CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION

Project Name: NWLO-09-002 Proposed Implementation Date: May 15, 2013
Proponent: Northern Rockies Outfitters
Type and Purpose of Action: Outfitted Fishing
Location: Rogers Lake 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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Michelle Anderson (Signature) — 4/22/13 (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 (Name) — Kalispell Unit Manager (Title)

Greg Poncin (Signature) — 4/22/13 (Date)