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Categorical Exclusion Documentation
Cougar Bay Visitor Parking Improvements
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1. Description of the Proposed Action

The BLM proposes to widen an approximately 180-foot long section of road shoulder along MacAvoy Road (Cougar Bay) near Coeur d'Alene, ID. This would create additional parking for visitors to the BLM-administered John C. Pointner Memorial Wildlife Trail at Cougar Bay and improve safety by reducing congested roadside parking along a narrow shoulder with a steep embankment.

2. Location

Kootenai County, Idaho, Boise Meridian
T. 50 N., R. 4 W., Section 21

3. Land Use Plan Conformance

In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), this proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the Coeur d'Alene Management Plan (RMP), approved June 2007. It is consistent with the following decisions from the RMP:

Goal LR-1 - Meet public needs for use authorizations such as right-of-way, leases, and permits when such needs are consistent with other resource values.

Objective LR-1-1 - Issue use authorizations consistent with other resources values.

Action LR-1.1.3 - To the extent possible, locate such authorized uses and applications for such uses where impacts on other resources will be the least disturbing.

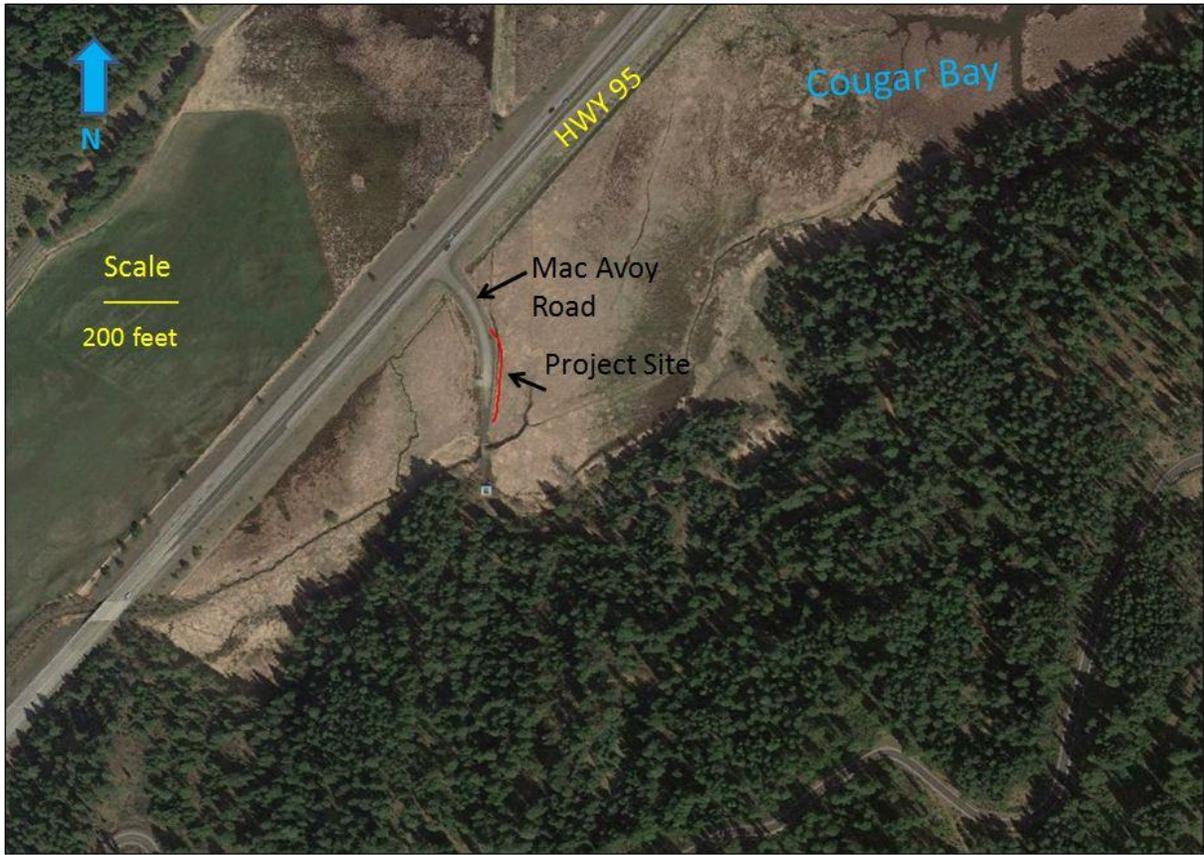
4. Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under NEPA in accordance with 516 DM 11.9.E (16) Acquisition of easements for an existing road or issuance of leases, permits, or rights-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purposes.

Application of this categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix C, exist.

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Date



Project Location