



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 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/project sponsors to use as early as possible in state/local project planning to identify the potential environmental impacts and related issues associated with a LWCF proposal. Upon completion, the ESF will indicate the potential degree of environmental impact by the proposal to enable States/project sponsors to more accurately select an appropriate pathway for NEPA analysis whether in the form of a Categorical Exclusion (CE), an Environmental Assessment (EA), or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The ESF should also be used to document previously conducted yet still viable environmental analysis. The completed PD/ESF must be submitted as part of the State’s LWCF proposal to NPS.

Except for the proposals listed below, the completed PD/ESF **must** be completed and signed by the State and accompany each new federal application for LWCF assistance (Standard Form 424), 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 Grants 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 categorically excluded from further NEPA environmental analysis. NPS will complete the NEPA CE Form for you. Simply check the applicable box below, and complete and submit this **Cover Page** to NPS along with the other items required for your type of proposal as instructed in the LWCF Grants 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



Name of LWCF Proposal:

Date Submitted to NPS:

Prior LWCF Project Number(s) *List all prior LWCF project numbers and other park names associated with site(s):*

Local or State Sponsoring Agency:

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Using a separate sheet for narrative descriptions and explanations, address each item and question in the order it is presented, keying it to the associated item, 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 who funds the work. *Complete Steps 4C, and 5 through 7.*

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

A. For an Acquisition Project

1. Provide a brief narrative about the proposal that provides the reasons for the acquisition, number of acres to be acquired with LWCF assistance, and describes the property. Describe and quantify the types of existing resources and features on the site (for example, 50 acres wetland, 2,000 feet beachfront, 200 acres forest, scenic views, 100 acres riparian, vacant lot, special habitat, any unique or special features, recreation amenities, historic/cultural resources, hazardous materials/ contamination history, restrictions, institutional controls, easements, rights-of-way, above ground/underground utilities, including wires, towers, etc.)
2. Will this acquisition 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 #4) No ___ (go to #3)
3. a. What is the name of the pre-existing public area that this newly acquired site will be added to?
b. Is the pre-existing public park/recreation area already protected under Section 6(f)? Yes ___ No ___
If no, will it now be included in the 6(f) boundary? Yes ___ No ___
4. What will be the name of this **new** public park/recreation area?
5. How will the site be made immediately open and accessible for public outdoor recreation use (signage, entries, parking, site improvements, allowable activities, etc.)?
6. Describe future development plans, if any, proposed for the site(s) within the next three (3) years.
7. SLO must complete the State Appraisal Review certification in Step 7 certifying that the appraisals meet the "Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions." State should retain copies of the appraisals and make them available if needed.
8. Address each item in "D" below.

B. For a Development Project

1. Describe the physical improvements and/or facilities that will be developed with federal LWCF assistance, including where and how the public will access the site, including parking, if any. Indicate entrances on 6(f) map. Indicate to what extent the project involves new development, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of existing facilities.
2. Will this proposed development create a **new** park for the first time on land that has not been previously designated as park and recreation land, such as public vacant or undeveloped land? (Do not count development on land previously dedicated for public park and recreation use.) Yes _____ No _____
3. When will the project be completed and the public allowed onto the improved site?
4. Address each item in "D" below.

C. For a Combination Project

1. For the acquisition part of the proposal:
 - a. Provide a brief narrative about the proposal that provides the reasons for the acquisition, number of acres to be acquired with LWCF assistance, and describes the property. Describe and quantify the types of existing resources and features on the site (for example, 50 acres wetland, 2,000 feet beachfront, 200 acres forest, scenic views, 100 acres riparian, vacant lot, special habitat, any unique or special features, recreation amenities, historic/cultural resources, hazardous materials/ contamination history, restrictions, institutional controls, easements, rights-of-way, above ground/underground utilities, including wires, towers, etc.)
 - b. Will this acquisition create a **new** public park/outdoor recreation area where non previously existed **and** is not an addition to an existing public park/recreation area? Yes ____ (go to "e" below) No ____ (go to "c")
 - c. What is the name of the pre-existing public park/recreation area to which this newly acquired site will be added?
 - d. Is the pre-existing public park/recreation area already protected under Section 6(f)? Yes ____ No ____.
If no, will it now be included in the 6(f) boundary? Yes ____ No ____.
 - e. What will be the name of this **new** public park/recreation area?
 - f. How will the site be made immediately open and accessible for public outdoor recreation use (signage, entries, parking, site improvements, allowable activities, etc.)?
 - g. Describe future development plans, if any, proposed for the site(s) within the next three (3) years.
 - h. SLO must complete the State Appraisal Review certification found in the box at Step 7 certifying that the appraisals meet the "Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions." State should retain copies of the appraisals and make them available if needed.
2. For the development part of the proposal:
 - a. Describe the physical improvements and/or facilities that will be developed with federal LWCF assistance, including where and how the public will access the site, including parking, if any. Indicate access points on 6(f) map. Indicate to what extent the project involves new development, rehabilitation, and/or replacement of existing facilities.
 - b. When will the project be completed and the public allowed onto the improved site?
3. Address each item in "D" below.

