

NEPA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

internal use only

Western Divide Ranger District Sequoia National Forest

Name of Project: Pup Trail Maintenance Project

Purpose and Need: There is a need to cut and remove encroaching vegetation (mostly brush) within the trail prism of the Pup Trail (31E53). The trail is nonmotorized and is located on the Western Divide Ranger District.

Decision: I have decided to authorize the removal of encroaching vegetation within the trail prism, using handtools (such as chainsaws and pruners). Pruned vegetation will be scattered on site.

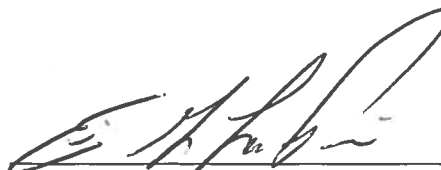
Purpose of Checklist: For projects categorically excluded under NEPA that do not require a decision memo, this checklist documents that there are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that warrant further analysis and documentation in an environmental assessment or environmental 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.	Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan (2012)
(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.	Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan (2012)
(3) Congressionally designated areas, such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas;		X	None	Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan (2012)
(4) Inventoried roadless areas or potential wilderness areas;		X	None	Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan (2012)
(5) Research natural areas;		X	None	Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan (2012)
(6) American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites, and		X	None	Undertaking Clearance # R201805135200
(7) Archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas.		X	None	Undertaking Clearance # R201805135200

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, Western Divide Ranger District

Date

7/9/2018