

**United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Northeastern States Field Office**

Categorical Exclusion/Decision Documentation

Poverty Island Withdrawal Revocation

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-ES-0030-2013-0021-CX

Date: June 2013

Type of Action: Withdrawal Revocation

Serial Number: MIES 002537

Location: Michigan Meridian
Township 36 North, Range 19 West,
Sections 8 and 9
Delta County, Michigan

Project Acreage: 192 acres

Proponent: United States Coast Guard
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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Bureau of Land Management to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed action would revoke a withdrawal established by Executive Order dated March 29, 1873 that reserved 192 acres of public land for lighthouse purposes on Poverty Island in the State of Michigan. The proposal is a record-clearing action of an unneeded withdrawal. The land was found unsuitable for return to public domain status and disposition under the public land laws. The holding agency has reported the land to the General Services Administration (GSA) for conveyance to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The revocation of the withdrawal will allow the GSA to complete the transfer of the land to FWS.

AUTHORITY

Department of Interior, Departmental Manual: Withdrawal revocation meets the categorical exclusion criteria contained in 516 DM 11.9 E(3):

Withdrawal revocations, terminations, extensions, or modifications; classification terminations or modifications; or opening actions where the land would be opened only to discretionary land laws and where subsequent discretionary actions (prior to implementation) are in conformance with and are covered by a Resource Management Plan/EIS (or plan amendment and EA or EIS).

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

The proposed action is in conformance with the Michigan Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Environmental Assessment: Disposal of U.S. Coast Guard Lighthouse Properties - July 1997. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was the identified recipient of the land in the Michigan RMP Amendment.

DEPARTMENTAL EXCEPTIONS AND CRITICAL RESOURCE VALUES CHECKLIST

The action described above generally does not require the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA), or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as the proposal has been found to not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. The proposed action has been reviewed to determine if any exceptions apply (as stated in 516 Department of Interior Manual). See below.

	Yes	No
Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety.		X
Have significant impact on such natural resources, and unique geographic characteristics such 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, floodplains, national monuments, migratory birds, and other ecologically significant or critical areas		X
Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		X
Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X

Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
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.		X
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.		X
Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.		X
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.		X
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		X

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DECISION RECORD

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DECISION

This action is covered by one of the Bureau of Land Management's categorical exclusions, developed pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. I have evaluated the action relative to the 11 criteria listed and have determined that it does not represent an exception and is therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. The proposed action is in conformance with the approved land use plan, and will not involve any significant adverse environmental effects. The proposed action will have no effect on the President's Energy Policy and a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

Approved by: *Dean S. Petry*
Authorized Officer

Date: 7/3/2013