Categorical Exclusion Rationale

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NEPA Guidance: Answers to the Extraordinary Circumstances questions below will affect the level of NEPA required for this project. If any of the extraordinary circumstances are applicable to the action being considered, either an EA or EIS must be prepared for the action.

Section 1.1 Impacts on Public Health and Safety

1. Does the proposed action have significant impacts on public health and safety?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	Robin Walthour, Realty Specialist	RW 7/2/15
	X	Rebecca Hile, Hazmat Specialist	RH 7/13/15

Rationale:

Section 1.2 Impacts on Natural Resources or Unique Geographic Characteristics

2. Does the proposed action 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?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	Robin Walthour, Wilderness	RW 7/2/15
	X	Kelly Egger, Outdoor Rec Planner	KE 7/7/15
	X	David Esse, Fish Biologist	DE 7/13/15
	X	William Hedman, Archeologist	BH 7/6/2015
	X	Darrel VandeWeg, Geologist	DV 9–Jul-2015
	X	Erin Julianus, Wildlife Biologist	EJ 7/6/2015

Rationale:

Section 1.3 Level of Controversy

3. Does the proposed action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	David Esse, Fish Biologist	DE 7/13/15
	X	Jennifer McMillan, Ecologist	JM 7/7/2015
	X	Darrel VandeWeg, Geologist	DV 9–Jul-2015
	X	Cal Westcott, Outdoor Rec Planner	CW 7/8/15
	X	Kelly Egger, Outdoor Rec Planner	KE 7/7/15

Rationale:

Section 1.4 Highly Uncertain or Unique or Unknown Environmental Risks

4. Does the proposed action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	Robin Walthour, Realty Specialist (for all team members)	RW 7/14/15

Rationale:

Section 1.5 Precedent Setting

5. Does the proposed action establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	Kelly Egger, Outdoor Rec Planner	KE 7/7/15
	X	Erin Julianus, Wildlife Biologist	EJ 7/6/2015
	X	Jennifer McMillan, Ecologist	JM 7/7/2015

Rationale:

Section 1.6 Cumulatively Significant Effects

6. Does the proposed action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	Robin Walthour, Realty Specialist (for all team members)	RW 7/14/15

Rationale:

Section 1.7 Impacts on Cultural Properties

7. Does the proposed action 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?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	William Hedman, Archeologist	BH 7/6/2015

Rationale:

Section 1.8 Impacts on Federally Listed Species or Critical Habitat

8. Does the proposed action 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?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	Jennifer McMillan, Ecologist	JM 7/7/2015

Rationale:

Section 1.9 Compliance With Laws

9. Does the proposed action violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	Robin Walthour, Realty Specialist (for all team members)	JM 7/7/2015

Rationale:

Section 1.10 Environmental Justice

10. Does the proposed action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	Robin Walthour, Realty Specialist (for all team members)	RW 7/14/15

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Section 1.11 Indian Sacred Sites

11. Does the proposed action 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)?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	William Hedman, Archeologist	BH 7/6/2015

Rationale:

Section 1.12 Noxious and Non-Native Invasive Species

12. Does the proposed action 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)?			
YES	**NO**	**REVIEWER/TITLE**	
	X	Jennifer McMillan, Ecologist	JM 7/7/2015

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Section 1.2 Preparer Information

Robin Walthour, Realty Specialist
PREPARER/TITLE

July 14, 2015
DATE