I have determined that the Fulton and Havilah Work Centers Facility Repairs falls within a category of actions listed in the Forest Service Handbook (FSH) that may be excluded from environmental documentation. The particular category is found at FSH 1909.15, Categories Established by the Chief – Chapter 32.12 (3) Repair and maintenance of administrative sites. Examples include but are not limited to:

- (ii) Replacing a roof or storage shed... [36 CFR 220.6(d)(3)]

This category is appropriate because the work would involve minor changes to an existing administrative site. Attached is a checklist completed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documenting there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with the project necessitating preparing an environmental analysis or environmental impact statement.
Purpose and Need (Why here and why now): Forest Service facilities at Fulton and Havilah are in need of repairs. These facilities are both located in Kern County, California. Locations and repairs needed are summarized in the table below:

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<tr>
<th>STATION NAME</th>
<th>Township</th>
<th>Range</th>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Repairs needed</th>
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<td>Fulton Work Center</td>
<td>25S</td>
<td>31E</td>
<td>29, 30</td>
<td>9167 Highway 155, Glennville CA 93226</td>
<td>Replace roofs and portions of siding on five buildings; replace two evaporative coolers</td>
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<tr>
<td>Havilah Work Center</td>
<td>28S</td>
<td>32E</td>
<td>10, 11</td>
<td>7333 Caliente-Bodfish Road, Havilah, CA 93518</td>
<td>Repair leaks and water damage to siding, framing and flooring.</td>
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For additional details on the project, refer below to the FY 2019 Minor Facilities Maintenance Project Request Form.

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 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 32.11 Categories Established by the Secretary 7 CFR 220.6(d) | 32.12 Categories Established by the Chief 220.6(d) | 36 CFR 220.6(d) |
| (1) Policy admin. development/planning |
| (2) Activities related to funding/money |
| (3) Inventories, research activities, studies | X |
| (4) Educational and information activities |
| (5) Law enforcement and investigation |
| (6) Advisory or consultative activities |
| (7) Trade representation/market develop |
| (8) Approve/modify/continue less than 1 year Special Use Permit |
| (9) New Permit for existing ski area for administrative changes only |
| (10) Amend/Replace existing 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)

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<tr>
<th>Resource Conditions 36 CFR 220.6(b)</th>
<th>Resource Condition Present?</th>
<th>For Resource Conditions that are Present, the following Findings are made:</th>
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<td>(1) Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, species proposed for Federal</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>There are no known federally listed plant or animal species or their habitats within the project area, nor are there any</td>
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Reference material used to support finding of no extraordinary circumstance

Forest Wildlife Biologist.
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<th>Listing or proposed critical habitat, or Forest Service sensitive species</th>
<th>Forest Service sensitive species that would be affected by the project.</th>
<th>Responsible Party</th>
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<td>(2) Flood plains, wetlands, or municipal watersheds;</td>
<td>The project is within the Bakersfield Municipal watershed. Refuelling and/or servicing of vehicles or equipment such as generators shall occur at least 100 feet from a waterbody. With use of BMPs, the project will not adversely affect any flood plains, wetlands, or watersheds.</td>
<td>District Hydrologist.</td>
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<td>(3) Congressionally designated areas, such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas;</td>
<td>The project is not within any wilderness or the congressionally designated Wild and Scenic North Fork of the Kern River.</td>
<td>District Recreation Officer</td>
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<td>(4) Inventoried roadless areas or potential wilderness areas;</td>
<td>The project is outside any inventoried roadless or potential wilderness area. The project will not enter or impact these designations.</td>
<td>District Planner</td>
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<td>(5) Research natural areas;</td>
<td>No research natural areas are present. RNAs will not be adversely affected by this action. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition.</td>
<td>District Planner</td>
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| (6) American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites, and | Implementation of the Proposed Action would not adversely affect American Indian religious or cultural sites. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition. | Archaeological Review
By KRRD staff determined the project will not pose an adverse effect to cultural resources. |
| (7) Archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas. | Given application of in-kind materials and workmanship for historic buildings and facilities (e.g. constructed prior to 1969) no archeological sites or properties eligible or potentially eligible for National Historic Register listing will be adversely affected by this proposal. No extraordinary circumstances exist for this resource condition. | Screened Exemption
By KRRD staff R2019051354016. See (6) above. |

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.

