

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
EUGENE DISTRICT  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW  
**West Eugene Wetlands Barn Replacement**  
**1791A CE-02-31**

**Background**

The barn at the West Eugene Wetland Office site was inspected this Spring 2002 by a structural engineer and was found to meet the Uniform Building Code criteria of a dangerous building which must be removed. Replacement with a pre-engineered structure would continue to meet storage needs for materials and equipment for operations and maintenance in the West Eugene Wetlands.

Montia howellii, a BLM tracking species, is known to occur in the parking lot, particularly the portion of the lot where little disturbance would occur. Presence of this annual species seems to be enhanced by mild disturbance activities such as a vehicle passage, parking, and occasional grading of the parking lot. No Montia has been observed in the proposed location for barn replacement.

**Proposed Action**

The Proposed Action would remove the old dangerous structure and replace it with a new pre-engineered storage barn in the level parking lot area just west of the existing structure and adjacent to the north property line. All of the old structure would be removed from the site. The new barn, approximately an 20' X 80' structure, would have a gravel floor and be used for storage of materials and equipment as was the previous barn. Some blackberry would likely need to be removed along the north fence line to facilitate placement and clearance around the new facility. All proposed work would occur in previously disturbed areas.

**Decision**

It is my decision to approve the Proposed Action and to issue contracts for the demolition & removal of the existing barn, and construction of a new pre-engineered replacement storage facility.

**Rationale**

The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in Departmental Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 2, Appendix 1) (1.7) "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." and Departmental Manual (516 DM 6, Appendix 5) (H. Other) (10) "Removal of structures and materials of non-historical value ...". The proposed action does not meet any of the exception criteria and therefore an Environmental Assessment (EA) is not necessary.

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Date: 7/2/02

Approved by: /s/ Steven A. Calish  
Field Manager, Coast Range R. A.

Date: 7/2/02

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Exception Criteria Review Checklist

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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: None required		

Reviewed By: /s/ Gary Hoppe  
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Date: 7/2/02

The above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

Area Manager: /s/ Steven A. Calish  
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