

NEPA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST
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**Sequoia National Forest
Hume Lake Ranger District**

Name of Project: Millwood OHV Staging Area Directional Sign (On HWY 180)

Purpose and Need (Why here and why now):

Utilizing State Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) grant funding, the recreation department has purchased and wish to install a 50" x 30" directional sign at a specific location along state highway 180. The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division of California has requested the installation of this sign to aid OHV visitors in locating one of the OHV grant funded staging areas (Millwood).

Proposed Action (who, what, when, where and how):

WHO: Installation of approach sign will be done by seasonal OHV technicians and recreation technicians.

WHAT: Installation of two (2) wood treated 4"x4"x10' posts. And one 50" x 30" aluminum sign.

WHEN: Work to complete the installation of this sign will be completed once a valid Encroachment Permit from CalTrans has been issued, and summer seasonal staff arrive. An anticipated completion date of June 10, 2017 has been set.

HOW: Two(2) wood treated 4"x4" posts will be bolted to the sign using four 5/16" security bolts. After the sign is affixed to the two posts, they will then be placed approximately three feet (3') into the ground. Excavating of these two holes will be done utilizing hand tools such as post hole diggers or shovels. Spacing between the two excavated holes will be approximately three feet (3'). After sign legs have been tamped into their level place, each leg will receive two 3/4" holes at the 4" mark from road surface and 16" mark from road surface (per Cal Trans). Two holes at specific marks shall serve as breaking points for motor vehicle accidents.

*Note: Please see image below as it may help to highlight proposed sign for installation.



Purpose of Checklist: For projects categorically excluded under NEPA that do not require a decision memo, this checklist documents that there are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that warrant further analysis and documentation in an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Applicable Categorical Exclusions for Projects Not Requiring a Decision Memo	
For full description of each category and examples refer to FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30.	
32.11 Categories Established by the Secretary 7 CFR 1b.3	32.12 Categories Established by the Chief 36 CFR 220.6(d)
(1) Policy admin. development/planning	(1) Prohibit for resource protection
(2) Activities related to funding/money	(2) Admin procedures, processes, instructions
(3) Inventories, research activities, studies	(3) Repair/maintain Admin. Sites
(4) Educational and information activities	X (4) Repair/maintain roads, trails, landlines
(5) Law enforcement and investigation	(5) Repair/maintain Rec. Sites/Facilities
(6) Advisory or consultative activities	(6) Acquisiton of land or interest in land.
(7) Trade representation/market develop	(7) Sale or exchange of land with same land use
	(8) Approve/modify/continue less than 1 year Special Use Permit
	(9) New Permit for exisiting ski area for administrative changes only
	(10) Amend/Replace exisitng Special Use Permit for administrative changes only
32.3 Categories Established by Statute	
42 USC 15942- Oil and Gas Leases	
16 USC 6554(d) – Applied Silvicultural Assessments	
32.4 Statutory NEPA Exception	
16 USC 6231 – Organization Camp Special Use Authorization	

Determination of Extraordinary Circumstances for the Proposal 36 CFR 220.6(a)				
Resource Conditions 36 CFR 220.6(b)	Resource Condition Present?		For Resource Conditions that are Present, the following Findings are made:	Reference material used to support finding of no extraordinary circumstance
	Yes	No		
(1) Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, species proposed for Federal listing or proposed critical habitat, or Forest Service sensitive species		X	No federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, species proposed for Federal listing or proposed critical habitat, or Forest Service sensitive species will be <u>adversely</u> affected by this proposal. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	Non-habitate altering activity along a state highway.
(2) Flood plains, wetlands, or municipal watersheds;		X	No floodplains, wetlands or municipal watersheds will be <u>adversely</u> affected by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	
(3) Congressionally designated areas, such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas;		X	No Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas; will be <u>adversely</u> affected by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	
(4) Inventoried roadless areas or potential wilderness areas;		X	IRAs will not be <u>adversely</u> affected by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	
(5) Research natural areas;		X	RNAs will not be <u>adversely</u> affected by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	
(6) American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites, and		X	Implementation of the Proposed Action would not <u>adversely</u> affect American Indian religious or cultural sites. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	Clearance R2017051351022
(7) Archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas.		X	No archeological sites or sites eligible for National Historic Register listing will be <u>adversely</u> affected by this proposal. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.	Clearance R2017051351022

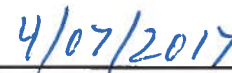
I have considered the above listed resource conditions and determined there are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that warrant further analysis and documentation in an EA or EIS. None of the extraordinary circumstances described in 36 CFR 220.6 (b) exist.

