



Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)

Project: Dogbane and Tule Planting at SPAL

PEPC Project Number: 97371

Description of Action (Project Description):

Restoration of Lapwai Creek is a priority for natural resources, past efforts have been made to plant native species along the banks in various locations (primarily north of the railroad bridge). This project will focus efforts south of the railroad bridge in an area that is currently being overrun by poison hemlock and Japanese knotweed, both of which are priority species on the annual invasive treatment plan for SPAL. Restoration efforts following treatment is necessary in order to prevent further growth of invasive species. Therefore, dogbane and tule, two culturally and naturally significant species will be planted. 150, 10 cubic inch plugs of each species will be planted along Lapwai Creek and a drainage ditch feeding in to it (see attached map). Planting will occur in October/ November.

Project Locations:

Location

County:	Nez Perce	State:	ID
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There are no required mitigations identified.

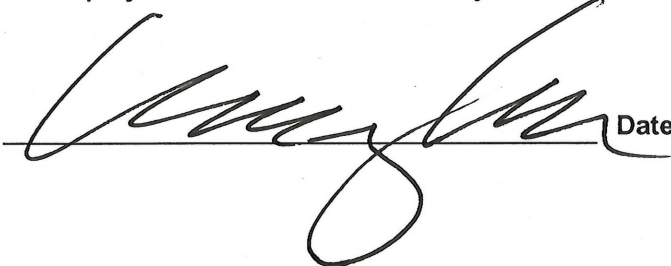
CE Citation: E.2 Restoration of noncontroversial native species into suitable habitats within their historic range and elimination of exotic species.

CE Justification:

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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: 9/25/20

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	