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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS**  
Ross Point Recreation Site Bank Stabilization  
DOI-BLM-ID-0001-EA

**Finding**

Based upon review of the environmental assessment (DOI-BLM-ID-0001-EA), I have determined that the proposed action for the Ross Point Recreation Site Bank Stabilization Project will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required. As described and analyzed in the environmental assessment, no environmental effects meet the definition of significance as defined by regulations to implement NEPA found at 40 CFR 1508.27. This finding is based on my consideration of both the context and intensity of the project, as described below.

*Context.* This means that the significance of an action was analyzed in several contexts such as society as a whole (human, national), the affected region, the affected interests, and the locality. Significance varies with the setting of the proposed action. For instance, in the case of a site-specific action, significance would usually depend upon the effects in the local rather than in the world as a whole. Both short-and-long-term effects are relevant.

The primary effect of the project will be a local reduction in erosion from the site (less than ¼ acre of disturbance) and consequent reduction in sediment loading into the Spokane River. A secondary effect will be improvements to safety, specifically at the site, by providing better access to parts of the shoreline.

*Intensity.* This requirement refers to the severity of impact. The following factors are considered in evaluating intensity.

**1. Impacts that may be both beneficial and adverse.**

There would be minor beneficial impacts to water quality and fisheries from the reduction of sediment loading into the Spokane River from the site.

**2. The degree to which the proposed action affects public health or safety.**

The site is used by the public primarily for swimming and walking dogs. Stabilization of the steep, eroding banks would improve safety by making it easier to avoid walking on narrow, perched pathways to access parts of the site.

**3. Unique characteristics of the geographic area such as proximity to historic or cultural resources, park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas.**

None. There are none of these in the vicinity of the project site.

**4. The degree to which the effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be highly controversial.**

None. The proposed project is maintenance of an existing site with no change of use.

**5. The degree to which the possible effects on the human environment are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks.**

There are no uncertain, unique, or unknown risks.

**6. The degree to which the action may establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or represents a decision in principle about a future consideration.**

None anticipated.

**7. Whether the action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts.**

The proposed action would not measurably contribute to cumulative effects.

**8. The degree to which the action may adversely affect districts, sites, highways, structures, or objects listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or may cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources.**

A cultural clearance has been performed. No potential impacts to cultural resources were identified.

**9. The degree to which the action may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species or its critical habitat that has been determined under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.**

There would be no effect on ESA listed species or critical habitats.

**10. Whether the action threatens a violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.**

All applicable permits and clearances have been obtained.

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