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## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** Trim Brush On Road Shoulders Parkwide FY'12 - 118540

**PEPC Project Number:** 40169

**Project Description:**

Trim and remove obscuring vegetation along designated park roads and in park visitor use areas such as campgrounds and day use areas parkwide.

Minor accidents have occurred as a possible result of obscuring vegetation. Vegetation hangs so low in many areas, that park equipment (trailers hauling backhoes, dumptrucks, etc) cannot access certain areas resulting in significant delays to the completion of planned projects. This also affects the park visitor entering or traversing the park with a camper trailer or motorhome. Visitor use of facilities is improved. Reducing the stress and uncertainty of travel down a road within the park by opening up visibility can only improve the visitor experience and sense of safety and security while in the park. Many visitors travel by large RV's. Overhanging vegetation can seriously damage the vehicles and the equipment and belongings stored atop the vehicles. The park is also involved in partnerships with local counties involving the brush surrounding park and county roads.

This project does not require any further NEPA compliance because 1. The facilities has been identified and analyzed in a previous document(1984 GMP/EA and/or 1991 R&T Plan/EA), 2. it falls under DO-12 3.3 E. Routine....., maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity, and 3. it does not trigger any exceptions in DO-12 3.5.

**Project Locations:**

**Location**

<b>County:</b>	NA	<b>State:</b>	MO
<b>District:</b>		<b>Section:</b>	
<b>Geo.</b>		<b>Other:</b>	
<b>Marker:</b>			

**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.3 Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds and trails.

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.

*Action*  
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