

NEPA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST
internal use only

Sequoia National Forest

Name of Project: Information Board Pad at Trail of 100 Giants

Purpose and Need:

Two large 3 panel information boards will be erected at the entrance of the Trail of 100 Giants (NEPA for panels covered under previous decision) just off the asphalt trail. There is a need to construct an asphalt pad in front of the two information boards that would provide a more accessible experience. The pads would be part of the trail, extending from the trail edge. Pad size would be approximately 100 square feet.

Decision

Construct two asphalt pads associated with information boards. Dirt will be brought in to level the site, using a mini excavator and hand tools. Once dirt base is established, a coating of asphalt will be applied. No trees will be removed.

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)
7 CFR 1b.3(a)(1) Policy admin. development/planning	36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) Prohibit for resource protection
7 CFR 1b.3(a)(2) Activities related to funding/money	36 CFR 220.6(d)(2) Admin procedures, processes, instructions
7 CFR 1b.3(a)(3) Inventories, research activities, studies	36 CFR 220.6(d)(3) Repair/maintain Admin. Sites
7 CFR 1b.3(a)(4) Educational and information activities	X 36 CFR 220.6(d)(4) Repair/maintain roads, trails, landlines
7 CFR 1b.3(a)(5) Law enforcement and investigation	36 CFR 220.6(d)(5) Repair/maintain Rec. Sites/Facilities
7 CFR 1b.3(a)(6) Advisory or consultative activities	36 CFR 220.6(d)(6) Acquisition of land or interest in land.
7 CFR 1b.3(a)(7) Trade representation/market develop	36 CFR 220.6(d)(7) Sale or exchange of land with same land use
	36 CFR 220.6(d)(8) Approve/modify/continue less than 1 year Special Use Permit
	36 CFR 220.6(d)(9) New Permit for existing ski area for administrative changes only
	36 CFR 220.6(d)(10) Amend/Replace existing Special Use Permit for administrative changes only
32.3 Categories Established by Statute	
	42 USC 15942- Energy Act 2005- Oil and Gas Leases
	16 USC 6554 –HFRA- 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.	Wildlife Input Form
(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.	Hydrology Input Form
(3) Congressionally designated areas, such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas;		X		Sequoia National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (1988)
(4) Inventoried roadless areas or potential wilderness areas;		X		Sequoia National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (1988)
(5) Research natural areas;		X		Sequoia National Forest and Resource Management Plan (1988)
(6) American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites, and		X		Undertaking Clearance # R2017051352048
(7) Archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas.		X		Undertaking Clearance # R2017051352048

I have considered the above listed resource conditions and determined that 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.

Signature



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District Ranger

Date

8/11/17