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.

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| **Name of LWCF Proposal:** |  |
| **Date Submitted to NPS:** |  |

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

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

**Local or State Sponsor Contact:**

**Name/Title:**

**Office/Address:**

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**Step 1. Type of LWCF Proposal**

 **Project Amendment**

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

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

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

[ ]  State and NPS have agreed to the original 6(f)3 boundary (include documentation)

[ ]  State and NPS have agreed to the footprint of the conversion (include documentation)

[ ]  State and NPS have conceptually agreed to replacement parcel (include documentation)

[ ]  State and NPS have agreed to the development required at replacement site (include documentation)

[ ]  NPS has agreed, based on the current information, that an EIS is not likely to be needed.

**Determination of NEPA Pathway for Conversions**

1. Is the proposed conversion more than five acres or 10% of the total 6(f) acreage, whichever is less?

[ ]  Yes – prepare an environmental assessment. See manual chapter 46.b(1)

[ ]  No – continue to next question

1. Is the proposed replacement property contiguous to the park where the conversion is occurring?

[ ]  No – prepare an environmental assessment. See manual chapter 46.b(1)

[ ]  Yes – continue to step 6 and fill out the screening form, then answer next question

1. Do any environmental impacts associated with your proposal exceed minor? Or have you answered “yes” to any of the questions in table B of the screening form?

[ ]  Yes – prepare an environmental assessment. See manual chapter 46.b(1)

[ ]  No – your proposal may qualify for a categorical exclusion. Continue to next page.

The Section 6(f)(3) conversion proposal including the required NEPA environmental review documents (CE recommendation or an EA document) must focus on the loss of public outdoor recreation park land and recreational usefulness, and its replacement per 36 CFR 59, and **not** the activities precipitating the conversion or benefits thereof, such as the 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 1) focus on “resource impacts” as indicated on the ESF (Step 6), including the loss of public park land and recreation opportunities (ESF A-15), and 2) the impacts of creating new replacement park land and replacement recreation opportunities. A separate ESF must be generated for the converted park area and each replacement site. Section 6(f)(3) conversions always have more than minor impacts to outdoor recreation (ESF A-15) as a result of loss of parkland requiring an EA, except for “small” conversions as defined in the LWCF Manual Chapter 8.

**Conversion amendment checklist**

Attach the following required documents:

1. A letter of transmittal from the SLO recommending the proposal.
2. A detailed explanation of 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. An explanation of how the conversion is in accord with the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).
4. For the park site proposed for conversion:
	1. A completed DNF with the post conversion park acreage
	2. A location map of the proposed conversion site
	3. A map of the existing 6(f) boundary with an overlay of the proposed conversion area. When 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.
	4. A description of 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) park land must remain recreationally viable and not be impacted by the activities that are precipitating 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 park land.
	5. Description of the community and population served by the park, including users of the park and uses.
	6. For partial conversions, a new final 6(f) map.
5. For each proposed replacement site:
	1. A completed DNF
	2. A location map
	3. A new 6(f) map for the replacement parcel. If the site will be added to an existing public park/outdoor recreation area, indicate on map.
	4. Description of the site’s physical characteristics and resource attributes with number and 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.
	5. Identification of the owner of the replacement site and its recent history of use/function up to the present.
	6. Detailed explanation of how the proposed replacement site is of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location as the property being converted, including a description of 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.
	7. Identification of owner and manager of the new replacement park
	8. Timeframe for completing the new construction required to replace the recreation opportunity lost per the terms of conversion approval and the date the replacement park(s) will be open to the public.
6. NEPA EA or EIS, if required.

**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:

Date of environmental review(s), purpose for the environmental review(s) and for whom they were conducted.

Description of the proposed action and alternatives.

Who was involved in identifying resource impact issues and developing the proposal including the interested and affected public, government agencies, and Indian tribes.

Environmental resources analyzed and determination of impacts for proposed actions and alternatives.

Any mitigation measures to be part of the proposed action.

Intergovernmental Review Process (Executive Order 12372): Does the State have Clearinghouse process? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_. If yes, has the LWCF Program been selected for review under the State Clearinghouse 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.

Public comment periods (how long, when in the process, who was invited to comment) and agency response.

Any formal decision and supporting reasons regarding degree of potential impacts to the human environment.

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.

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 & 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.

**Conversion Site**

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| **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 negligibleimpacts | **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.  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
| 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. | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
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| 15. Recreation resources, land, parks, open space, conservation areas, rec. trails, facilities, services, opportunities, public access, etc. *Most conversions exceed minor impacts. See Step 3.B* | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |
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| 24. Other important environmental resources to address. | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  | **[ ]**  |

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| **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? | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
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| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]? | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
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**Replacement Site**

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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.

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

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 #:
		- Explanation:

 □ 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).*

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