

**UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT**

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Department of the Interior NEPA Regulations (43 CFR 46), and other statutes, orders, and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following decision record and determined that the proposed action of (*describe proposed action*):

Check One:

_____ falls under a categorical exclusion as provided by 43 CFR 46.210 or 516 DM 8.5 or that has been adopted from another Federal agency and no extraordinary circumstances in 43 CFR 46.215 (a)-(i), (k)¹ apply. No further NEPA documentation will therefore be made.

_____ is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

_____ is found to have significant effects and, therefore, further consideration of this action will require a notice of intent to be published in the *Federal Register* announcing the decision to prepare an environmental impact statement.

_____ is not approved because of unacceptable environmental damage, or violation of Fish and Wildlife Service mandates, policy, regulations, or procedures.

_____ is an emergency action within the context 43 CFR 46.150. Only those actions necessary to control the immediate impacts of the emergency will be taken. Other related actions remain subject to NEPA review.

Other supporting documents (*list*):

¹ Executive Order 14154, Unleashing American Energy (Jan. 20, 2025), and a Presidential Memorandum, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity (Jan. 21, 2025), require the Department to strictly adhere to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq. Further, such Order and Memorandum repeal Executive Orders 12898 (Feb. 11, 1994) and 14096 (Apr. 21, 2023). Because Executive Orders 12898 and 14096 have been repealed, complying with such Orders is a legal impossibility. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) verifies that it has complied with the requirements of NEPA, including the Department's regulations and procedures implementing NEPA at 43 CFR Part 46 and Part 516 of the Departmental Manual, consistent with the President's January 2025 Order and Memorandum. The Service has also voluntarily considered the Council on Environmental Quality's rescinded regulations implementing NEPA, previously found at 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508, as guidance to the extent appropriate and consistent with the requirements of NEPA and Executive Order 14154.

Signature Approval:

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