to the Extraordinary Circumstances questions below will affect the level of NEPA required for this project.</p> <p>1. If the answer to all Extraordinary Circumstances is NO, the use of the CX is appropriate.</p> <p>2. If the answer to any one Extraordinary Circumstance is MAYBE or UNKNOWN, an EA is the appropriate NEPA document.</p> <p>3. If the answer to any Extraordinary Circumstance is YES, an EIS is required.</p>				
<b>EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES</b> <i>Does the proposed action...</i>	<b>NO/MAYBE OR UNKNOWN/YES &amp; RATIONALE</b> (If appropriate)	<b>RESOURCE/ PROGRAM SPECIALIST(S) ASSIGNED REVIEW</b>	<b>NAME OF TEAM MEMBER(S) ASSIGNED REVIEW</b>	<b>INITIALS AND DATE</b>

**1.1.**

<b>1. Have significant impacts on public health and safety?</b>				
	N/A	Operations/ Engineering Review		
	No	Wastes, Hazardous or Solid	Rebecca Hile	RH 030713
		Other		

**1.2.**

<b>2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness or wilderness study areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (Executive Order 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?</b>				
	No	Geology	Darrel VandeWeg	dv 21 Feb. 2013
	No	Cultural/ Paleontological	Bill Hedman	BH 3/15/13
	No	Recreation	Kelly Egger	KE 2/19/13
	No	Wilderness & WSA	Lisa Jodwalis	LSJ 2/22/13
	No	Wild & Scenic Rivers	Kelly Egger	KE 2/19/13
	No	National Natural Landmark	Robin Walthour	RW 1/30/13
	No	Water Quality	Carl Kretsinger	CK 1/31/13
	No	Prime Farmland	Robin Walthour	RW 1/30/13
	N/A	Wetlands	Carl Kretsinger	CK 1/31/13
	No	Floodplains	Carl Kretsinger	CK 1/31/13
	No	National Monuments	Robin Walthour	RW 1/30/13

	No	Migratory Birds	Merben C/Jennifer M	MRC 2/4/2013
	No	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	Merben C/Jennifer M	MRC 2/4/2013
	No	Air Quality	Carl Kretsinger	CK 1/31/2013
		Other		

**1.3.**

3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?				
	No	Biology	Jennifer McMillan	JM 3/14/13
	No	Lands/Realty	Robin Walthour	RW 1/30/13
	No	Minerals	Darrel VandeWeg	dv 21 Feb. 2013
	No	Law Enforcement	Robin Walthour	RW 1/30/13
	No	Visual Resource Management	Cal Westcott	CW 2/28/13
	N/A	Wild Horses/Burros	Robin Walthour	RW 1/30/13
	No	Recreation	Kelly Egger	KE 2/19/13
		Other		

**1.4.**

4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?				
	No		All team members	3/15/13

**1.5.**

5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?				
	No	Biology	Jennifer McMillan	JM 3/14/13
	No	Recreation	Kelly Egger	KE 2/19/13
		Other		

**1.6.**

6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?				
	No		All team members	3/15/13

**1.7.**

7. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the Bureau or office?				
	No			
		Archeology/Cultural Resources	Bill Hedman	BH 3/15/13

**1.8.**

8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?				
	No	Birds/Wildlife/habitat	Merben Cebrian	MRC 2/4/2013
	No	Fish/EFH	Carl Kretsinger	CK 1/31/13
	No	Plants/habitat	Jennifer McMillan	JM 3/14/13
		Other		

**1.9.**

9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?				
	No		Bill Hedman	BH 3/15/13

**1.10.**

10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?				
	No		Robin Walthour	RW 1/30/13

**1.11.**

11. 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)?				
	No			
		Native American Coordinator/Cultural Resources	Bill Hedman	BH 3/15/13

**1.12.**

12. 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 and Executive Order 13112)?				
	No			
		Invasive and Non-Native Weeds	Jennifer McMillan	JM 3/14/13