



## ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

### A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Mississippi National River and Recreation Area

2. **Project Description:**

**Project Name:** Unmanned Aircraft

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**PEPC Project Number:** 54172

**Locations:**

County, State: Ramsey, MN

County, State: Anoka, MN

County, State: Dakota, MN

County, State: Hennepin, MN

County, State: Washington, MN

**Describe project:**

This project complies with Policy Memorandum 14-05, Subject: Unmanned Aircraft - - Interim Policy, issued by the NPS Director on June 19, 2014. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the use of unmanned aircraft is addressed in a consistent manner within the National Park Service System. This project will update the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area Superintendent's Compendium to close those lands administered by the National Park Service to launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft.

This interim policy action is taken to maintain public health and safety in units of the National Park System and to protect park resources and values. The National Park Service (NPS) will determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the NPS are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts on park resources and values. NPS Management Policies 2006, section 1.5 provides that a new form of park use may be allowed within a park only after a determination has been made in the professional judgment of the superintendent that it will not result in unacceptable impacts on park resources and values. Unmanned aircraft as defined as a device is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

This new use has the potential to cause unacceptable impacts such as harming visitors, interfering with rescue operations, causing excessive noise, impacting viewsheds, and disturbing wildlife. These

interim closure measures are necessary to ensure that this new use can be properly evaluated for park resource and visitor use and enjoyment impacts.

Additionally, current NPS regulations do not specifically address launching, landing or operating unmanned aircraft as defined above. Therefore using the authority granted to superintendents pursuant to 36 CFR 1.5 these interim closure measures are being undertaken.

**Area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.16[d])**

**3. Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify historic properties?**

No  
 Yes

Source or reference:

**4. Potentially Affected Resource(s):**

**Archeological Resources Notes:** Archeological resources are present on the Coldwater Spring unit

**Historical Structures/Resources Notes:** Coldwater Springhouse and reservoir, contributing elements to the Fort Snelling Historic Landmark

**Cultural Landscapes Notes:** Coldwater Spring Unit

**Ethnographic Resources Affected Notes:** Coldwater Spring Unit

**5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)**

- Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure**
- Replace historic features/elements in kind**
- Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure**
- Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc. terrain)**  
**Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to a historic setting or cultural landscape**
- Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible**
- Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible**
- Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources**  
**Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting, landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources**
- Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or structures)**
- Other (please specify):** \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Supporting Study Data:**

**(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)**

**B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS**

The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:

No Reviews From: Curator, Archeologist, Historical Architect, Historian, 106 Advisor, Other Advisor, Anthropologist, Historical Landscape Architect

**C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1. Assessment of Effect:**

- No Potential to Cause Effects
- No Historic Properties Affected
- No Adverse Effect
- Adverse Effect

**2. Documentation Method:**

A. STANDARD 36 CFR PART 800 CONSULTATION

Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.

B. STREAMLINED REVIEW UNDER THE 2008 SERVICEWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA)

The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

APPLICABLE STREAMLINED REVIEW Criteria  
(Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

C. PLAN-RELATED UNDERTAKING

Consultation and review of the proposed undertaking were completed in the context of a plan review process, in accordance with the 2008 Servicewide PA and 36 CFR Part 800.  
Specify plan/EA/EIS:

D. UNDERTAKING RELATED TO ANOTHER AGREEMENT

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or counterpart regulations.

Explanation: None

E. COMBINED NEPA/NHPA Document

Documentation is required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD has been developed and used so as also to meet the requirements of 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6

[ ] G. Memo to SHPO/THPO

[ ] H. Memo to ACHP

**3. Additional Consulting Parties Information:**

Additional Consulting Parties: No

**4. Stipulations and Conditions:**

Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effect above is consistent with 36 CFR Part 800 criteria of effect or to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects.

**5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures:**

Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties:  
(Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

**D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:**

Compliance Specialist:

NHPA Specialist

John Anfinson

John O. Anfinson

Date:

8/19/14

**E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL**

The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.

Signature

Superintendent:

John O. Anfinson

John Anfinson

Date:

8/19/14