



Finding of Applicability and No Extraordinary Circumstances Jones Creek Bridge Replacement USDA Forest Service Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area Trigg Co., KY

Proposed Action

Replacement of the Jones Creek Bridge on road 172-C at (36.679748, -88.049502). The new bridge is expected to be similar in construction to the new Long Creek Bridge near Hematite Lake: single span, with the new abutments directly replacing or being installed just behind the existing abutments. Disturbance to the channel should be minimal, aside from demolition of the existing bridge. The primary impacts will be along the existing road prism.

Category

This action is categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS). The applicable category of action is identified in agency procedures (7 CFR Part 1b.4):

7 CFR 1b.4(d)(45)(iii): Road management activities on up to 8 miles of National Forest System (NFS) roads and associated parking areas. Activities under this category cannot include construction or realignment. (iii) Replacing a bridge along an NFS road.

This category of action is applicable because the proposed action does not exceed any of the limitations and fits directly into the category.

Extraordinary Circumstances Review Compliance

I find that no extraordinary circumstances exist, as informed by the interdisciplinary review, that would warrant further analysis and documentation in an EA or EIS. I took into account relevant resources as identified in agency procedures (7 CFR Part 1b.3(f)):

- ◆ Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat or species proposed for Federal listing or proposed critical habitat. (BO, 2010/BA Addendum, 2015).
- ◆ Flood plains, wetlands, or other sensitive areas.
- ◆ Special sources of water, such as sole-source aquifers, wellhead protected areas, municipal watershed or other water sources that are vital in a region.
- ◆ Areas having formal Federal or state designations such as wilderness areas, parks, or wildlife refuges, wild and scenic rivers, marine sanctuaries; national natural landmarks; inventoried roadless areas, or national recreation areas.



- ♦ Specially managed areas, such as designed research or experimental areas, coral reefs, coastal barrier resources, or, unless exempt, coastal zone management areas.
- ♦ Important or prime agricultural, forest, or range lands.
- ♦ Property (e.g. sites, buildings, structures, and objects) of historic, archeological, or architectural significance, as designed by Federal, Tribal, State or local governments, or property eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Findings Required by Other Laws and Regulations

This decision is consistent with the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area Land and Resource Management Plan (2004).

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