

## **Categorical Exclusion Documentation**

Department of Interior  
Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District  
San Juan Islands Monument  
37 Washburn Place  
Lopez, WA 98261

### **A. Background**

*BLM Office:* San Juan Islands National Monument

*Lease/Serial/Case File No.:* n/a

*NEPA Log Number:* DOI-BLM-OR-130-2015-0002-CX

*Proposed Action Title:* Turn Point Garage Roofing

*Location of Proposed Action:* Garage at Turn Point Light Station, Stuart Island, San Juan Archipelago, Washington State, Township 37 North, Range 4 West, Section 20 (see attached map)

*Proposed Action:* Perform routine maintenance by replacing a deteriorating garage roof with approved roofing materials which would comply with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Historic Preservation and provide long term protection and stability of the structure. Work includes removal and disposal of existing roofing, replacement of damaged sheathing, and installation of new underlayment, flashing, and asphalt composition sheet roofing. The color of the roofing would match the color of the existing red roofing.

### **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

There is no land use plan covering BLM lands in western Washington. In accordance with land use planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.8 (b) (1)), a proposed action on such lands may be authorized if supported by appropriate analysis. Additionally, the project area has been proclaimed as a national monument. The proposed actions are consistent with preservation of the objects and values identified in the proclamation which states “the protection of these lands in the San Juan Islands will maintain their historical and cultural significance and enhance their unique and varied natural and scientific resources, for the benefit of all Americans” (p.2).

### **C. Compliance with NEPA**

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with CFR 46.210(f) Routine and continuing government business, including such things as supervision, administration, operations, maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity (e.g., limited size and magnitude or short-term effects).

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 43 CFR 46.215 apply, as shown in the following table:

**Categorical Exclusions - Extraordinary Circumstances Documentation**

<b>THE PROPOSED CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ACTION WILL:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>2.1</b> Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
<b>Rationale:</b> All work would be completed by qualified contractors, OSHA safety requirements would followed, and a temporary construction fence would be used to keep the public at a safe distance from the garage during the construction period.		
<b>2.2</b> 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.		X
<b>Rationale:</b> Impacts would not be adverse because the proposed action would be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation.		
<b>2.3</b> Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		X
<b>Rationale:</b> The San Juan Islands Monument proclamation dictates that the area be managed to protect and preserve culturally and historically important resources. The garage to be repaired is a component of the historic Turn Point Light Station, an important historic property eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, therefore no controversy or unresolved conflict involving the resources is present.		
<b>2.4</b> Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
<b>Rationale:</b> As the action is categorized as routine maintenance, there are no unique or unknown risks associated should the action be implemented.		
<b>2.5</b> Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
<b>Rationale:</b> This action would be limited in scope and duration, occurring on a one-time basis, and therefore would not set precedent for future actions with potentially significant effects.		
<b>2.6</b> Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
<b>Rationale:</b> Other scheduled activities with individually insignificant effects within and adjacent to the action area include: encapsulating lead based paint on light station building and structures,		

<p>removing asbestos flooring from light station buildings, rehabilitating light station buildings, removing hazard trees, and installing a fence. However, when considered with the proposed action, these activities would not lead to cumulative significant environmental effects.</p>		
<p><b>2.7</b> 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.</p>		X
<p><b>Rationale:</b> This action would not have a significant impact to Turn Point Light Station, a National Register Eligible Property. Consultation was conducted with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Samish Indian Nation, Lummi Nation, San Juan County Historical Society, and the Turn Point Light House Preservation Society on April 1, 2015. On April 13, 2015, SHPO concurred with a determination of "No Adverse Effect" for the undertaking with the condition that should archaeological resources be uncovered during implementation, work in the area of the discovery would be halted and the interested Native American tribes and SHPO would be consulted. The Samish Indian Nation (4/9/15) and the Lummi Nation (4/13/15) responded and had no concerns with the proposed undertaking. No comments were received by the San Juan Historical Society or the Turn Point Light House Preservation Society.</p>		
<p><b>2.8</b> 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.</p>		X
<p><b>Rationale:</b> No impacts to threatened, endangered, or proposed species were identified for this project. There is no designated Critical Habitat within the project area and the proposed activities would not change the amount or suitability of wildlife habitat in the project area.</p>		
<p><b>2.9</b> Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.</p>		X
<p><b>Rationale:</b> This action would occur following all applicable rules and regulations and therefore would not violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.</p>		
<p><b>2.10</b> Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 2898).</p>		X
<p><b>Rationale:</b> This action would not have a disproportionately high or adverse effect on low income or minority populations as it would not limit existing light station visitation. Low income or minority visitors to the area would not be affected differently by the proposed action than any other visitor.</p>		
<p><b>2.11</b> 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).</p>		X
<p><b>Rationale:</b> There are no identified Native American Indian sacred, ceremonial or religious sites in the project area.</p>		

<b>2.12</b> 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).		X
<b>Rationale:</b> This action would not disturb soils and the project activities would have no impact on noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.		

**D. Signature**

/s/ Marcia deChadenedes

4/27/2015

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 Monument Manager

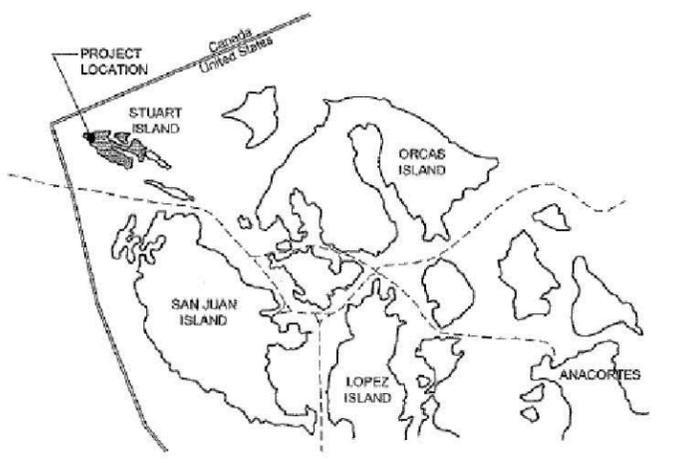
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**F. Contact Person & Reviewers**

For additional information concerning this Categorical Exclusion Review, contact Alex Kwan, Civil Engineer, at 509-536-1200.

Reviewers	Resource	Initials	Date
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Rich Bailey	Cultural Resources	RB	4/13/15
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1 LOCATION MAP  
 A0.01 SCALE: NTS



2 VICINITY MAP  
 A0.01 SCALE: NTS

1 SITE PLAN  
 A1.1 SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"



REV. NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	APPROVED
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT			
STUART ISLAND		WASHINGTON	
TURN POINT LIGHT STATION			
SITE PLAN			
DESIGNED	<i>[Signature]</i>		
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