

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST

Project Information

Proposed Project: _____
Location: _____
Land Ownership: _____
Engineer: _____
Environmental Consultant: _____

Project Purpose and Need

Description of Proposed Project

Project location map attached? Yes No
General Environmental Setting attached? Yes No
Other Information attached? Yes No

Instructions for Sections 1-13

1. For each of the following 13 sections, the date provided shall indicate when each environmental analysis was completed.
2. Attach copies of all agency correspondence including any project specific permits and/or mitigation measures.

Section 1: Cultural Resource Investigations

Instructions: Conduct cultural resource investigations as appropriate.

Date: _____

- No potential to impact cultural resources.
- Inventory conducted, no cultural resources located within the area of potential effect other than isolated occurrences, and coordination with land managing agencies and State Historic Preservation Officer completed.
- Cultural resources identified, management recommendations developed, and coordination with land managing agencies and State Historic Preservation Officer completed.
- Cultural resources identified within the area of potential effect that are currently included in the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties or the National Register of Historic Places.

Section 2: Traditional Cultural Properties

Instructions: Conduct Traditional Cultural Property consultations with Native American tribes as appropriate.

Date: _____

- No** Traditional Cultural Property consultations with tribes are needed for this project. See attached documentation.
- Traditional Cultural Property consultations completed. **No** Traditional Cultural Properties located within the area of potential effect, and coordination with land managing agencies and Tribal/State Historic Preservation Officer completed.
- Traditional Cultural Property consultations completed. Traditional Cultural Properties **identified**, management recommendations developed, and coordination with land managing agencies and Tribal/State Historic Preservation Officer completed.

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Section 3: Threatened and Endangered Species

Instructions: Conduct threatened and endangered species investigations as appropriate.

Date: _____

- The project will have no effect on Federal or State listed species.
- The project may affect threatened and endangered species, minimization measures developed, and consultation with regulatory agencies completed (see attached correspondence).
- Other biological issues identified, listed below.

- Biological report prepared.

Section 4: Surface Water Quality Analysis

Instructions: Determine if Waters of the United States, subject to jurisdictional authority under the Clean Water Act (CWA), including wetlands, will be impacted by the proposed project.

Date: _____

- No impacts to jurisdictional Water of the United States.
- Impacts to Waters of the United States, CWA Section 404 permit obtained, blanket 401 water quality certification for ephemeral streams applies.
- Impacts to Waters of the United States, CWA Section 404 permit and 401 water quality certification obtained.
- Impacts to jurisdictional wetlands, a mitigation plan is being developed in consultation with the appropriate agencies.

Section 5: Ground Water Quality Analysis

Instructions: Determine if the project will impound water that discharges into ground water and if a Notice of Intent to discharge ground water is required.

Date: _____

- No discharges into ground water and no additional coordination required.
- Discharges into ground water have been identified, mitigation measures developed in consultation with the appropriate agencies.

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Section 6: Right-of-Way Requirements

Instructions: Determine if new right-of-way, construction maintenance easement (CME), temporary construction permit (TCP) also known as a work permit, are needed.

Date: _____

- No new right-of-way is required for the proposed project.
- New right-of-way is required. The amount and type of right-of-way required is:

Section 7: Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control

Instructions: Determine if the provisions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) apply to the proposed project.

Date: _____

- Less than one acre of earth disturbed. NPDES General Permit not required. (Regardless of Monsoon Season).
- The project will disturb less than one acre of earth. However, construction is in close proximity to perennial streams and therefore a Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is being developed.
- At least one acre of earth disturbed. NPDES General Permit is required and a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is being prepared.

Section 8: Re-Vegetation Plan

Instructions: Determine if re-vegetation of the project area is needed after construction is completed.

Date: _____

- No re-vegetation of construction area required.
- Re-vegetation of construction area required and re-vegetation plan developed.

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Section 9: Noxious Weeds

Instructions: Determine if noxious weeds recognized by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) are present within the project limits.

Date: _____

- No noxious weeds are present and no additional coordination is required.
- Noxious weeds identified, mitigation measures developed, and coordination completed. The species and classification (A, B, and/or C) of noxious weeds identified within the project limits are:

Section 10: Air Quality Analysis

Instructions: Determine if the project will affect air quality, if permits are required, if it's located in a non-attainment or maintenance area, and if State or local regulations apply.

Date: _____

- No air quality issues identified and no additional coordination needed.
- Air quality issues identified and regulatory agency coordination completed.

Section 11: Noise Analysis

Instructions: Determine if noise levels associated with the proposed project will impact receptors on adjacent properties and determine if local noise abatement ordinances apply.

Date: _____

- No noise issues identified and no additional coordination required.
- Noise impacts identified and mitigation measures developed.

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Section 12: Hazardous Materials Analysis

Instructions: Conduct investigations as appropriate. Submit to the City of Rio Rancho (CoRR) Development Review Section Manager for review.

Date: _____

- No additional investigations required.
- Additional investigations are required and will be accomplished as follows:

Section 13: Other Analysis

Instructions: Determine if any other environmental requirements/issues apply to the proposed project that have not been addressed in the previous 12 sections.

Date: _____

- No other environmental requirements/issues identified and no additional coordination required.
- Additional environmental requirements/issues identified:

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Section 14: Summary of Environmental Commitments

Commitments to be included in the construction plans:

Other commitments:

Acknowledgement and Signature

The proposed project will have no significant impact on the quality of the human or natural environment, either singularly or cumulatively, provided stipulations identified during this analysis are met. Supporting documentation is available at the following location(s):

Environmental Professional Signature: _____ Date: _____

Environmental Professional Title: _____

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CoRR Floodplain Manager Signature: _____ Date: _____

CoRR Title: _____