



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Fence at Kessler Springs Ranch Employee Housing
Project Number: 10-moja-017/PEPC 30196

Project Description:

The park employee currently living at Kessler Spring Ranch needs an enclosure for her dog. The park is proposing to fence a small dog yard around the front of the residence (trailer unit). The chain link will be 45" high and extend 23' 4" across the front of one-half of the trailer (see attached diagram). Volunteer labor will be used to complete the work.

Existing chain link materials on-site will be modified to construct fencing panels. The Park will need to purchase cement and pipes, using rental income in the park housing account.

Project Location:

Location

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| County: | San Bernardino | State: | CA |
| District: | Cima Kessler Housing District | Section: | Kessler Springs Ranch |
| 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.17 Construction of fencing enclosures or boundary fencing posing no effect on wildlife migrations.

Mojave National Preserve has completed an interdisciplinary review of the proposed action. The area to be fenced is a raised terrace in front of the trailer residence at Kessler Springs Ranch. The chain link fence will follow the edges of the terrace to enclose the resident's dog. The Maintenance Division will provide a cement mixer; it is requiring that the volunteer use no more than 1.5/60 pound bags of redimix concrete per post. The fence will not significantly impact the cultural landscape of the house and will be removed with the trailer once permanent replacement housing has been constructed (some time after FY10 when funding becomes available). Reviewers did not identify any significant adverse impacts to the natural or cultural resources of Mojave National Preserve, and were generally supportive of the project.

It is, therefore, concluded that impairment will not result from the construction of this temporary fence. The environmental review concludes with a recommendation that the project may be implemented as described herein.

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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 or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

Park Superintendent/

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