



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Raftyard Access Steps Repair

PEPC Project Number: 35230

Project Description:

This project is to install a new set of steps at the Raft Yard access. The existing steps are too narrow for visitors to safely use. This is a popular put in spot for tubes both by concessions and visitor use. The steps are too narrow to pass by with tubes. Plan is to widen the stair way from its original width of 4' to approximately 8'.

Project Locations:

Location

County: Carter County

State: MO

District: LC

Section:

Geo.

Other:

Marker:

Mitigation(s):

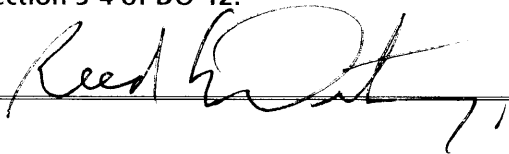
- Bottom steps of concrete require a USACE permit and MODNR WQC before those steps can be replaced. Work can commence on the remaining stairs.
- The flat area above the steps in the area of the turnaround loop must be avoided in the construction of the proposed steps due to the presence of scattered prehistoric cultural materials in that area.

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.8 Replacement in kind of minor structures and facilities with little or no change in location, capacity or appearance.

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.

Park Superintendent / Date:



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