

**USDA-Rural Development**

Form RD 1940-22  
(Rev. 6-88)

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS**

**1. Description**

a. Name of Project:

b. Project Number:

c. Location:

**2. Protected Resources**

For the below listed land uses or environmental resources, the undersigned has checked Column A to indicate those that are present within the site(s) of the proposed action. Column B has been checked for those that are within the action's area of environmental impact, such as the areas adjacent to the proposed site(s). Column C has been checked for those land uses and environmental resources that will be affected by the proposed action, as defined in Section 1940.317. (Check appropriate box or circle, as provided. If a check appears in any circle in column A, B, or C, the environmental assessment for a Class I action must be completed).

	<u>A</u>		<u>B</u>		<u>C</u>	
	Located on Proposed Site(s)		Located within Actions's Area of Environmental Impact		Affected by Proposed Action	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
a. Wetlands .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Floodplains with existing structure(s) .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Floodplains without existing structure(s) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Wilderness ( <i>designated or proposed under the Wilderness Act</i> ) .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Wild or Scenic River ( <i>proposed or designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act</i> ) .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Historical, Archeological Sites ( <i>listed on the National Register of Historic Places or which may be eligible for listing</i> ) .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Critical Habitat or Endangered/Threatened Species ( <i>listed or proposed</i> ) .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Coastal Barrier included in Coastal Barrier Resources System .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Natural Landmark ( <i>listed on National Registry of Natural Landmarks</i> ) .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Important Farmlands .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Prime Forest Lands .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Prime Rangeland .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Approved Coastal Zone Management Area .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. Sole Source Aquifer Recharge Area .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
( <i>designated by Environmental Protection Agency</i> )						
o. State Water Quality Standard .....					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3. Compliance With Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Requirements**

Yes     No    This action is subject to the highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements contained in Exhibit M of RD Instruction 1940-G.

If "yes " is checked, complete (a), (b), (c), and (d).

a. Attached as Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ is a completed Form SCS-CPA-026 which documents the following:

Yes     No    Highly erodible land is present on the farm property.

Yes     No    Wetland is present on the farm property.

Yes     No    Converted wetland is present on the farm property.

b.  Yes     No    This action qualifies for the following exemption allowed under Exhibit M:

c.  Yes     No    The applicant must complete the following requirements prior to approval of the action in order to retain or regain its eligibility for Agency financial assistance:

d.  Yes     No    Under the requirements of Exhibit M, the applicant's proposed activities are eligible for Agency financial assistance.

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**4. Finding**

This proposal meets, in terms of its size and components, the criteria for a categorical exclusion as defined in Sections 1940.310 and 1940.317. As indicated in item 2 above, the proposal does not affect any important land uses or environmental resources that would subject it to disqualification as a categorical exclusion. Finally, the proposal is neither a phase nor segment of a project which when viewed in its entirety would not meet the requirements of a categorical exclusion per Section 1940.317 (d).

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*(\*Signature of Preparer)*

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*(Date)*

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*(Title)*

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*\*(Signature of Concurring Official)*

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*(Date)*

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*(Title)*

\* See Section 1940.302 for listing of Agency officials authorized to prepare this form. See Section 1940.316 for when a concurring official's signature is required and who is authorized to sign as the concurring official.