

NEPA COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST
internal use only

**Sequoia National Forest
Hume Lake Ranger District**

Name of Project: Hume Lake Dam Annual Maintenance-Vegetation Reduction

Purpose and Need (Why here and why now):

As part of the Hume Lake Dam maintenance, vegetation on the north (down stream) side of the dam needs to be reduced where it grows into the bays created by the dam arches, and along the stairwell making use unsafe. Vegetation roots can cause deterioration of the dam, and the underlying bedrock adjacent to the dam.

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

District personnel will conduct annual pruning adjacent to the dam. Vegetation pruning will take place within 10 feet of the dam's north face along the entire length of the dam as necessary. Vegetation will only be cut down to a level where bays protected from ingrowth, and leave at least a 10 inch tall stump outside the bays. Avoid working within the bankful stream channel, and when possible the flood plain as well. Do not place or pile debris within the flood plain or on sensitive archaeological material in the mill site. Cut material will be piled and chipped, or burned in the fall or spring.

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 | |
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| 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 | X (3) Repair/maintain Admin. Sites |
| (4) Educational and information activities | (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 exisiting 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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| 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 BA/BE |
| (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. | Adhere to BMPs 7.3 Protection of Wetlands, and 7.4 Hazardous Material Spill Prevention and Countermeasure Plan (if applicable) |
| (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. | |
| (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. | See Clearance R2017051351012 |

I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this project as described in 36 CFR 220.6 (b). This is not a project or activity implementing a land and resource management plan that is documented in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision.

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