



## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** Resurface Riley Creek Campground Loops and Access Road

**PEPC Project Number:** 85471

**Description of Action (Project Description):**

This project will pave two of the loops (wolf and caribou) in the Riley Creek Campground (b. 2002). Each loop is between .53 and .56 miles in length, and the average roadway width is twelve feet, for a total of approximately 102,000 square feet of paving.

Project plan as of 2/12/19 - crushing asphalt in the 5-mile pit (2019) - removing current layer of asphalt and then paving anew 2 campground loops (2020) - No additional excavation or digging beyond the existing depth and width of the footprint of the loops is planned. Low spots (where water tends to stand) will have additional fill and crowning installed to remedy flooding.

This is a multi-component project will replace PMIS 155428. The A component will provide funding for a contractor to crush the stockpile of used asphalt and screen creek bed material. Both material stockpiles will be located at 5 mile pit on the Denali Park Road. The crushed asphalt will be reused in the surfacing in Riley Creek campground loops and its access road. The creek bed material will be used within the campground roads to fill in frost heave depressions and also along multiple Trails used by concessioners. While this is a park initiated deferred maintenance project, upon completion all operational and maintenance costs of the roads will become the responsibility of the concessionaire. The parks Commercial Services office will ensure that all O&M is being completed properly with the park only responsible for substantial deferred maintenance in the future.

**Location**

**County:** Denali Borough **State:** AK

**Mitigation(s):** Crushing operation (2019) to occur during daytime working hours. Project leader to notify Commercial Services by Dec 31, 2019 about expected timing for the work (will require closure of campground loops for approximately 1 week for each loop). 2020 Campground construction to happen during generator hours only. Effort to be made to conduct work in spring or fall to minimize impact to guests at the campground.

**CE Citation:** C.9 Repair, resurfacing, striping, installation of traffic control devices, repair/replacement of guardrails, etc., on existing roads.

**CE Justification:** Resurfacing of existing loops for routine maintenance and to improve visitor experience.

**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.

**Signature**

**Superintendent:**

*Denise Snawke*  
for Don Striker

**Date:**

*13 Feb 2019*

**Extraordinary Circumstances:**

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
<b>A.</b> Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
<b>B.</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?	No	
<b>C.</b> Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
<b>D.</b> Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
<b>E.</b> Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
<b>F.</b> Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
<b>G.</b> 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?	No	
<b>H.</b> 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?	No	
<b>I.</b> Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
<b>J.</b> Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
<b>K.</b> 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)?	No	
<b>L.</b> 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)?	No	