

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW  
**Exception Criteria Review Checklist**

**Proposed Action:** Projects for 2002 National Public Lands Day (NPLD) on Saturday, September 21, 2002. Projects will include Old Growth trail maintenance, installation of interpretation signs along the trail and between the playground and Whittaker Creek River, installation of a 3 panel information center near campground site # 15, and sprucing up the campground area.

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.	* None
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 needed to qualify as CE: The Cimicifuga elata (tall bugbane) site along the trail will not be disturbed during this project. The person in charge of the trail maintenance project will be aware of its location and will keep workers out of that area.		

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Date: 8/22/02

Above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

Field Manager: Steven Calish  
 Steve Calish

Date: 8/22/02

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW  
**National Public Lands Day projects at Whittaker Creek Campground site**  
**1791A CE-02-40**

**Background**

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is a Bureau wide program to encourage public participation (for one day) in caring for public lands. The public is encouraged to help in projects which will improve BLM sites or create new facilities. This year the Coast Range Resource Area will be having this event at the Whittaker Creek Campground site on Saturday, September 21, 2002.

**Proposed Action**

The Proposed Action would include several projects scheduled for this day. Installation of interpretation signs from the children's playground to Whittaker Creek. Installation of new interpretation numbered posts (to go with an interpretation flyer) as well as replacement directional signs (now missing) along the Old Growth trail. Installation of a visitor's sign-in box at the top of the trail. Installation of a 3 panel information area near campground site #15 in an unused wood bin. Trail maintenance consisting of brushing (where vegetation is starting to overgrow on the trail) and blockage of "shortcuts" between switchbacks along the trail (by placing brush and "vegetation restoration signs" in front of the shortcut). Campground maintenance such as adding gravel, sand, and bark to appropriate places; painting posts; installing benches at appropriate sites; and other miscellaneous improvements within the campground boundary.

*Cimicifuga elata* (tall bugbane), a Bureau sensitive species, is known to occur along the Old Growth hiking trail. The site is not next to brush growing into the trail area and will not be disturbed during this project. The BLM person in charge of the trail maintenance project will be aware of its location and will keep workers out of that area. In addition, no interpretation posts or signs are scheduled to be put in that area.

**Decision**

It is my decision to approve the Proposed Action.

**Rationale**

The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in Departmental Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 6, Appendix 5) (G.4.) "Placement of recreational, special designation or information signs, visitor registers, kiosks, and portable sanitation devices." The proposed action does not meet any of the exception criteria and therefore an Environmental Assessment (EA) is not necessary.

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