

LWCF Proposal Description and Environmental Screening Form

The purpose of this Proposal Description and Environmental Screening Form (PD/ESF) is to provide descriptive and environmental information about a variety of Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) state assistance proposals submitted for National Park Service (NPS) review and decision. The completed PD/ESF becomes part of the "federal administrative record" in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations. The PD portion of the form captures administrative and descriptive details enabling the NPS to understand the proposal. The ESF portion is designed for States and/or project sponsors to use while the LWCF proposal is under development. Upon completion, the ESF will indicate the resources that could be impacted by the proposal enabling States and/or project sponsors to more accurately follow an appropriate pathway for NEPA analysis: 1) a recommendation for a Categorical Exclusion (CE), 2) production of an Environmental Assessment (EA), or 3) production of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The ESF should also be used to document any previously conducted yet still viable environmental analysis if used for this federal proposal. The completed PD/ESF must be submitted as part of the State's LWCF proposal to NPS.

Except for the proposals listed below, the PD/ESF must be completed, including the appropriate NEPA document, signed by the State, and submitted with each new federal application for LWCF assistance and amendments for: scope changes that alter or add facilities and/or acres; conversions; public facility exceptions; sheltering outdoor facilities; and changing the original intended use of an area from that which was approved in an earlier LWCF agreement. Consult the LWCF Program Manual (www.nps.gov/lwcf) for detailed guidance for your type of proposal and on how to comply with NEPA.

For the following types of proposals only this Cover Page is required because these types of proposals are administrative in nature and are categorically excluded from further NEPA environmental analysis. NPS will complete the NEPA CE Form. Simply check the applicable box below, and complete and submit only this Cover Page to NPS along with the other items required for your type of proposal as instructed in the LWCF Program Manual.

- SCORP planning proposal
- Time extension with no change in project scope or with a reduction in project scope
- To delete work and no other work is added back into the project scope
- To change project cost with no change in project scope or with a reduction in project scope
- To make an administrative change that does not change project scope

Name of LWCF Proposal: *The Peninsula at Point Defiance* Date Submitted to NPS: *04/24/2015*

Prior LWCF Project Number(s) *List all prior LWCF project numbers and all park names associated with assisted site(s):*
53-00299 Point Defiance Park Addition (Baker Tract Land Acquisition)

53-00707 Point Defiance Missing Link Trail

Local or State Project Sponsoring Agency *(recipient or sub-recipient in case of pass-through grants):*

Tacoma Metropolitan Park District

Local or State Sponsor Contact:

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Using a separate sheet for narrative descriptions and explanations, address each item and question in the order it is presented, and identify each response with its item number such as Step 1-A1, A2; Step 3-B1; Step 6-A1, A29; etc.

Step 1. Type of LWCF Proposal

New Project Application

Acquisition
Go to Step 2A

Development
Go to Step 2B

Combination (Acquisition & Development)
Go to Step 2C

Project Amendment

Increase in scope or change in scope from original agreement.
Complete Steps 3A, and 5 through 7.

6(f) conversion proposal. Complete Steps 3B, and 5 through 7.

Request for public facility in a Section 6(f) area. Complete Steps 3C, and 5 through 7.

Request for temporary non-conforming use in a Section 6(f) area.

Complete Steps 4A, and 5 through 7.

Request for significant change in use/intent of original LWCF application.

Complete Steps 4B, and 5 through 7.

Request to shelter existing/new facility within a Section 6(f) area regardless of funding source. Complete Steps 4C, and 5 through 7.

Step 2. New Project Application (See LWCF Manual for guidance.)

A. N/A

B. For a Development Project

- Describe the physical improvements and/or facilities that will be developed with federal LWCF assistance, including a site sketch depicting improvements, where and how the public will access the site, parking, etc. Indicate entrances on 6(f) map. Indicate to what extent the project involves new development, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of existing facilities.
Physical improvements and/or facilities to be developed include a new 11 acre open and passive park space. Amenities include public restrooms, paved walking trails, parking, and gently sloping topography. The project also includes utilities, lighting, signage, site furnishings, and landscaping.
- When will the project be completed and open for public outdoor recreation use?
December 2017
- Address each item in "D" below.

