



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Sinking Creek Seasonal Access Gate

PEPC Project Number: 40977

Project Description:

To accommodate seasonal vehicular access to the gravel bar at Sinking Creek on the Upper Current River for the purpose of launching watercraft, a locking gate needs to be installed. Vehicular access to the gravel bar will for this purpose will coincide with the opening of giggering season and the closing of the trapping season. Parking will not be permitted on the gravel bar, but will be accommodated in the day use parking area of the site.

The pipe gate is 16 ft. long and 46 in. high. Installation will require the excavation of two post holes approximately 12" in diameter and between 2.5 and 4 feet deep. Metal posts (3" in diameter) will be set in redi-mix concrete. Posts and gate are to be painted dark brown. The gate will be appropriately signed for access.

Project Locations:

Location

County: Shannon

State: MO

District:

Section:

Geo.

Other:

Marker:

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.

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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