Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Replace Kennels Storage Building
PEPC Project Number: 82087
Description of Action (Project Description):

The 2008 Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for Park Headquarters calls for demolition and removal of the existing Kennels Storage Building - a non-historic building in the Park Headquarters Historic District. The existing building is deteriorated and classified as Functionally Obsolete. The CLR describes the building as "dilapidated" and an eyesore negatively affecting views along the main Headquarters Road.In addition to demolishing the existing structure, the CLR and its associated Environmental Assessment (EA, "Headquarters Area Plan") calls for construction of a new Kennels Annex, located about 20 feet west of the existing building so as not to be visible from the Headquarters Road. The new building will support the Kennels Operation, including space for the Kennels Manager's office and files; computer work stations for staff, animal care; staff restroom; sled and gear storage, vermin-proof dog food storage; and winter patrol gear and food storage. The Kennels Support Building will include a mechanical room for space heating, and (for the first time) energy efficient heating for the historic Kennels Building, and reliable hot and cold potable water for year round dog care.

Project Locations:

Location

County: Denali Borough **State:** AK

Mitigation(s): No mitigations identified.

CE Citation: C.18 Construction of minor structures, including small improved parking lots, in previously disturbed or developed areas.

CE Justification:

The annex building will remove unsightly, non-historic structures (connexes and sheds) with limited functionality and will replace those structures with a more streamlined structure that matches the general character of the HQ cultural lancscape and better meets operational needs.

Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Signature

Superintendent: _____ **Date:** 19 July 2018

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Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
B. 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 (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?	No	
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
G. 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?	No	
H. 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?	No	
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?	No	
L. 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)?	No	