C. N/A

D. Additional items to address for a new application and amendments

- Will this proposal create a new public park/recreation area where none previously existed and is not an addition to an existing public park/recreation area? Yes ___ (go to #3) No X (go to #2)
- What is the name of the pre-existing public area that this new site will be added to?
 - Is the pre-existing public park/recreation area already protected under Section 6(f)? Yes X No ___
If no, will it now be included in the 6(f) boundary? Yes ___ No ___
- What will be the name of this new public park/recreation area?
- Who will hold title to the property assisted by LWCF? Who will manage and operate the site(s)?
Metro Parks holds the title to the property and will manage and operate the park at the peninsula upon completion.
 - What is the sponsor's type of ownership and control of the property?

- Fee simple ownership
 Less than fee simple. Explain:
 Lease. Describe lease terms including renewable clauses, # of years remaining on lease, etc.
 Who will lease area? Submit copy of lease with this PD/ESF. (See LWCF Manual for **program restrictions** for leases and further guidance.)

5. Describe the nature of any rights-of-way, easements, reversionary interests, etc. to the Section 6(f) park area? Indicate the location on 6(f) map. Do parties understand that a Section 6(f) conversion may occur if private or non-recreation activities occur on any pre-existing right-of-way, easement, leased area?
The impacted Park parcels are owned by the City of Tacoma or Metro Parks. All rights-of-way are under the City of Tacoma. Various utilities are impacted by this work and as necessary existing easements will be modified or will be created between the utility provider and the City.
6. Are overhead utility lines present, and if so, explain how they will be treated per LWCF Manual.
No
7. As a result of this project, describe new types of outdoor recreation opportunities and capacities, and short and long term public benefits.
The development of the Peninsula at Point Defiance will unlock and provide 11 additional acres of open passive park space at Point Defiance Park never before available to the public. The Peninsula at Point Defiance is virtually surrounded by water and includes 2,200 linear feet of shoreline, spectacular views of Mount Rainier, the Cascades, the Olympics, Vashon Island and more. The Peninsula is adjacent to the pending Missing Link Trail which will connect the popular Ruston Way waterfront pedestrian promenade with Point Defiance Park. This new development will be both a popular destination and a stopping point for the 2 million plus visitors to the waterfront.
8. Explain any existing non-recreation and non-public uses that will continue on the site(s) and/or proposed for the future within the 6(f) boundary.
The only non-public use that will continue within Point Defiance Park is the Tacoma Yacht Club. Other existing and proposed non-recreation uses include Highway 163 and Vashon Ferry lanes; a regional stormwater treatment facility, conveyance and outfall; and those shown on the attached Preferred Concept Plan dated February 2008.
9. Describe the planning process that led to the development of this proposal. Your narrative should address:
- How was the interested and affected public notified and provided opportunity to be involved in planning for and developing your LWCF proposal? Who was involved and how were they able to review the **completed** proposal, including any state, local, federal agency professionals, subject matter experts, members of the public and Indian Tribes. Describe any public meetings held and/or formal public comment periods, including dates and length of time provided for the public to participate in the planning process and/or to provide comments on the completed proposal.
The Project is one of the primary objectives identified by the public as part of a long-term planning initiative. In 2005, over 100 public meetings were conducted in order to establish the public's plans for the Park. The Park was divided into three Planning Areas – Waterfront, Attractions, and Forest. Each area went through a public process designed to solicit, review and refine the ideas in order to develop a concept plan. All plans and ideas were evaluated per the Goals and Objectives for Point Defiance Park and the three concept plans were combined into a Planning Guide for the Point Defiance Park, approved by the Metro Parks Board in February 2008. Since that time, detailed scoping of work has resulted in the 2012 Point Defiance Triangle Report and the work proposed for this LWCF is detailed in that plan.

Public outreach since early 2011 includes 100+ public and 30+ small group monthly meetings. The list below is an example of weekly, bi-weekly and monthly meetings open to the public:

- *All 8 Neighborhood Councils at least twice, some 3 times*
- *Community Council*
- *All MPT Advisory Councils at least twice, some 3 and 4 times*
- *City Club (2)*
- *Pierce County Council Community Development Committee (2)*
- *Tacoma Mobility Commission (2)*
- *Tacoma City Council (2)*
- *Ruston City Council (3)*
- *Fort Nisqually Foundation (3)*
- *City of Tacoma Economic Development Council Committee (2)*

- *City of Tacoma Planning Commission*
- *City of Ruston Planning Commission*
- *PDZA Society*
- *Forever Green*
- *Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce*
- *Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce*
- *Pierce County Trails Confederation*
- *Rotary 8*
- *Citizens for a Healthy Bay*
- *Third Thursday Public Meetings (30+)*
- *MPT Board Regular, Committee of the Whole, and Retreats (6+)*
- *(30+) Small groups such as Kiwanas, stakeholders, clubs, UWT staff and classes, etc.*

b. What information was made available to the public for review and comment? Did the sponsor provide written responses addressing the comments? If so, include responses with this PD/ESF submission.
The Point Defiance Park Concept Plan was made available to the public during meetings and on the Metro Parks website. All comments were encouraged and welcome.

