CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION

Project Name: Kalispell School District Field Trips

Proposed Implementation Date: May 13, 2013

Proponent: Bonnie Streeter, Teacher, Kalispell School District #5

Type and Purpose of Action: Student field trips to identify and observe geological formations.

Location: Sec. 32, T30N R21W County: Flathead

Category:

X 1) Temporary Uses of Land with Negligible Effects
___ 2) Plans and Policies
X 3) Leases and Licenses
___ 4) Acquisition of Land or Interest in Land
___ 5) Road Maintenance and Repair
___ 6) Bridges and Culverts
___ 7) Crossing Class 3 Streams
___ 8) Temporary Road Use Permits
___ 9) Road Closure
___ 10) Material Stockpiles
___ 11) Backfilling
___ 12) Gathering Forest Products for Personal Use
___ 13) Regeneration
___ 14) Nursery Operations
___ 15) Water Wells
___ 16) Herbicides and Pesticides
___ 17) Other Hazardous Materials
___ 18) Fences
___ 19) Waterlines
___ 20) Removal of Small Trees
___ 21) Removal of Hazardous Trees
___ 22) Cone Collection
___ 23) Timber Harvest

By process of the adoption of the State Forest Land Management Rules on February 27, 2003, pursuant to ARM 36.2.523(5)(a), the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Trust Land Management Division, has adopted the above categorical exclusions for activities conducted on state forest lands. "Categorical Exclusion" refers to a type of action that does not individually, collectively, or cumulatively require an EA or EIS unless extraordinary circumstances occur (ARM 36.2.522(5)).

Extraordinary Circumstances:

Will the activities affect the following in the project area? A "yes" answer will require a narrative explaining specific mitigation measures taken to eliminate the potential for impact. If the potential for impacts cannot be mitigated, then a MEPA analysis must be conducted.

YES	NO	
	X	1) Sites with high erosion risk.
	X	2) Federally listed threatened and endangered species or critical habitat for threatened and endangered species as designated by the USFWS.
	X	3) Municipal watersheds.
	X	4) The SMZ of fish bearing streams or lakes, except for modification or replacement of bridges, culverts and other crossing structures.
	X	5) DNRC listed sensitive species.
	X	6) State natural area.
	X	7) Native American religious and cultural sites.
	X	8) Archaeological sites.
	X	9) Historic properties and areas.
	X	10) Several related projects that individually may be subject to categorical exclusion but that may occur at the same time or in the same geographic area. Such related actions may be subject to environmental review even if they are not individually subject to review.
	X	11) Violations of any applicable state or federal laws or regulations.

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(Signature) — (Date)

The project listed above meets the definition of the indicated categorical exclusion, including specified conditions and extraordinary circumstances, as provided in the State Forest Land Management Rules (ARM 36.11.447).

Decision by: Greg Poncin — Kalispell Unit Manager

Greg Poncin — 5/9/13

(Signature) — (Date)