



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Jewel Cave NM
Date: 03/02/2011

Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Treat trees infested with Mountain Pine Beetle

PEPC Project Number: 35183

Project Description:

RM staff have documented 61 ponderosa pine trees within the park that are infested with Mountain Pine Beetle. The project will treat the infestation by cutting them down, limbing, chunking to 18" segments, and rolling the segments by the end of May. This is a standard treatment procedure that will kill the larvae as the wood dries out and freezes. It will keep the infestation from spreading to adjacent healthy trees.

Project Locations:

Location

County: Custer

State: SD

District:

Section:

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):

E.3 Removal of park resident individuals of non-threatened/endangered species which pose a danger to visitors, threaten park resources or become a nuisance in areas surrounding a park, when such removal is included in an approved resource management plan.

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.

Signature

Superintendent:

Laura E. Johnson

Date:

3/2/11

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Date:

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