10. How does this proposal implement statewide outdoor recreation goals as presented in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) (include references), and explain why this proposal was selected using the State's Open Project Selection Process (OPSP).

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This proposal helps to implement the following statewide goals as presented in the SCORP:

Supply of Outdoor Recreation Facilities and Opportunities

The development of the Peninsula at Point Defiance will unlock and provide 11 additional acres of open passive park space at Point Defiance Park never before available to the public.

The Ability of Recreation Supply to Meet Public Demand

The development will provide picnic areas (ranked 1 in importance), and trails (ranked 3 in importance), designated sightseeing areas (ranked 15 in importance)

Current Participation Rates in Recreation

The public will have the ability to walk (90% of residents participating), view wildlife (81% of residents participating), picnic (81% of residents participating), sightsee (57% of residents participating), and fish (34% of residents participating).

This proposal was selected using the State's Open Project Selection Process (OPSP) because this project is consistent with SCORP, Need, Federal Grant Priorities, Readiness, cost efficiencies, population proximity, and compliance.

SCORP-The project addresses the top three priorities of SCORP for LWCF grant-in-aid support by providing individual active participation, continued improvement of an existing site previously funded with Land and Water Conservation Fund grants, and provides an active connection extending Ruston Way promenade.

Need-The project has been on our CIP for over 10 years.

Federal Grant Priorities-The site will help engage today's youth in the great outdoors by extending the Ruston Way promenade and providing a large picnic area for more families.

Readiness-The matching resources are available.

Cost efficiencies-

Population proximity-The project

Compliance-No outstanding compliance issues and has no negative site inspection findings.

11. List all source(s) and amounts of financial match to the LWCF federal share of the project. The value of the match can consist of cash, donation, and in-kind contributions. The federal LWCF share and financial matches must result in a viable outdoor recreation area and not rely on other funding not mentioned here. Other federal resources may be used as a match if specifically authorized by law.

Source	Type of Match	Value
<i>Metro Parks Tacoma</i>	<i>Bond - Cash</i>	<i>\$1,500,000</i>
		\$
		\$

12. Is this LWCF project scope part of a larger effort not reflected on the SF-424 (*Application for Federal Assistance*) and grant agreement? If so, briefly describe the larger effort, funding amount(s) and source(s). This will capture information about partnerships and how LWCF plays a role in leveraging funding for projects beyond the scope of this federal grant. *No*
13. List all required federal, state, and local permits/approvals needed for the proposal and explain their purpose and status.
1. *City of Tacoma Shoreline Setback Permit-To review proposed work within the 200' shoreline setback, the application will be submitted by December 1, 2014.*
 2. *City of Tacoma Clearing & Grading Permit-To review proposed alterations to the site, the application will be submitted by January 31, 2015.*

Proceed to Steps 5 through 7



Step 3. Project Amendment (See LWCF Manual for guidance.)

N/A

Step 4. Proposals for Temporary Non-Conforming Use, Significant Change in Use, and Sheltering Facilities (See LWCF Manual for guidance.)

N/A

Step 5. Summary of Previous Environmental Review (including E.O. 12372 - Intergovernmental Review)

To avoid duplication of effort and unnecessary delays, describe any prior environmental review undertaken at any time and still viable for this proposal or related efforts that could be useful for understanding potential environmental impacts. Consider previous local, state, federal (e.g. HUD, EPA, USFWS, FHWA, DOT) and any other environmental reviews. At a minimum, address the following:

1. Date of environmental review(s), purpose for the environmental review(s) and for whom they were conducted. *This site is part of the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site and has been the subject of many environmental reviews over the past few decades. See attached Record of Decision for more information. The installation of the park at the peninsula is being completed in conjunction with the environmental cleanup efforts required by the Record of Decision.*
2. Description of the proposed action and alternatives. *The site is an old slag dumping site and is being remediated as describe in the attached Record of Decision.*
3. Who was involved in identifying resource impact issues and developing the proposal including the interested and affected public, government agencies, and Indian tribes. *The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency produced the attached Record of Decision.*

