



Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)

Project: Routine Maintenance to Non-historic Structures, Grounds, and Utilities

PEPC Project Number: 87264

Description of Action (Project Description):

The Resource Management (RM) and Maintenance Divisions (Maintenance) of the National Park Service (NPS) Arkansas Post National Memorial (ARPO, the park) have identified a wide range of necessary routine maintenance actions. These actions will have no adverse effect on properties individually listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), no adverse effect on historic districts and cultural landscapes, and no impact to any other significant environmental amenity. These actions, when coupled with the attached environmental commitments and NPS best practices, will have no significant impact to cultural or natural resources, and will enhance the cultural and natural environment of the park (Document and Attachments A-C). Routine maintenance is distinguished from project work by its cyclic nature, and limits in scope, duration and intensity; all project work will be developed through the standard NPS environmental process outlined below. This programmatic categorical exclusion document (PCE) will serve as a formal record of these types of actions for the routine operation and maintenance of buildings, utilities and grounds in the park for the years 2020-2025.

The purpose of this document is to reduce uncertainties and provide increased clarification regarding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 compliance responsibilities of the park staff for routine maintenance and repair actions. This will allow park staff to complete the designated actions in a timely manner and allow park staff to focus scarce resources on projects that, if not completed, would have environmental consequences. The actions covered by this PCE are necessary to ensure visitor and employee health and safety, reduce the potential for environmental degradation, maintain park aesthetics, reduce costs, increase staff productivity and prevent deterioration of existing facilities. These routine actions are also necessary to maintain and/or improve the current condition of existing facilities, utilities, infrastructure and other park assets. Perhaps most importantly, the actions are necessary to ensure non-impairment of the park's cultural and natural resources.

The Maintenance Operations Supervisor and Park NEPA and Section 106 Coordinator will maintain a list of all actions performed under this PCE and provide consistent project information (Name, Location, Division/Partner, PMIS/FMSS reference, Description) as an attachment to the environmental document in the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) system prior to the beginning of a project. The Maintenance Operations Supervisor will incorporate Facilities Management Software System (FMSS) and Project Management Information System (PMIS) data into the PEPC documentation as appropriate. The park NEPA and Section 106 Coordinator will review the projects at the time of their submission to confirm the applicability of the PCE to the proposed work. The ARPO RM and Maintenance Division Chiefs and the ARPO Cultural Resource Management (CRM) team will review the list of projects processed under this PCE annually to ensure program compliance with its terms, consistency of its application and determine whether the documentation should be changed or amended.

All actions performed under this PCE must apply the techniques, protocols, and methodologies described above. If new techniques or significant changes in the scope of work are proposed, the project leader will consult with the NEPA and Section 106 Coordinator to request an amendment to the PCE to cover the proposed changes. ARPO's established interdisciplinary team (IDT) and CRM teams will review any proposed changes or amendments as warranted to assure that such amendments are within the scope and the spirit of this PCE. The standard for determining a significant change is based on the potential for increasing environmental impacts as determined by the NEPA Environmental Screening Form (ESF).

Project Locations:

Location 1

County: Arkansas

State: AR

Location 2

County: Arkansas**State:** AR**District:** 01**Section:**

There are no required mitigations identified.

CE Citation: C.3 Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds and trails.

CE Justification:

These actions are categorically excluded under NPS Director's Order 12, Section 3.3 categorical exclusion C. 3: Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds, and trails. This PCE does not apply to the construction of new facilities, expansion of the footprint of new facilities, or improvement to existing facilities that would have the potential for any significant environmental impacts.

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: _____ **Date:** _____

Extraordinary Circumstances:

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