

**Categorical Exclusion for
Pine Bar (Boat Ramp Parking Lot) Exit Road Maintenance
ID-420-2009-CE-3588**

Categorical Exclusion
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Coeur d'Alene District
Cottonwood Field Office, Idaho

Background

BLM Office: Cottonwood Field Office
Lease/Serial/Case File No.: **ID-420-2009-CE-3588**

Proposed Action Title/Type: Pine Bar (Boat Ramp Parking Lot) Exit Road Maintenance

Location of Proposed Action: T. 30N R. 1E S. 33 Pine Bar Recreation Site (see attached map)

Description of Proposed Action: The purpose of this project is to realign the exit road from the boat ramp to improve the grade from 20% to 22% at the top thirty feet to 2%, thus saving wear and tear on vehicles and saving money on road maintenance. The newly aligned road will be approximately 125 feet in length. The project will also widen about 140' of shoulder from seven feet wide to twelve feet wide from the pavement for vehicles with trailers to park off of the pavement for extended river trips. All work will occur in the existing fill slope of the existing Pine Bar road. The old road will be rehabilitated.

The work will consist of pulling back some 20 yards of rip rap rock from the existing slope and saving it to armor some of the new slope. The next step will be to level and compact a sub base for both the shoulder and exit road realignment, a twelve inch lift of 8" minus material will then be placed, bladed and compacted. This application of lifts will continue until the road and shoulder is brought up to the desired elevation. When each course is bladed the grader will key into the existing slope about a foot to insure the new work locks with the old slope. Each course will be compacted to 90% standard proctor.

A 6" lift of ¾" minus road mix will be placed on the shoulder and top section of the exit road and compacted to a 4" surface.

Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Chief Joseph Land MFP

Date Approved/Amended: Chief Joseph MFP approved 1981.

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Chief Joseph MFP approved 1981, Recreation Maintenance, BLM will maintain recreation facilities, trails, roads, displays, and other resource at a level that will protect the investment and that will assure achievement of management objectives for visitor recreation experience.

Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 43 CFR 46.210(f).

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 applies.

I considered this as a necessary project for needed road maintenance. This project will save wear and tear on vehicles and save BLM money on road maintenance.

Signature

Authorizing Official: /s/ Stephanie Connolly
(Signature)

February 18, 2009
Date

Name: Stephanie Connolly
Title: Cottonwood Field Office Manager

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact: Joe O'Neill, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Cottonwood Field Office, 1 Butte Drive, Cottonwood ID, 83522, 208-962-3683.

Attachments:

Extraordinary Circumstances List
Map

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Evaluation and Documentation of Extraordinary Circumstances

Extraordinary circumstances do not exist for the proposed action described within the categorical exclusion. The extraordinary circumstances were evaluated and those findings are documented in the following form.

The proposed categorical exclusion action will:	Yes	No
Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
Have significant impacts on such natural resources and 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.		X
Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E)).		X
Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulative significant environmental effects.		X
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.		X
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.		X
Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
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).		X
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).		X

**DECISION RECORD FOR
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Decision and Rationale on Action

It is my decision to approve this project to realign the exit road from the boat ramp to improve the grade from 20% - 22% at the top thirty feet to 2%, thus saving wear and tear on vehicles and saving money on road maintenance. The newly aligned road will be approximately 125 feet in length. This project will also widen about 140' of shoulder from seven feet wide to twelve feet wide from the pavement for vehicles with trailers to park off of the pavement for extended river trips. All work will occur in the existing fill slope of the existing Pine Bar road. The old road will be rehabilitated.

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This project is necessary to protect the current road and provide more parking areas for recreation boaters. The proposed action is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required.

/s/ Stephanie Connolly
Stephanie Connolly
Coeur d'Alene Field Manager

February 18, 2009
Date

Administrative Review Procedures

In accordance with Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 4, any decision of an officer of the BLM is appealable. Information on filing appeals may be found in Title 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E.

Contact Person

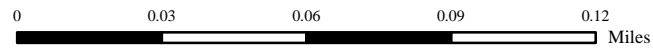
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1:2,519

1 inch equals 210 feet

Data Displayed in NAD 1983 UTM Zone 11N

