

Federal Lands to Parks ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

Your responses will support the decision to either categorically exclude your proposal from further NEPA review, or to proceed with an EA or an EIS. The environmental information gathered for the ESF will identify resource topics and issues for an EA or EIS, if required.

Park Name: _____

Former Federal Property Name: _____

GSA Control №: _____

Project description. If this is for a land exchange, include justification/need for the exchange and description of efforts to consider all practical alternatives and why they were rejected. (please attach maps):

The following two sections must be completed: A. Impacts to Environmental Resources and B. Mandatory Criteria.

In Section A, for each environmental resource topic below, choose an impact estimate label (none, negligible, minor, moderate, major) that describes the degree of potential negative impact that may occur directly, indirectly and cumulatively as a result of federal approval of your proposal. These impact labels should be used to estimate specific impact levels on each separate resource and must be accompanied with a brief explanation of what specifically about that resource might be affected, how the impact level was determined, and why the chosen label is appropriate. If an environmental review has already been conducted on your proposal and it includes planned mitigation, explain this for each applicable resource. If the resource does not apply, then mark NA in the first column. You are encouraged to add relevant resources (see #22) if not included in this list.

Section B presents a list of mandatory impact criteria that preclude the use of categorical exclusions. If you answer “yes” or “maybe” for any of the mandatory criteria, you must proceed to develop an EA or EIS regardless of your answers in Section A.

Note for land exchange proposals: please fill out a separate screening form for each property (the exchange property and the replacement property). For the property to be exchanged the potential impact assessment is for the removal of public park and recreation covenants only – do not evaluate the potential impacts from subsequent non-recreation development and uses. Potential impacts should be considered for the recreational utility of the park remainder, if any. For the replacement land the assessment should consider the potential impacts of park development and public recreational use on the site.

If the proposal is determined to have no environmental effect (checked "no"), the project may qualify for a categorical exclusion (CE) from further environmental review. Review the applicable categorical exclusion identified in the attached listing. Identify the most appropriate CE which may exempt the proposed project from further environmental review. NPS is ultimately responsible for determining if the project qualifies for any recommended CE. If all elements of the proposed project do not conform to the identified CEs, an Environmental Assessment (EA) must be prepared on the project. Prior environmental reviews prepared for compliance with state environmental review requirements may satisfy EA requirements. Enclose copies of such environmental review reports, including decision documents and evidence of public involvement with this form.

A. IMPACTS TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES	None/NA	Negligible	Minor	Moderate EA/EIS required	Major EA/EIS required	More Data Needed to Determine
1. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc. <i>Explain:</i>						
2. Air quality <i>Explain:</i>						
3. Sound (noise impacts) <i>Explain:</i>						
4. Water quality/quantity <i>Explain:</i>						
5. Stream flow characteristics <i>Explain:</i>						
6. Marine/estuarine <i>Explain:</i>						
7. Floodplains/wetlands <i>Explain:</i>						
8. Land use/ownership patterns; property values; community livability <i>Explain:</i>						
9. Circulation, transportation <i>Explain:</i>						
10. Plant/animal/fish species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing <i>Explain:</i>						
11. Unique ecosystems, such as biosphere reserves, World Heritage sites, old growth forests, etc. <i>Explain:</i>						
12. Unique or important wildlife/habitat <i>Explain:</i>						
13. Unique or important fish/ habitat <i>Explain:</i>						
14. Introduce or promote invasive species (plant or animal) <i>Explain:</i>						
15. Recreation resources, including parks, open space, conservation areas, rec. trails, facilities, services, opportunities, public access, etc. (Most conversions exceed minor impacts) <i>Explain:</i>						
16. Accessibility by populations with disabilities.						
17. Overall aesthetics, special characteristics/features <i>Explain:</i>						
18. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic resources, viewsheds, etc. <i>Explain:</i>						

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19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure <i>Explain:</i>						
20. Minority and low-income populations <i>Explain:</i>						
21. Energy resources (geothermal, fossil fuels, etc.) <i>Explain:</i>						
22. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies <i>Explain:</i>						
23. Other important environmental resources associated with the proposal that should be addressed <i>Explain:</i>						

B. MANDATORY CRITERIA If your FLP proposal is approved, would it...	Yes	No	Maybe (need more data)
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety? <i>Explain:</i>			
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 (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas. <i>Explain:</i>			
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]? <i>Explain:</i>			
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? <i>Explain:</i>			
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? <i>Explain:</i>			
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects? <i>Explain:</i>			
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.(Attach SHPO Comments) <i>Explain:</i>			
8. 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. <i>Explain:</i>			