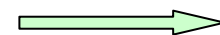
D. Additional items to address for a new application and amendments

1. a. Who will hold title to the property benefiting from LWCF assistance?
- b. What is the type of control/tenure? Check one:
 - Fee simple ownership
 - Less than fee simple. Explain:
 - Lease. Describe terms of lease including renewable clauses and number of years remaining on lease. Submit copy of lease with this PD/ESF. (See LWCF Manual for detailed guidance on leases.)
2. Explain who, other than public agency owner, will retain any right-of-ways/easements to or will be leasing the area to be placed under Section 6(f)? Indicate the location on 6(f) map. Do the parties understand that a Section 6(f) park land conversion may occur if private or non-recreation activities take place on the right-of-way/easement/leased areas?
3. Who will manage and operate the site(s)?
4. As a result of this project, describe **new** types of outdoor recreation opportunities and capacities, and short and long term public benefits.
5. 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.
6. Describe the planning process that led to the development of this proposal. Your narrative should address:
 - a. 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? Include 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 the public to participate in the planning process and/or to provide comments.
 - b. What information was made available to the public for review and comment? Did the sponsor provide written responses addressing the comments?
7. 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).
8. 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 than CBDG funds, LWCF funds may not be matched with other federal resources.

Source	Type of Match	Value
		\$
		\$
		\$

9. 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.
10. List all required federal, state, and local permits needed for the proposal and explain their purpose and status.

Proceed to Steps 5 through 7



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

A. Increase/Change in Project Scope

1. **For Acquisition Projects:** To acquire additional property that was not described in the original project proposal and NEPA documentation, follow Step 2A-Acquisition Project and 2D.
2. **For Development Projects:** To change the project scope for a development project that alters work from the original project scope by adding elements or enlarging facilities, follow Step 2B-Development Project and 2D.
3. **For Combination Projects:** Follow Step 2C as appropriate.

B. Section 6(f)(3) Conversion Proposal

Prior to developing your Section 6(f)(3) conversion proposal, you must consult the LWCF Manual and 36 CFR 59 for complete guidance on conversions. Local sponsors are encouraged to consult early with the State LWCF manager when a conversion is under consideration or has been discovered. States are also encouraged to consult with their NPS-LWCF manager as early as possible in the conversion process for guidance and to sort out and discuss details of the conversion proposal to avoid mid-course corrections and unnecessary delays. An important first step is for the State and NPS to agree on the size of the Section 6(f) parkland impacted by any non-recreation, non-public use, especially prior to any appraisal activity.

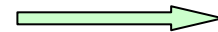
The Section 6(f)(3) conversion proposal including the required NEPA environmental review documents must focus on the loss of public outdoor recreation parkland and recreational utility and its replacement according to 36 CFR 59, and not the activities precipitating the conversion or benefits thereof, such as the environmental impacts of constructing a new school to relieve overcrowding or constructing a hotel/restaurant facility to stimulate the local economy. Rather, the environmental review must focus on the impacts of losing public park land and recreation opportunities and related resources, and the creation of new replacement park land and new recreation opportunities.

