

**UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE**

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

OFFICE: Siuslaw Resource Area, BLM Eugene District

TRACKING NUMBER: DOI-BLM-OR-E050-2013-0016-CX

PROJECT NAME: Siuslaw Recreation Site Maintenance and Renovations

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Whittaker Creek Recreation Site (T. 18 S., R. 8 W., Sec. 21), Clay Creek Recreation Site (T. 20 S., R. 7 W., Sec. 19), and Lake Creek Falls Recreation Site (T. 16 S., R. 7 W., Sec. 19)

APPLICANT (if any):

A. Description of Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

The BLM is responsible for regularly performing maintenance and renovations at these sites to ensure the public's recreation experiences are safe and enjoyable. It is anticipated that the following proposed campground maintenance and renovation activities would be accomplished in fiscal year 2013 (October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2013).

- **Clay Group Shelters** - The ceilings in both shelters would be refinished. The fireplaces in the shelters are cracking and would be repaired.
- **Clay and Whittaker Trail Maintenance** - General trail clearing and maintenance would occur on both the Clay Creek Trail and the Whittaker Old Growth Ridge Trail.
- **Clay Creek Amphitheater Benches** – Benches to be replaced at amphitheater.
- **Clay and Whittaker Creek Holding Tank Install** – Install new Holding Tank at Whittaker Park Host site, and replace existing tank at Clay Creek Host Site.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

The proposed action is in conformance with the following land use plan: Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (RMP), as amended, because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions: "Continue to operate and maintain developed recreation sites/facilities and developed trails". (Eugene District RMP, 1995, p. 83)

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, (1.7) which states, "Routine and continuing government business, including such things as maintenance and replacement activities having limited context and intensity, e.g., limited size and magnitude or short term effects." and 516 DM 11.9, G (4), which states, "Placement of recreational, special designation or information signs, visitor registers, kiosks and portable sanitation devices."

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 extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

D. Signature

Signature of Project Lead:

/s/Wade Judy
Wade Judy, Recreation Planner

Date: 02/12/2013

Signature of NEPA Coordinator:

/s/Dana Wilson
Dana Wilson, Landscape Planner, Siuslaw
Resource Area

Date: 02/12/2013

Signature of the Responsible Official:

/s/Alan Corbin
Alan Corbin, Field Manager, Siuslaw Resource
Area

Date: 02/13/2013

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this Categorical Exclusion review, contact: Wade Judy, Outdoor Recreation Planner, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Springfield, Oregon (541) 687-3457.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES CHECKLIST
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Review the proposed action against each of the 12 "extraordinary circumstances" listed below. Any action that is normally categorically excluded must be subjected to sufficient environmental review to determine whether it meets any of the extraordinary circumstances, in which case, further analysis and environmental documents must be prepared for the action. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable". Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Extraordinary Circumstances	YES	NO
<p>1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety. <u>Rationale:</u> All proposed activities follow established Occupational Safety and Health Administration rules concerning health and safety.</p>		X
<p>2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness 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; and other ecologically significant or critical areas. <u>Rationale:</u> All proposed activities are designed to minimize impacts and would be timed to avoid impacts to wildlife and peak visitor season.</p>		X
<p>3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]. <u>Rationale:</u> There are no predicted environmental effects from the proposed action which are considered to be highly controversial nor are there unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses.</p>		X
<p>4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. <u>Rationale:</u> There are no predicted effects from the proposed action that are highly uncertain, potentially significant, unique, or have unknown risks. The proposed action is for routine maintenance of recreation facilities in order to ensure safety.</p>		X
<p>5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. <u>Rationale:</u> This activity does not commit the BLM to pursuing further actions, and as such would not establish a precedent or decision for future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.</p>		X
<p>6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. <u>Rationale:</u> This activity would have no direct relationship with other actions that would have a cumulatively significant effect.</p>		X
<p>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. <u>Rationale:</u> No known properties are listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places that would be affected by this activity.</p>		X
<p>8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, as an Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species. <u>Rationale:</u> The areas where maintenance will occur have no significant impacts to species listed or proposed to be listed as an Endangered or Threatened Species, nor have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.</p>		X
<p>9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. <u>Rationale:</u> The proposed action conforms to the direction given for the management of public lands in the Eugene District ROD/RMP (1995), which complies with all applicable federal, state, local and tribal laws.</p>		X

Extraordinary Circumstances	YES	NO
<p>10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 2898). <u>Rationale:</u> The maintenance of recreation areas and trails would not affect low income or minority populations because the action only occurs on lands designated for recreational access.</p>		X
<p>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). <u>Rationale:</u> There are no sacred sites identified within the project area.</p>		X
<p>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). <u>Rationale:</u> Maintenance equipment is cleaned using a pressure washer prior to leaving designated areas to prevent the spread of noxious weeds and root disease.</p>		X

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DECISION RECORD

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Decision

It is my decision to implement this action as described in the categorical exclusion documentation DOI-BLM-OR-E050-2013-0016-CX.

Decision Rationale

The proposed action has been reviewed by BLM staff. The Proposed Action is in conformance with the 1995 Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (as amended). Based on the Categorical Exclusion Review, I have determined that the proposed action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further analysis is required.

Administrative Remedies

Any person adversely affected by this decision may appeal it to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an appeal is taken, a notice of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days of this decision for transmittal to the Board. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and with the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal was filed. A copy of a notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs, must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97205.

Signature of the Responsible Official:

/s/Alan Corbin

Alan Corbin
Field Manager
Siuslaw Resource Area

Date: 02/13/2013