4. Environmental resources analyzed and determination of impacts for proposed actions and alternatives. **Section 6-1 and 6-2 of the attached Record of Decision go into detail on which resources are impacted by the cleanup efforts.**
5. Any mitigation measures to be part of the proposed action. **Mitigation remedies are described at length in attached Record of Decision. See Section 9.0 for the selected mitigation remedy.**
6. Intergovernmental Review Process (Executive Order 12372): Does the State have an Intergovernmental Review Process? Yes No. If yes, has the LWCF Program been selected for review under the State Intergovernmental Review Process? Yes No. If yes, was this proposal reviewed by the appropriate State, metropolitan, regional and local agencies, and if so, attach any information and comments received about this proposal. If proposal was not reviewed, explain why not.
7. Public comment periods (how long, when in the process, who was invited to comment) and agency response. **See section 3.0 Highlights of Community Participation of the attached Record of Decision.**
8. Any formal decision and supporting reasons regarding degree of potential impacts to the human environment. **See section 6.0 Description of Site Risks of the attached Record of Decision.**
9. Was this proposed LWCF federal action and/or any other federal actions analyzed/reviewed in any of the previous environmental reviews? If so, what was analyzed and what impacts were identified? Provide specific environmental review document references. **Development guidelines governing the installation of a park on the peninsula is taken into account in section 9.6.2 Integrating Cleanup With Land Use Plans of the attached Record of Decision.**

Use resource impact information generated during previous environmental reviews described above and from recently conducted site inspections to complete the Environmental Screening Form (ESF) portion of this PD/ESF under Step 6. Your ESF responses should indicate your proposal's potential for impacting each resource as determined in the previous environmental review(s), and include a reference to where the analysis can be found in an earlier environmental review document. If the previous environmental review documents contain proposed actions to mitigate impacts, briefly summarize the mitigation for each resource as appropriate. The appropriate references for previous environmental review document(s) must be documented on the ESF, and the actual document(s) along with this PD/ESF must be included in the submission for NPS review.

Proceed to Steps 6 through 7



Step 6. Environmental Screening Form (ESF)

This portion of the PD/ESF is a working tool used to identify the level of environmental documentation which must accompany the proposal submission to the NPS. By completing the ESF, the project sponsor is providing support for its recommendation in Step 7 that the proposal either:

1. meets criteria to be categorically excluded (CE) from further NEPA review and no additional environmental documentation is necessary; or
2. requires further analysis through an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS).

An ESF alone does not constitute adequate environmental documentation unless a CE is recommended. If an EA is required, the EA process and resulting documents must be included in the proposal submission to the NPS. If an EIS may be required, the State must request NPS guidance on how to proceed.

The scope of the required environmental analysis will vary according to the type of LWCF proposal. For example, the scope for a new LWCF project will differ from the scope for a conversion. Consult the LWCF Manual for guidance on defining the scope or extent of environmental analysis needed for your LWCF proposal. As early as possible in your planning process, consider how your proposal/project may have direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on the human environment for your type of LWCF action so planners have an opportunity to design alternatives to lessen impacts on resources, if appropriate. When used as a planning tool in this way, the ESF responses may change as the proposal is revised until it is ready for submission for federal review. Initiating or completing environmental analysis after a decision has been made is contrary to both the spirit and letter of the law of the NEPA.

The ESF should be completed with input from resource experts and in consultation with relevant local, state, tribal and federal governments, as applicable. The interested and affected public should be notified of the proposal and be invited to participate in scoping out the proposal (see LWCF Manual Chapter 4). At a minimum, a site inspection of the affected area must be conducted by individuals who are familiar with the type of affected resources, possess the ability to identify potential resource impacts, and to know when to seek additional data when needed.

At the time of proposal submission to NPS for federal review, the completed ESF must justify the NEPA pathway that was followed: CE recommendation, production of an EA, or production of an EIS. The resource topics and issues identified on the ESF for this proposal must be presented and analyzed in an attached EA/EIS. Consult the LWCF Manual for further guidance on LWCF and NEPA.