Signature

DIONNE UZES
Deputy District Ranger

Date 3/19/19
## Fulton and Havilah Work Centers Facility Repairs

### FY 2019 Minor Facilities Maintenance Project Request Form

(Capital Improvement and Maintenance – CMFC)

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<td>Unit/Facility Name:</td>
<td>Kern River RD/Fulton and Havilah Work Centers</td>
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<td>Region/Station/Forest/District:</td>
<td>05/13/54 RS/SQF/Kern River RD</td>
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<td>23 CA</td>
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### Project Description and Justification:

Describe overall need for the project and why it is a maintenance priority. For first-priority projects, describe how the facility was adversely impacted by the government shutdown. Describe how the maintenance and repair needs were exacerbated by the government shutdown (e.g., prolonged water leaks, exposure to the weather, etc.). For second-priority projects describe the urgency in addressing critical facility assets (use facility condition reporting to help here).

**Fulton Work Center:** The roofs on both permanent houses, garages, and the office are deteriorating and consistently require maintenance to keep leaks from happening when rain or snow is present. The wind that comes ahead of most of our winter storms consistently damages and removes the old comp style roof tiles and if we are not here to fix these ASAP, we usually have some leaks.

Along with the roofs, the siding on the office, garages, and one permanent house described above are deteriorating and allowing animals (rodents and birds) to access the exterior and interior of the structures. One of the permanent houses had new siding put on it approximately 8 years ago and is holding up well. There are some minor floor rot and doorway threshold repairs needed in the permanent houses. We also have some siding on our barracks, shops, and gas house that are also starting to deteriorate and allow the animals to access the facilities and contribute to maintenance of the compound. There are 3 evaporative coolers on the barracks. We replaced one approximately 5 years ago and the other 2 are in need of replacement as we have had multiple leaks from the old coolers due to age.

The cement sidewalks and cement steps of the upper compound are cracking and deteriorating. We are also consistently dealing with the station water tank and well system. Over the past 5 years we consistently require a qualified electrician or water well technician to come out and address the issues due to the pumps consistent problems. Some of these issues were a problem during the government shut down and were unable to be dealt with due to furlough.

**Havilah Work Center:** Aging siding has caused leaking in several areas of Breckenridge IHC building. In addition, seals in windows have deteriorated in facility that now leak and are causing dry rot and mold in two rooms in building. This was aggravated during the furlough as no employees were available to clean up water issues from passing storms, thus allowing water to accumulate in floors and sub-floor areas. Currently the floors in two rooms are beginning to warp and split. Siding of building needs to be repaired due to age and damage from birds such as woodpeckers. This is leading to more damage due to holes penetrating siding and through vapor barrier.

### Facility Background:

Describe the facility. Is it a high-use site or community gateway to the national forest? How does the facility meet the mission of the agency (mission-critical, mission-dependent, etc.)?

**Fulton Work Center:** This location is the first Government Facility that people reach on State Highway 155 on the Western side of the forest. The work center houses a Hotshot crew year round, with twenty (20) employees from May thru October and approximately ten (10) employees from November to April working at the compound. In addition, the work center hosts other program areas needing barracks space as well as other agencies such as Fish and Wildlife on an intermittent basis.

**Havilah Work Center:** This facility is a high use facility, it is a converted modular barracks into an office for an Type 1 inter-agency hotshot crew. It is an office for 10 permanent employees and 10 more seasonal employees during fire season, we also use it as our training room for the crew and any other activies the crew does we use this facility.

### Project Need:

What are the current maintenance issues or problems that need to be solved? Safety? Structural? Accessibility? Capacity? Resource Degradation? What is desired condition? What needs to be changed and why?

Mold will soon become an issue with deterioration of roofing and siding at both locations. All items listed above need attention ASAP or these issues will continue to become more of a problem in the future.

**Fulton Work Center:** The roofs on five buildings (crew office, two residences each with a detached garage) need to be replaced to prevent further water damage from leaks. Siding needs to be selectively replaced on five buildings (barracks, warehouse, shop, gas house, and pump house). Two evaporative coolers need to be replaced. Quarters funding is insufficient this year to complete repairs on quarters buildings due to fire transfer of funds in FY2018 and not returned.

**Havilah Work Center:** Leaks and water damage to siding, exterior framing, subfloor, and flooring need to be repaired on the hotshots crew office.
Identify How The Project Will Be Accomplished/Implemented:
Most of the work will be accomplished by contract including five roofs at Fulton WC and building repairs at Havilah WC. Selective siding replacement and two evaporative coolers at Fulton WC will be accomplished by purchasing materials with funds from this project proposal and installed by fire employees with oversight by Engineering personnel.

By Contract:  Yes  No  (Both)

If Project Will Not Be Accomplished/Implemented by Contract, Identify Mechanism: See explanation above.

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<td>$95,111.95</td>
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<td>Reduction in Annual O&amp;M Costs</td>
<td>$3,000-</td>
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Typical walls and roofs of structures in need of repair, Fulton Work Center