

Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Round Spring Area Underground Electrical System Replacement

PIN: 24922

Date: April 30, 2009

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

Project Description: This project will replace approximately 25,000 ft. of 1/0 underground electrical wiring in the Round Spring area via commercial contract. The existing 7200 volt primary underground electrical system in the Round Spring area was installed in 1975. The park has been notified by the manager of engineering of the Howell-Oregon Electric Cooperative that the primary line will fail in the imminent future. This situation could cause the park to be without electrical service for an extended period. The primary line is a special order and is not stocked. The electrical system serves the public water and wastewater systems, as well as numerous other public use facilities including emergency services, housing, visitor facilities and the like. Frequent failures and power outages are occurring at this time and in discussions with the electrical cooperative, the primary line no longer is viable for further repairs. The loss of power in this areas poses a major health and safety threat to park visitors and employees and would require the park to shutdown the area affected by the lack of power.

Project Locations:

Location

County: Shannon 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.16. Installation of underground utilities in areas showing clear evidence of recent human disturbance or areas within an existing road prism or within an existing overhead utility right-of-way.

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.


For **Park Superintendent**

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