

PROPOSED REVISED PROCEDURES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT MANUAL

516 DM 2 Appendix 1

Chapter 2; Appendix 1

Departmental Categorical Exclusions

The following actions are CX's pursuant to 516 DM 2.3A(2). However, environmental documents will be prepared for individual actions within these CX if any of the extraordinary circumstances listed in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

- 1.1 Personnel actions and investigations and personnel services contracts.
 - 1.2 Internal organizational changes and facility and office reductions and closings.
 - 1.3 Routine financial transactions including such things as salaries and expenses, procurement contracts (in accordance with applicable procedures for sustainable or "green" procurement), guarantees, financial assistance, income transfers audits, fees, bonds, and royalties.
 - 1.4 Departmental legal activities including, but not limited to, such things as arrests, investigations, patents, claims legal opinions. This does not include bringing Judicial or administrative civil or criminal enforcement Actions which are already excluded in 40 CFR 1508.18 (a).
 - 1.5 Nondestructive data collection, inventory (including field, aerial, and satellite surveying and mapping), study, research and monitoring activities.
 - 1.6 Routine and continuing government business, including such things as supervision, administration, operations, maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity (e.g., limited size and magnitude or short-term effects).
 - 1.7 Management, formulation, allocation, transfer, and reprogramming of the Department's budget at all levels (This does not exclude the preparation of environmental documents for proposals included in the budget when otherwise required.)
 - 1.8 Legislative proposals of an administrative or technical nature (including such things as changes in authorizations for appropriations, minor boundary changes, and land title transactions) or having primarily economic, social, individual or institutional effects; and comments and reports on referrals of legislative proposals.
 - 1.9 Policies, directives, regulations, and guidelines that are of an administrative, financial, legal, technical, or procedural nature and whose environmental effects are too broad, speculative, or conjectural to lend themselves to meaningful analysis and will later be subject to the NEPA process, either collectively or case-by-case.
- 1.10 Activities which are educational, informational, advisory, or consultative to other agencies, public and private entities visitors, individuals, or the general public.
 - 1.11 Hazardous fuels, reduction activities using prescribed fire not to exceed 4,500 acres, and mechanical methods for crushing, piling, thinning, pruning, cutting, chipping, mulching, and mowing, not to exceed 1,000 acres. Such activities: Shall be limited to areas (1) in wildland-urban interface and (2) Condition Classes 2 or 3 in Fire Regime Groups I, II, or III, outside the wildland-urban interface; Shall be identified through a collaborative framework as described in "A Collaborative Approach for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment 10-year Comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan;" Shall be conducted consistent with agency and Departmental procedures and applicable land and resource management plans; Shall not be conducted in wilderness areas or impair the suitability of wilderness study areas for preservation as wilderness; Shall not include the use of herbicides or pesticides or the construction of new permanent roads or other new permanent infrastructure; and may include the sale of vegetative material if the primary purpose of the activity is hazardous fuels reduction.
 - 1.12 Post-fire rehabilitation activities not to exceed 4,200 acres (such as tree planting, fence replacement, habitat restoration, heritage site restoration, repair of roads and trails, and repair of damage to minor facilities such as campgrounds) to repair or improve lands unlikely to recover to a management approved condition from wildland fire damage, or to repair or replace minor facilities damaged by fire. Such activities: Shall be conducted consistent with agency and Departmental procedures and applicable land and resource management plans; shall not include the use of herbicides or pesticides or the construction of new permanent roads or other new permanent infrastructure, and shall be completed within three years following a wildland fire.*

* Refer to the Environmental Statement Memoranda Series for additional, required guidance