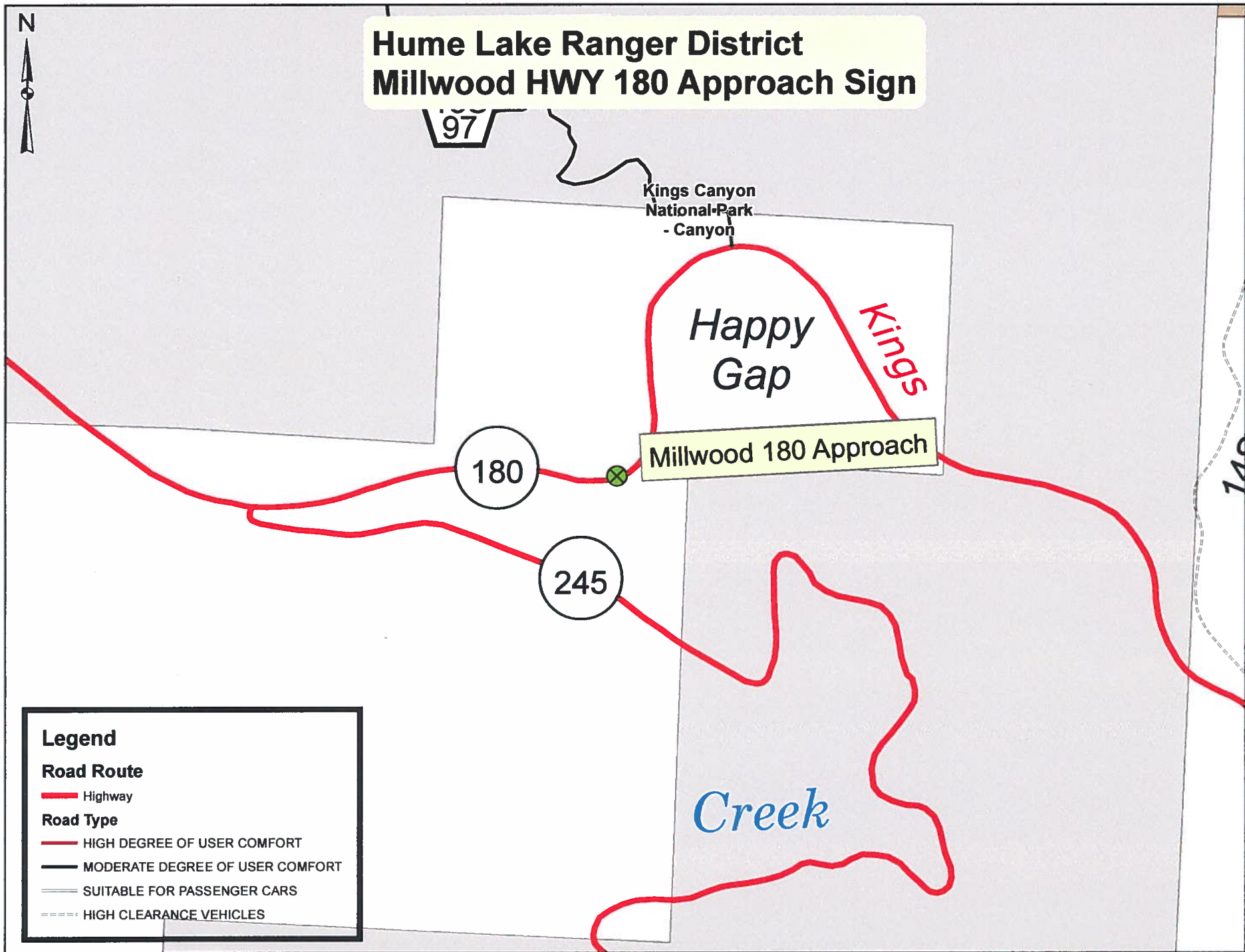
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District Ranger

Date





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