For NPS review and decision, the following elements are required to be included in the State's completed conversion proposal to be submitted to NPS:

1. A letter of transmittal from the SLO recommending the proposal.
2. Describe in detail the sponsor's need to convert the Section 6(f) parkland including all efforts to consider other practical alternatives to this conversion, how they were evaluated, and the reasons they were not pursued.
3. Provide a statement on how the conversion is in accord with the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).
4. Complete the State Appraisal Review certification in Step 7 for both the converted and replacement parcels certifying that the appraisals meet the "Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions." States should retain copies of the appraisals and make them available if needed.
5. For the parkland proposed for conversion:
 - a. Identify the specific location, 9-digit zip code, and name of park or recreation area proposed for conversion.
 - b. Describe the area proposed for the conversion including the acreage to be converted and any acreage remaining. For determining the size of the conversion, consider not only the physical footprint of the activity precipitating the conversion, but how the precipitating activity will impact the entire 6(f) park area. In many cases the size of the converted area is larger than the physical footprint. Describe the recreation resources, facilities, and recreation opportunities that will be impacted, displaced or lost by the proposed conversion. For proposals to partially convert a Section 6(f) park area, the remaining 6(f) parkland must remain recreationally viable and not be impacted by the activities that are triggering the conversion. If it is anticipated that the precipitating activities impact the remaining Section 6(f) area, the proposed area for the conversion should be expanded to encompass all impacted parkland.
 - c. Describe the community and population served by the park, including who uses the park and how?

- d. For partial conversions, where only a portion of the Section 6(f) area is proposed for conversion, produce a revised 6(f) map clearly indicating both the portion that is being converted and the portion remaining intact under Section 6(f).
6. For the proposed replacement site(s):
 - a. Produce a location map indicating specific location of site(s) and associated 9-digit zip code(s), clearly indicating major roadways and waterways, and geographical relationship of converted and replacement sites. If site(s) will be added to an existing public park/outdoor recreation area, indicate on map,
 - b. Describe the site's physical characteristics and resource attributes and quantify the types of resources and features on the site (for example, 15 acres wetland, 2,000 feet beachfront, 50 acres forest, scenic views, 75 acres riparian, vacant lot, special habitat, any unique or special features, structures, recreation amenities, historic/cultural resources, hazardous materials/contamination history, restrictions, institutional controls, easements, rights-of-way, overhead/underground utilities including overhead wires, towers, etc.
 - c. Identify the replacement site (s) owner(s) and its recent history of use/function up to the present.
 - d. Explain in detail how the proposed replacement site(s) is of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location as the property being converted. Describe the recreation needs that will be met by the new replacement parks, populations to be served, and new outdoor recreation resources, facilities, and opportunities to be provided.
 - e. Who will own and manage the new replacement park(s)?
 - f. What will be the name(s) of the new replacement park(s)? If replacement park(s) will be added to an existing public park area, will the existing area be included within the 6(f) boundary? What is the name of the existing public park area?
 - g. Provide a timeframe for completing the new outdoor recreation area(s) and opening it to the public.
 - h. Produce new Section 6(f) map(s) for the new replacement park(s).
 7. NEPA environmental review documents, including NHPA Section 106 review must be conducted for both the converted and replacement sites.

Proceed to Steps 5 through 7



C. Proposal for a Public Facility in a Section 6(f) Area

Prior to developing this proposal, you must consult the LWCF Manual for complete guidance. In summary, NPS must review and decide on requests to construct a public facility within a Section 6(f) area. In certain cases NPS approval may be given to construct public facilities within a Section 6(f) area where it can be shown that there is a gain or increased benefit to public recreational opportunity. In most cases, development of non-recreation public facilities within a Section 6(f) area constitutes a conversion. For NPS review of the proposal, the following items are required:

1. Describe the purpose and all proposed uses of the public facility such as types of programming, recreation activities, and special events. Who will be served by the new facility? Will any agency, organization, or other party be located at the new facility? Describe the interior and exterior of the facility and explain how it will be compatible with outdoor recreation. What amenities will the new facility offer, e.g., office space, meeting rooms, food/beverage service area, residential/lodging areas, classrooms, gyms, etc.) Explain how the facility supports existing and planned outdoor recreation resources of the site, how it will increase outdoor recreation use, and how outdoor recreation use remains the primary function of the site. (The public's outdoor recreation use must continue to be greater than that expected for any indoor use, unless the site is a single facility, such as a swimming pool, which virtually occupies the entire site.)
2. Indicate the exact location of the proposed public facility and associated activities on the site's Section 6(f) map. Explain the location alternatives considered for the public facility and why they were not pursued.
3. Who will own and/or operate and maintain the facility? Are there any leases involved, and if so, please attach. When will the facility be open to the public? Will the facility ever be used for private functions and closed to the public? Explain any memberships or user fees that will be instituted, including the fee structure.

