

ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

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This form should be attached to all NEPA documents sent to the regional director's office for signature. Sections A and B should be filled out by the project initiator (may be coupled with other park project initiation forms). Sections C, D, E, and G are to be completed by the interdisciplinary team members. While you may modify this form to fit your needs, you must ensure that the form includes information detailed below and must have your modifications reviewed and approved by the regional environmental coordinator. To access this form and other compliance project information, go to <https://pepc.nps.gov>.

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

Park Name _____ Project/PMIS Number _____

Project Type (Check): Cyclic Cultural Cyclic Repair/Rehab ONPS
 NRPP CRPP FLHP
 Line Item Fee Demo Concession Reimbursable
 Other (specify) _____

Project Location _____

Project Originator/Coordinator _____

Project Title _____

Contract # _____ Contractor Name _____

Administrative Record Location _____

Administrative Record Contact _____

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION *(To begin the statutory compliance file, attach to this form, maps, site visit notes, agency consultation, data, reports, categorical exclusion form (if relevant), or other relevant materials.)*

Preliminary drawings attached? Yes No Background info attached? Yes No

Date form initiated _____ Anticipated compliance completion date _____

Projected advertisement/Day labor start _____ Projected construction start _____

Is project a hot topic (controversial or sensitive issues that should be brought to attention of Regional Director)?
 Yes No

C. RESOURCE EFFECTS TO CONSIDER *(Please see section F, Instructions for Determining Appropriate NEPA Pathway, prior to completing this section. Also use the process described in DO-12, 2.9 and 2.10; 3.5; 4.5(G)(4) and (5); and 5.4(F) to help determine the context, duration, and intensity of effects on resources.)*

	Identify potential effects to the following physical, natural, or cultural resources	No Effect	Negligible Effects	Minor Effects	Exceeds Minor Effects	Data Needed to Determine
1	Geological resources – soils, bedrock, streambeds, etc.					
2	From geohazards					
3	Air quality					
4	Soundscapes					
5	Water quality or quantity					
6	Streamflow characteristics					

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	Identify potential effects to the following physical, natural, or cultural resources	No Effect	Negligible Effects	Minor Effects	Exceeds Minor Effects	Data Needed to Determine
7	Marine or estuarine resources					
8	Floodplains or wetlands					
9	Land use, including occupancy, income, values, ownership, type of use					
10	Rare or unusual vegetation – old growth timber, riparian, alpine					
11	Species or special concern (plant or animal; state or federal listed or proposed for listing) or their habitat					
12	Unique ecosystems, biosphere reserves, World Heritage Sites					
13	Unique or important wildlife or wildlife habitat					
14	Unique, essential or important fish or fish habitat					
15	Introduce or promote non-native species (plant or animal)					
16	Recreation resources, including supply, demand, visitation, activities, etc.					
17	Visitor experience, aesthetic resources					
18	Archeological resources					
19	Prehistoric/historic structures					
20	Cultural landscapes					
21	Ethnographic resources					
22	Museum collections (objects, specimens, and archival and manuscript collections)					
23	Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure, concessions					
24	Minority and low income populations, ethnography, size, migration patterns, etc.					
25	Energy resources					
26	Other agency or tribal use plans or policies					
27	Resource, including energy, conservation potential, sustainability					
28	Urban quality, gateway communities, etc.					
29	Long-term management of resources or land/resource productivity					
30	Other important environmental resources (e.g., geothermal, paleontological resources)?					

Comments _____

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D. MANDATORY CRITERIA

Mandatory Criteria: If implemented, would the proposal:	Yes	No	Comment or Data Needed to Determine
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?			
B. 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 (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?			
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?			
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?			
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?			
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?			
G. 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?			
H. 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. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?			
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?			
K. Limit 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)?			
L. 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)?			

For the purposes of interpreting these procedures within the NPS, any action that has the potential to violate the NPS Organic Act by impairing park resources or values would constitute an action that triggers the DOI exception for actions that threaten to violate a federal law for protection of the environment.

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E. OTHER INFORMATION *(Please answer the following questions/provide requested information.)*

Are personnel preparing this form familiar with the site? Yes No

Did personnel visit site? Yes No *(If yes, attach meeting notes re: when site visit took place, who attended, etc.)*

Is the project in an approved plan such as a General Management Plan or an Implementation Plan with an accompanying NEPA document? Yes No If so, plan name _____

Is the project still consistent with the approved plan? Yes No

(If no, you may need to prepare plan/EA or EIS.)

Is the environmental document accurate and up-to-date? Yes No

(If no, you may need to prepare plan/EA or EIS.)

FONSI ROD *(Check one)* Date approved _____

Are there any interested or affected agencies or parties? Yes No

Did you make a diligent effort to contact them? Yes No NA

Has consultation with all affected agencies or tribes been completed? Yes No NA *(If yes, attach additional pages re: consultations, including the name, dates, and a summary of comments from other agencies or tribal contacts.)*

Are there any connected, cumulative, or similar actions as part of the proposed action (e.g., other development projects in area or identified in GMP, adequate/available utilities to accomplish project)? Yes No *(If yes, attach additional pages detailing the other actions.)*

F. INSTRUCTIONS FOR DETERMINING APPROPRIATE NEPA PATHWAY

First, always check DO-12, section 3.2, “Process to Follow,” in determining whether the action is categorically excluded from additional NEPA analyses. Other sections within DO-12, including sections 2.9 and 2.10; 3.5; 4.5(G)(4) and (5); and 5.4(F), should also be consulted in determining the appropriate NEPA pathway. Complete the following tasks: conduct a site visit or ensure that staff is familiar with the site’s specifics; consult with affected agencies, and/or tribes, and interested public; and complete this environmental screening form.

If your action is described in DO-12, section 3.3, “CEs for Which No Formal Documentation is Necessary,” follow the instructions indicated in that section.

If your action is not described in DO-12, section 3.3, and IS described in section 3.4, AND you checked YES or identified “data needed to determine” impacts in any block in section D (Mandatory Criteria), this is an indication that there is potential for significant impacts to the human environment, therefore you must prepare an EA or EIS or supply missing information to determine context, duration, and intensity of impacts.

If your action is described in section 3.4 and NO is checked for all boxes in section D (Mandatory Criteria), AND there are either no effects or all of the potential effects identified in Section C (Resource Effects to Consider) are no more than minor intensity, usually there is no potential for significant impacts and an EA or EIS is not required. If, however, during internal scoping and further investigation, resource effects still remain unknown, or are at the minor to moderate level of intensity, and the potential for significant impacts may be likely, an EA or EIS is required.

In all cases, data collected to determine the appropriate NEPA pathway must be included in the administrative record.

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G. INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM SIGNATORIES*(All interdisciplinary team members sign as directed (or deemed necessary) by the Superintendent.) By signing this form, you affirm the following: you have either completed a site visit or are familiar with the specifics of the site; you have consulted with affected agencies and tribes; and you, to the best of your knowledge, have answered the questions posed in the checklist correctly.*

Interdisciplinary Team Leader Name	Discipline/Field of Expertise	Date
Technical Specialists Names	Discipline/Field of Expertise	Date

H. SUPERVISORY SIGNATORY

Based on the environmental impact information contained in the statutory compliance files and in this environmental screening form, environmental documentation for the subject project is complete. If the project involves hot topics or sensitive issues, I have briefed the deputy or regional director.

Recommended:

Compliance Specialist	Telephone Number	Date

Approved:

Superintendent	Telephone Number	Date