B. MANDATORY CRITERIA If your FLP proposal is approved, would it...	Yes	No	Maybe (need more data)
9. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? <i>Explain:</i>			
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)? <i>Explain:</i>			
11. Limit access to 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)? <i>Explain:</i>			
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)? <i>Explain:</i>			
13. Involve land that has a history of contamination/hazardous materials, even if remediated? <i>Explain:</i>			

Environmental Reviewers

The following individual(s) provided input in the preparation of the environmental screening form. *List all reviewers including name, title, agency, field of expertise. Keep all environmental review records and data on this proposal in compliance file for any future program review and/or audit.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The following individuals conducted a site inspection to verify field conditions.

List name of inspector(s), title, agency, and date(s) of inspection.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Comments:

Project Sponsor Certification

I certify that a site inspection was conducted for each site involved in this proposal and to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in the FLP Application and this Environmental Screening Form is accurate based on available resource data.

Sponsor Original Signature

Date

Type Name, Title, Agency

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Categorical Exclusions
Applicable to the Federal Lands to Parks Program

A. Land Acquisition and Conversions

1. Grants for acquisition of areas that will continue in the same use or lower density use with no additional disturbance to the natural setting or type. (3.4.F(2))
2. Land Acquisition, within established boundaries, if future anticipated uses would have no potential for environmental impact. (3.4.C(1))
3. Land exchanges that will not lead to anticipated changes in the use of land and no potential for environmental impact. (3.4.C(2))

B. Park Renovation, Rehabilitation, or Replacement of Existing Facilities

1. Grants for replacement or renovation of facilities at their same location without altering the kind and amount of recreation, historical, or cultural resources of the area or the integrity of the existing setting. (3.4.F(3))
2. Grants for the restoration, rehabilitation, stabilization, preservation, and reconstruction (or authorization thereof) of properties listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, at their same location, and provided that such actions:
 - i. Will not alter the integrity of the property or its setting.
 - ii. Will not increase public use of the area to the extent of compromising the nature and character of the property.
 - iii. Will not cause a nuisance to adjacent property owners or occupants. (3.4.C(6))
3. Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds, and trails. (3.4.C(3))
4. Repair, resurfacing, striping, installation or traffic control devices and repair and replacement of guardrails, culverts, signs, and other minor existing features on existing roads when no potential of environmental impact exists. (3.4.C(9))
5. Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity, or appearance- for example, comfort stations, pit toilets, fences, kiosks, signs, and campfire circles. (3.4.C(8))
6. Minor trail relocation or development of compatible trail networks on logging roads or other established routes. (3.4.C(12))
7. Minor landscaping in areas showing clear evidence of recent human disturbance. (3.4.C(17)).

C. Development of New Park and Recreation Facilities

1. Grants for the construction of new facilities on lands acquired under a previous NPS or other federal grant, provided that the development is in accord with plans submitted with the acquisition grant, and that environmental documents have been completed on the impacts of the proposal funded by the original grant. (3.4.F(4))
2. Grants for the construction of new facilities within an existing park or recreation area, provided that the facilities will not:
 - i. Conflict with adjacent ownership or land use, or cause a nuisance to adjacent owners or occupants, such as would happen if use were extended beyond daylight hours.
 - ii. Introduce motorized recreation vehicles, including off-road vehicles, personal water craft, and snowmobiles.
 - iii. Introduce active recreation pursuits into a passive recreation area.
 - iv. Increase public use or introduce non-compatible uses to the extent of compromising the nature and character of the property or causing physical damage to it.
 - v. Add or alter access to the park from the surrounding area. (3.4.F(5))
3. Installation of signs, displays, and kiosks. (3.4.C(5))
4. Installations of wells, comfort stations, and pit or vault toilets in areas of existing use and in developed areas. (3.4.C(11)).

- 5. Minor trail relocation or development of compatible trail networks on logging roads or other established routes. (3.4.C(12))
- 6. Installation of underground utilities in areas showing clear evidence of recent human disturbance or areas within an existing road prism or with an existing overhead utility right-of-way. (3.4.C(16))
- 7. Minor landscaping in areas showing clear evidence of recent human disturbance. (3.4.C(17)).
- 8. Installation of fencing enclosures, exclosures, or boundary fencing posing no effect on wildlife migrations. (3.4.C(18))