

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that: utilizing the streamlined process as described as Alternative B in the attached Generic Environmental Assessment for small land divestitures that serve public needs such as road improvement and utility projects

is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will, accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons:

1. Proposals will be initiated by a utility or third party public agency for facilities that will serve either a public need or to correct land boundary problems (item 2, page 4, EA);
2. There will be limitations on the size of the land trade (3 acres or 1 percent of the area, whichever is greater, up to a maximum of 25 acres) (item 3, page 4, EA);
3. There will be no other feasible and prudent alternatives to the proposed land transaction (item 4, page 5, EA);
4. Impacts to the remaining wildlife area would be minor or temporary (item 5, page 5, EA);
5. There will be no impact to any major development with a Federal Aid interest such as buildings or shooting ranges (item 6, page 5, EA);
6. Replacement lands of equal or greater monetary and wildlife value would be made available or a monetary amount that would equal such values will be provided for acquisition of replacement land (item 7, page 5, EA);
7. There would not be meaningful adverse affects to Federally listed species, historic or cultural resources, wetlands, or floodplains (item 8, page 5, EA);
8. The public will be informed of the proposed action and substantial public opposition and/or controversy does not exist (item 9, page 5, EA);
9. A site-specific review document would be provided to the Service for each land transaction documenting the status for each of the nine conditions listed in the Environmental Assessment (item 10, page 6, EA);
10. Notice of the draft Environmental Assessment was distributed to all media in the Region for a 30 day public review period along with distribution to other interested Regional and national groups and no comments were received (Chapter 7, page 17, EA).

Supporting References:

1. Supplemental Federal Aid Programmatic EIS, ROD dated 04-17-95
2. NEPA Compliance Checklist
3. Intra-Service Section 7 Evaluation
4. Environmental Assessment

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