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MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties
From: Janet Rogers
Park Manager

Subject: Documentation Addressing Environmental Assessment of Lake Berryessa Trailer Sites

You have asked for “reference or documentation in CEC #743 that specifically addresses an environmental assessment of my permittee site...”

Reclamation CEC #743 is a Categorical Exclusion Checklist covering “minor construction activities associated with authorized projects which correct unsatisfactory environmental conditions or which merely augment or supplement, or are enclosed within existing facilities.” In this case, the minor construction activities were those associated with the removal of all trailers at Lake Berryessa’s seven resorts that could meet the common criteria stipulated in the CEC. Hence, the CEC is referred to as the Common Criteria CEC for removal of trailers at Lake Berryessa. Most permittee sites at the Lake Berryessa concessions presumptively fall under this CEC. However, to confirm the validity of each site in meeting the specified criteria, Reclamation staff performed a visual inspection of each permittee site to affirm the applicability of the Common Criteria Categorical Exclusion. Those sites that did not meet the common criteria of the CEC were documented and specific mitigation measures were developed for them. Your site was determined to meet the criteria of the Categorical exclusion; therefore, your site has been approved for trailer removal, provided that you comply with the conditions set forth in CEC #743 as provided to you in the “Project Decision Page”.

A summary categorical checklist was provided in our earlier response, and you have requested additional detailed responses and/or substantive background documentation in explanation of these evaluations (items 1-13). A survey was conducted for the area, and it was determined that for each of the 13 categories under the CEC there was no effect on your site. You may access additional information on the process and procedures at the following site:

You will need to scroll down to "Series: Environmental Quality Program"; Part 516: NEPA Chapter 2; Appendix 2.

The Indian Trust Assets (ITA) and State Historic Preservation concurrence documents; and policy memo dated September 27, 2007 ("Policy on NEPA Compliance Strategy") are posted on the following website for your information:

http://www.usbr.gov/mp/berryessa/docs_forms/index.html

For those that do not have computer access and for your convenience, hard copies of all the information listed above are available at the Lake Berryessa Field Office, 5520 Knoxville Rd. Napa, CA.