



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Subsistence Uses of Horns, Antlers, Bones and Plants

PEPC Project Number: 35955

Description of Action (Project Description):

The National Park Service (NPS) is amending the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Subsistence Uses of Horns, Antlers, Bones, and Plants. In the FONSI, the Regional Director determined that written authorization from the NPS would be required to collect both animal parts and plant materials for making handicrafts for barter and customary trade. The NPS is amending the FONSI to exempt plant materials from this requirement. Because collecting plants for subsistence uses is already authorized by NPS regulations (36 CFR 13.485(b)), the NPS has decided to let the superintendent determine whether to require written authorization for collecting plants for making handicrafts for customary trade.

Project Locations: Alaska

CE Citation: A.1 Changes or amendments to an approved action when such changes would cause no or only minimal environmental impact.

CE Justification: Removing the proposed requirement for written authorization by the superintendent does not change impacts to the human environment as analyzed in the environmental assessment for the Subsistence Uses of Horns, Antlers, Bones, and Plants.

Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Regional Director:

Herbert C. Frost

Date:

2 Dec. 2016

Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?		
B. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?		
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?		
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		
G. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office?		
H. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?		
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?		
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?		
L. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?		