4. Upon completion of the NEPA process (Steps 5 – 7), submit the proposal under a letter of transmittal from the SLO to NPS requesting approval.

Proceed to Steps 5 through 7



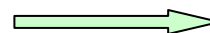
Step 4. Proposals for Temporary Non-Conforming Use, Significant Change in Use, and Sheltering Facilities (See LWCF Manual for guidance.)

A. Proposal for Temporary Non-Conforming Use

Prior to developing this proposal, you must consult the LWCF Manual for complete guidance. NPS must review and decided on requests for temporary uses that do not meet the requirements of allowable activities within a Section 6(f) area. A temporary non-conforming use is limited to a period of six months (180 days) or less. Continued use beyond six-months will not be considered temporary, and may result in a Section 6(f)(3) conversion of use requiring the replacement of converted parkland. For NPS review, describe the temporary non-conforming use (activities other than public outdoor recreation) in detail including the following information:

1. A letter of transmittal from the SLO recommending the proposal.
2. Describe in detail the proposed temporary non-conforming use, why it is needed, and alternative locations that were considered and why they were not pursued.
3. Explain length of time needed for the temporary non-conforming use and why.
4. Describe the size of the parkland area affected by a temporary non-conforming use and the impacts to public use of the Section 6(f) area. The proposal should explain efforts to keep the size of the area impacted by the non-recreation use to a minimum. Indicate the location of the non-conforming use on the site's 6(f) map.
5. Describe any anticipated temporary/permanent impacts to the Section 6(f) area and how the sponsor will mitigate them during and after the non-conforming use ceases.
6. Consult the LWCF Manual for additional requirements and guidelines before developing the proposal.

Proceed to Steps 5 through 7



B. Proposal for Significant Change in Use

Prior to developing the proposal, you must consult the LWCF Manual for complete guidance. NPS approval must be obtained prior to any change from one eligible use to another when the proposed use would significantly contravene the original plans or intent for the area outlined in the original LWCF application for federal assistance. NPS approval is not required for each and every facility use change. For proposals that will **significantly** change the use of a LWCF-assisted site (e.g., from passive to active recreation), address the following points:

1. A letter of transmittal from the SLO recommending the proposal.
2. Describe proposed changes and how they significantly contravene the original plans or intent of LWCF agreements.
3. Explain the need for the change in use and how the change is consistent with local plans and the SCORP.
4. Consult the LWCF Manual for additional requirements and guidelines before developing the proposal.

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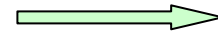


C. Proposal for Sheltering Facilities

Prior to developing this proposal, you must consult the LWCF Manual for complete guidance. NPS must review and decide on all proposals to shelter an existing outdoor recreation facility or construct a new sheltered recreation facility within a Section 6(f) area with or without LWCF assistance. The proposal must demonstrate that there is a gain or increased benefit to public recreation opportunity. Describe the sheltering proposal in detail, including the following information:

1. A letter of transmittal from the SLO recommending the proposal.
2. Describe the proposed sheltered facility, how it would operate, how the sheltered facility will include recreation uses that could typically occur outdoors, and how the primary purpose of the sheltered facility is recreation use.
3. Explain how the sheltered facility would not substantially diminish the outdoor recreation values of the site including how the sheltered facility will be compatible and significantly supportive of the outdoor recreation resources present and/or planned.
4. Explain how the sheltered facility will benefit the total park's outdoor recreation use.
5. Describe efforts provided to the public to review the proposal to shelter the facility and has local support.
6. Document that the sheltered facility will be under the control and tenure of the public agency which sponsors and administers the original park area.
7. Consult the LWCF Manual for additional requirements and guidelines before developing the proposal.