The ESF contains two parts that must be completed:

Part A. Environmental Resources

Part B. Mandatory Criteria

Part A: For each environmental resource topic, choose an impact estimate level (none, negligible, minor, exceeds minor) that describes the degree of potential negative impact for each listed resource that may occur directly, indirectly and cumulatively as a result of federal approval of your proposal. For each impacted resource provide a brief explanation of how the resource might be affected, how the impact level was determined, and why the chosen impact level is appropriate. If an environmental review has already been conducted on your proposal and is still viable, include the citation including any planned mitigation for each applicable resource, and choose an impact level as mitigated. If the resource does not apply to your proposal, mark NA in the first column. Add any relevant resources (see A.24 on the ESF) if not included in the list.

Use a separate sheet to briefly clarify how each resource could be adversely impacted; any direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that may occur; and any additional data that still needs to be determined. Also explain any planned mitigation already addressed in previous environmental reviews.

Part B: This is a list of mandatory impact criteria that preclude the use of categorical exclusions. If you answer "yes" or "maybe" for any of the mandatory criteria, you must develop an EA or EIS regardless of your answers in Part A. Explain all "yes" and "maybe" answers on a separate sheet.

For conversions, complete one ESF for each of the converted and replacement sites.

A. ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES Indicate potential for adverse impacts. Use a separate sheet to clarify responses per instructions for Part A on page 9.	Not Applicable-Resource does not exist	No/Negligible Impacts-Exists but no or negligible impacts	Minor Impacts	Impacts Exceed Minor EA/EIS required	More Data Needed to Determine Degree of Impact EA/EIS required
1. Geological resources: soils, bedrock, slopes, streambeds, landforms, etc.		X			
2. Air quality		X			
3. Sound (noise impacts)		X			
4. Water quality/quantity		X			
5. Stream flow characteristics	X				
6. Marine/estuarine		X			
7. Floodplains/wetlands	X				
8. Land use/ownership patterns; property values; community livability		X			
9. Circulation, transportation		X			
10. Plant/animal/fish species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing		X			
11. Unique ecosystems, such as biosphere reserves, World Heritage sites, old growth forests, etc.	X				
12. Unique or important wildlife/ wildlife habitat	X				
13. Unique or important fish/habitat		X			
14. Introduce or promote invasive species (plant or animal)		X			
15. Recreation resources, land, parks, open space, conservation areas, rec. trails, facilities, services, opportunities, public access, etc. <i>Most conversions exceed minor impacts. See Step 3.B</i>		X			
16. Accessibility for populations with disabilities		X			
17. Overall aesthetics, special characteristics/features		X			
18. Historical/cultural resources, including landscapes, ethnographic, archeological, structures, etc. Attach SHPO/THPO determination.		X			
19. Socioeconomics, including employment, occupation, income changes, tax base, infrastructure		X			
20. Minority and low-income populations		X			
21. Energy resources (geothermal, fossil fuels, etc.)	X				
22. Other agency or tribal land use plans or policies		X			
23. Land/structures with history of contamination/hazardous materials even if remediated		X			
24. Other important environmental resources to address.	X				

B. MANDATORY CRITERIA If your LWCF proposal is approved, would it...	Yes	No	To be determined
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?		X	
2. 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 (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O 11988); and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X	
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]?		X	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X	
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X	
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		X	
7. 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.(Attach SHPO/THPO Comments)		X	
8. 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.		X	
9. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X	
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		X	
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007)?		X	
12. 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)?		X	

Environmental Reviewers

The following individual(s) provided input in the completion of the environmental screening form. List all reviewers including name, title, agency, field of expertise. Keep all environmental review records and data on this proposal in state compliance file for any future program review and/or audit. The ESF may be completed as part of a LWCF pre-award site inspection if conducted in time to contribute to the environmental review process for the proposal.

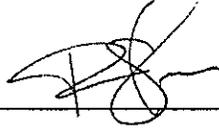
1. *Morgan McCarther, Senior Geotechnical Engineer - GeoEngineers*
2. *Misty Blair, Environmental Specialist – habitat evaluation, code compliance, City of Tacoma*
3. *Matthew Maynard, Biologist – wetland evaluation, Parametrix*
4. *Jessica Knickerbocker, Environmental Engineer (stormwater) - City of Tacoma, Environmental Services*
5. *Caitlin Wichlacz, et al – Cultural Resources, Willamette Cultural Resources Associates, Lt.*
6. *Clayton Beaudoin, Landscape Architect- Site Workshop , open space, demographics, accessibility, etc*
7. *Evan Griffiths, Civil Engineer - slag remediation, CH2MHill*
8. *Julie Brandt , Civil Engineer - stormwater treatment, Parametrix*

The following individuals conducted a site inspection to verify field conditions.

