



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Mojave NPres
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Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: ARRA: Baker Office-Install Solar System
Project ID: 09-moja-044/PEPC 26863

Project Description: Mojave National Preserve has received funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to purchase a 6.7 Kw solar system and install on the Baker office building. Funds cover the purchase price of the system. Park personnel will install the solar system; it will be tied to the electricity grid (Southern California Edison).

Project Locations:

Location

County: San Bernardino

State: CA

District: Town of Baker

Section: Baker Maintenance Yard

Geo. Marker:

Other:

Mitigation(s):

- No mitigations identified

Describe the category used to exclude action from further NEPA analysis and indicate the number of the category (see Section 3-4 of DO-12):

C.18 Construction of minor structures, including small improved parking lots, in previously disturbed or developed areas.

Mojave National Preserve staff has completed an interdisciplinary review of the proposed action. No significant adverse impacts to the natural or cultural resources of Mojave National Preserve were identified. The project will be confined to the Baker maintenance yard, which the National Park Service uses under a right-of-way agreement with the Bureau of Land Management. The solar system will be installed on the roof of the Baker offices, a pre-fabricated building used by maintenance and visitor protection personnel. Impairment to the park's natural and cultural resources will not occur as a result of this project's implementation. The National Park Service can, therefore, proceed with the acquisition and installation of a 6.7 Kw solar system on the Baker office building.

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On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances (e.g. all boxes in the ESF are marked "no") or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

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