Proceed to Steps 5 through 7



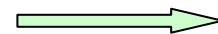
Step 5. Summary of Previous Environmental Review (including E.O. 12372-Intergovernmental Review)

Describe any prior environmental review undertaken at any time and still viable for this proposal or related efforts that could be useful to understanding potential environmental impacts. Consider previous local, state, federal (e.g. HUD, EPA, USFWS, FHWA, DOT) and 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.
2. Description of the proposed action and alternatives.
3. Who was involved in identifying resource impact issues and developing the proposal including the interested and affected public, government agencies, and Indian tribes.
4. Environmental resources analyzed and determination of impacts for proposed actions and alternatives.
5. Any mitigation measures to be part of the proposed action.
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 no, explain why not.
7. Public comment periods (how long, when in the process, who was invited to comment) and agency response to public comments.
8. Any formal decision and supporting reasons regarding degree of potential impacts to the human environment.
9. Was the LWCF federal action and/or any other federal actions analyzed/reviewed in previous environmental reviews? If so, how and what impacts were identified? Provide specific references.

Use resource impact information generated during previous environmental reviews and from recently conducted site inspections to complete the Environmental Screening Form (ESF) portion of this PD/ESF under Step 6. Your responses should indicate your proposal's potential for impacting each resource as identified in the previous environmental review, including a reference to where the analysis can be found in the document. If the previous environmental review proposed actions to mitigate impacts, summarize the mitigation for each resource as appropriate. The environmental review document(s) must be included with this PD/ESF in the proposal package submitted to NPS for federal review.

Proceed to Steps 6 through 7



Step 6. Environmental Screening Form (ESF)

This ESF portion of this PD/ESF is a working tool for planners and decision-makers to use to identify the degree of potential impacts to resources that may occur as a result of federal approval of the proposal. It also serves as the administrative record documenting the project sponsor's efforts to identify and consider impacts during proposal development. Your ESF responses may change as the planning process refines the proposal that will ultimately be submitted along with the final completed ESF for federal review and decision.

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. By early identification of possible environmental resource impacts, the information will be useful during proposal development, including ways to lessen impacts. Initiating or completing environmental analysis after a decision has been made is contrary to both the spirit and letter of the law of the National Environmental Policy Act.

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 invited to provide input as well. 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 should reflect the project sponsor's final determination of the extent to which the proposal will impact the list of resources on the form. The results of the completed ESF will inform the State's choice of which NEPA pathway to follow, i.e., categorical exclusion (CE), environmental assessment (EA), environmental impact statement (EIS). Also, the completed ESF will identify the resource topics and issues that should be presented and analyzed in an EA or an EIS, if required. Consult the LWCF Manual for further guidance on LWCF and NEPA.

The ESF contains two parts that must be completed:

Part A. Impacts to 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 that may occur directly, indirectly and cumulatively as a result of federal approval of your proposal. These impact levels should be used to estimate specific impact levels on each separate resource and must be accompanied with 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, is still viable, and it includes planned mitigation, explain this 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 A23) if not included in the list.

Use a separate sheet to explain all potential adverse impacts (negligible, minor and those exceeding minor) as well as to indicate the type of data that still needs to be determined for each of the applicable resources listed below. Describe direct, indirect and cumulative impacts as well as 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.

Indicate potential for adverse impacts.

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

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?			
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.			
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]?			
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?			
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?			
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?			
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)			
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.			
9. Violate a federal law, or a state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?			
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?			
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)?			
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)?			

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. Information may be documented as part of the LWCF pre-award site inspection if not too late to inform the environmental review.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The following individuals conducted a site inspection to verify field conditions. List name of inspector(s), title, agency, and date(s) of inspection.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Step 7. NEPA Pathway Recommendation and Certifications

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. If impacts remain at the greater than minor level, an EA must be prepared for your 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 LWCF Environmental Recommendations and Appraisal Certification

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 available upon request.

On the basis of the environmental impact information for this LWCF proposal as presented in this LWCF PD/ESF with which I am familiar, I recommend the following NEPA pathway:

- This proposal qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE).
 - CE Item #:
 - Explanation:
- This proposal requires an Environmental Assessment (EA) which is attached and has been produced in accordance with the LWCF Grants Manual.
- This proposal may require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). NPS guidance is requested per the LWCF Grants Manual.

State Appraisal Review-*For any appraisals conducted prior to proposal submission to NPS, complete this certification for each appraisal. Reproduce this certificate as necessary.*

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

Property address: _____ **Date of appraisal transmittal letter:** _____

Fair market value: \$ _____ **Effective date of value:** _____

SLO/ASLO Original Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Typed Name, Title, Agency: Rob Grant, ASLO, ADECA