List name of inspector(s), title, agency, and date(s) of inspection.

1. *Jessica Knickerbocker, Environmental Engineer (stormwater) - City of Tacoma, Environmental Services*
2. *Clayton Beaudoin, Landscape Architect- Site Workshop , open space, demographics, accessibility, etc*
3. *Evan Griffiths, Civil Engineer - slag remediation, CH2MHill*

State may require signature of
LWCF sub-recipient applicant here:

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Date 05/22/2015

Step 7. Recommended NEPA Pathway and State Appraisal/Waiver Valuation

First, consult the attached list of "Categorical Exclusions (CEs) for Which a Record is Needed." If you find your action in the CE list **and** you have determined in Step 6A that impacts will be minor or less for each applicable environmental resource on the ESF **and** you answered "no" to all of the "Mandatory Criteria" questions in Step 6B, the proposal qualifies for a CE. Complete the following "State LWCF Environmental Recommendations" box indicating the CE recommendation.

If you find your action in the CE list **and** you have determined in Step 6A that impacts will be greater than minor or that more data is needed for any of the resources **and** you answered "no" to all of the "Mandatory Criteria" questions, your environmental review team may choose to do additional analysis to determine the context, duration, and intensity of the impacts of your project or may wish to revise the proposal to minimize impacts to meet the CE criteria. If impacts remain at the greater than minor level, the State/sponsor must prepare an EA for the proposal. Complete the following "State Environmental Recommendations" box indicating the need for an EA.

If you do not find your action in the CE list, regardless of your answers in Step 6, you must prepare an EA or EIS. Complete the following "State Environmental Recommendations" box indicating the need for an EA or EIS.

State NEPA Pathway Recommendation

I certify that a site inspection was conducted for each site involved in this proposal and to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this LWCF Proposal Description and Environmental Screening Form (PD/ESF) is accurate based on available resource data. All resulting notes, reports and inspector signatures are stored in the state's NEPA file for this proposal and are available upon request. On the basis of the environmental impact information for this LWCF proposal as documented in this LWCF PD/ESF with which I am familiar, I recommend the following LWCF NEPA pathway:

- This proposal qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE).
 - CE Item #: **F.5.**
 - Explanation: **Construction of new facilities in an existing park or recreation area.**
- This proposal requires an Environmental Assessment (EA) which is attached and has been produced by the State/sponsor in accordance with the LWCF Program Manual.
- This proposal may require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). NPS guidance is requested per the LWCF Program Manual.

Reproduce this certificate as necessary. Complete for each LWCF appraisal or waiver valuation.

State Appraisal/Waiver Valuation Review

Property address: _____

Date of appraisal transmittal letter/waiver: _____

Real property value: \$ _____

Effective date of value: _____

I certify that: a State-certified Review Appraiser has reviewed the appraisal and has determined that it was prepared in conformity with the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.

OR

the State has reviewed and approved a waiver valuation for this property per 49 CFR 24.102(c)(2)(ii).

SLO/ASLO Original Signature: _____

Scott Robinson

Date: _____

5/26/11

Scott Robinson, Deputy Director, Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office

**National Environmental Policy Act
National Park Service-Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance Program
Categorical Exclusions for Which a Record is Needed**

F. Actions related to grant programs

- (1) Proposed actions essentially the same as those listed in paragraphs A-E above *not shaded in gray*.
- (2) Grants for acquisition to areas that will continue in the same use or lower density use with no additional disturbance to the natural setting or type of use.
- (3) Grants for replacement or renovation of facilities at their same location without altering the kind and amount of recreational, historical, or cultural resources of the area or the integrity of the existing setting.
- (4) Grants for construction of facilities on lands acquired under a previous NPS or other federal grant, provided that the development is in accord with plans submitted with the acquisition grant, and that environmental documents have been completed on the impacts of the proposal funded by the original grant.
- (5) Grants for the construction of new facilities within an existing park or recreation area, provided that the facilities will not:
 - (a) conflict with adjacent ownerships or land use, or cause a nuisance to adjacent owners or occupants, such as would happen if use were extended beyond daylight hours.
 - (b) introduce motorized recreation vehicles, including off-road vehicles, personal water craft, and snowmobiles.
 - (c) introduce active recreation pursuits into a passive recreation area.
 - (d) increase public use or introduce non-compatible uses to the extent of compromising the nature and character of the property or causing physical damage to it.
 - (e) add or alter access to the park from the surrounding area.