

Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Chubb Hollow Rehabilitate Trail and Trail Features

PIN: 24920

Date: April 10, 2009

Describe project, including location (reference the attached Environmental Screening Form, if appropriate), and list any mitigations:

Project Description: This project will repair a total of 15,650 Linear feet of eroded trail tread, replace two substantial trail bridges, remove heavy vegetation on trail corridor, remove trail obstructions, and replace rotten water bars and trail edging. The work will be performed with a seasonal trail crew. The trail treadway and edging is lower than the surrounding area around the trail, the bridges decking and handrails are rotten in places and are a health/safety concern. 50 existing water bars are rotted and in dire need of replacement. This trail repair will provide better visitor experience and prevent further erosion which is currently causing damage to park natural resources. The trail tread is slippery and rocky with many obstacles that subject hikers to falls, sprains etc. Obstructions are causing hikers to use routes that are outside the trail corridor which is creating resource damage. Water bars are needed to prevent further erosion.

Project Locations:

Location

County: Carter Cty

State: MO

District:

Section:

Geo. Marker:

Other:

(See Attached Environmental Screening Form)

Mitigation(s):

- No mitigations identified

Describe the category used to exclude action from further NEPA analysis and indicate the number of the category (see Section 3-4 of DO-12):

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

Describe any public or agency involvement effort conducted (reference the attached ESF):

(See Attached Environmental Screening Form)

On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances (e.g. all boxes in the ESF are marked "no") or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.


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