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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) CHECKLIST, NHPA DOCUMENTATION, AND DECISION

Project Description and Location:

PORCUPINE REINTRODUCTION
CRATERS OF THE MOON NATIONAL MONUMENT

CX number(s) (from 516 DM 2, App. 1 or 516 DM 6, App. 7): 516 DM 6 APPENDIX 7 E 6

CHECKLIST

BASED ON 516 DM 2, APP. 2, IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS APPLIES, THE PROJECT CANNOT BE CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IS REQUIRED.

- | (yes) | (no) | |
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| ☐ | ☒ | Adversely affect Public Health and Safety. |
| ☐ | ☒ | Adversely affect historic or cultural resources, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, ecologically critical areas, or Natural Landmarks. |
| ☐ | ☒ | Have highly controversial environmental effects. |
| ☐ | ☒ | Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. |
| ☐ | ☒ | Establish a precedent resulting in significant environmental effects. |
| ☐ | ☒ | Relate to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. |
| ☐ | ☒ | Adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. |
| ☐ | ☒ | Affect a species listed or proposed to be listed as Threatened or Endangered. (if any doubt exists include initials of T&E Specialist). |
| ☐ | ☒ | Threaten to violate any laws or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment such as Executive Order 11988 (Floodplains Management) or Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) |

THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT

THE FOLLOWING ARE GENERAL CATEGORIES OF POTENTIAL UNDERTAKINGS THAT MAY AFFECT CULTURAL RESOURCES AND THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BEFORE THEY CAN BE INITIATED. ALL 106 ACTIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

() Ground disturbance. A 106 form is used to notify the Regional or Park Archeologist, who will arrange for an archeological survey or monitoring of the project area. A report of the survey findings must be attached to the approved 106 form.

() Stabilization, preservation maintenance, rehabilitation or restoration of structures and objects on the List of Classified Structures or more than 50 years old for which a determination of eligibility for the National

Register has not been obtained. The proposed work must be documented and approved via the 106 form.

() Removal of structures. The removal of any structure, regardless of age, must be documented via the 106 form. A determination of the structure's eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places is required. For structures more than 50 years old, approval by the Associate Director, Cultural Resources, WASO, is required. Board of Survey procedures will not be completed without an approved 106 form on file.

() Stabilization, preservation maintenance, rehabilitation or restoration of cultural landscapes. A regional cultural landscape inventory is in progress; consult the Regional Historical Landscape Architect for an assessment of eligibility. The proposed work must be documented and approved via the 106 form.

() Ethnographic resources. An inventory of ethnographic resources is being compiled under the direction of the Regional Anthropologist. Actions affecting ethnographic resources must be documented and approved via the 106 form.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

() yes) (☒ no)

() yes) (☒ no)

Does the project have potential to affect any American Indian uses? If so, consultation is needed. The Regional Anthropologist should be consulted if this is an issue.
Are any toxic chemicals, including pesticides or treated wood, proposed for use? If so, PNRO Safety Officer should be contacted.

I have reviewed the proposal in accordance with the above nine criteria and have determined that the proposal would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore it is categorically excluded from further environmental (NEPA) review. I have also completed the necessary coordination to insure compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and other requirements.

Vicki J. Ginfier-Nuech 12-21-93
Preparer Date

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Specialist for Natural Resource Compliance Date

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Specialist for Cultural Resource Compliance Date

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- () I concur and it is my decision to approve the project.
- () I do not concur because

Superintendent

Date

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D. ACTIONS RELATED TO VISITOR USE

- (1) Carrying capacity analyses.
- (2) Minor changes in amounts or types of visitor use for the purpose of ensuring visitor safety or resource protection in accordance with existing regulations.
- (3) Changes in interpretive and environmental education programs.
- (4) Minor changes in programs and regulations pertaining to visitor activities.
- (5) Issuance of permits for demonstrations, gatherings, ceremonies, concerts, arts and crafts shows, etc., entailing only short-term or readily mitigable environmental disturbance.
- (6) Designation of trailside camping zones with no or minimal improvements.

E. ACTIONS RELATED TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION

- (1) Archeological surveys and permits, involving only surface collection or small-scale test excavations.
- (2) Day-to-day resource management and research activities.
- (3) Designation of environmental study areas and research natural areas.
- (4) Stabilization by planting native plant species in disturbed areas.
- (5) Issuance of individual hunting and/or fishing licenses in accordance with State and Federal regulations.
- (6) Restoration of noncontroversial native species into suitable habitats within their historic range, and elimination of exotic species.
- (7) Removal of park resident individuals of non-threatened/endangered species which pose a danger to visitors, threaten park resources or become a nuisance in areas surrounding a park, when such removal is included in an approved resource management plan.
- (8) Removal of non-historic materials and structures in order to restore natural conditions.
- (9) Development of standards for, and identification, nomination, certification and determination of eligibility of properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the National Historic Landmark and National Natural Landmark Program.