

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW
Exception Criteria Review Checklist

Proposed Action: Perform routine maintenance within the Whittaker Creek campground (Siuslaw Resource Area) in conjunction with National Public Lands Day on August 28, 2004.

Review the proposed action against each of the 10 criteria listed below. If the project meets one or more of the criteria, it is an exception from categorical exclusion and MUST be analyzed in an EA or EIS. To qualify as a Categorical Exclusion the proposed action may not meet any of the criteria. 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.

Exception Criteria		Comments
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	* None
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, flood plains, etc.)	* None
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	* None
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	* None
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	* None
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	* None
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	* None
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	Botany – Fish – Wildlife –
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (flood plain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	* None
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Native American law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	* None
Mitigation measures - none.		

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Whittaker Creek Campground Projects

Background

The Eugene BLM District, for several years, has participated in the yearly National Public Lands Day event. On August 28, 2004, the BLM Whittaker Creek campground will be one of the sites for participation.

Proposed Action

During this event several projects are scheduled for implementation which will include the following:

- Perform general maintenance of the campground and the Old Growth Trail.
- Create a memorial area honoring Neil Armantrout, a former outstanding fisheries biologist for the Eugene District (refer to EA 04-09 and Record of Decision on 5-11-04). This would include building and installing benches as well as a pedestal for a memorial plaque. The ground would be prepared and leveled for these items. If money and resources permit, a plaque would also be designed, created, and installed at this time.

Decision

It is my decision to approve the Proposed Action to permit maintenance as described above at the Whittaker Creek campground.

Rationale

The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in the National Environmental Policy Act Handbook H-1790, Appendixes, Part A - Departmental Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 2, Appendix 1), number 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". The Proposed Action does not meet any of the exception criteria and therefore an Environmental Assessment (EA) is not necessary.

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