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## Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: **Round Spring Fiber Optic Cable**

PEPC ID (PIN): **27545**

Project Description: **Entrench 2200' of fiber optic cable between the Maintenance Shop and Fee Station at Round Spring. Entrenchment will follow an existing utility. Existing corridor begins at Maintenance Shop, passes behind gas tanks/pumps, crosses a gravel road then up and behind duplexes until reaching NPS 169 which it follows under MO-19, crosses NPS-169 and continues onto the Fee Station. Crossing NPS-169 will require a road bore. Some vegetation will have to be removed, particularly in the area behind the housing/duplexes.**

Project Locations:

Location

County: **Shannon Cty**

State: **MO**

District:

Section:

Geo. Marker:

Other:

(See Attached Environmental Screening Form)

Mitigation(s):

- **New cable trench must be in the existing utility corridor. The new cable depth must not exceed the depth of the existing cable in the area from the maintenance office to where the utility corridor returns to the road prism (NPS 169) below the housing duplexes.**

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.15 Installation of underground utilities in previously disturbed areas having stable soils, or in an existing utility right-of-way.**

(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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