



## Categorical Exclusion Documentation Form (CE Form)

**Project:** McGregor Meadows Land Exchange

**PEPC Project Number:** 46754

**Description of Action (Project Description):**

**Updated Project Description 02/06/2020** As a result of the appraisal for the private parcels associated with this land exchange in FY2019 the North Keller's Park parcels were dropped from the proposed exchange in order to provide for equivalent values in the exchanged parcels. The updated proposal would exchange federal ownership parcel LACH Tract No. 08-108 approximately 17.48 acres for private parcel LACH Tract No. 07-203 of approximately 10.06 acres.

The NPS is considering a land exchange in Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, which would involve acquiring tract 07-203 (10.06 acres; Chelan Tax ID no. 331709340050) in exchange for divesting an approximately 17.48-acre parcel of land contiguous to the northern edge of the Stehekin Valley Ranch (08-108) as well as three parcels in North Keller's Park totaling 2.55 acres (lots 4,5, and 6) (see attached legal descriptions and maps). All three parcels in Keller's Park and 10.2 acres of the parcel near the Stehekin Valley Ranch were identified for exchange in the 2012 Final Land Protection Plan for Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and are being considered for exchange in order to obtain near equivalent values to the property that would be acquired, as required by law and policy.

In order to preserve landscape elements and protect resources, the NPS would encumber both the parcel near the Stehekin Valley Ranch as well as the three parcels in Keller's Park with two scenic easements (one for each larger property). These easements would restrict development on both parcels, ensure impacts to natural and cultural resources associated with such development would be minimized, prohibit development near hazards and riparian habitat, and protect NPS interests in maintaining the Stehekin Valley Road. Please see attached draft easements for more information.

**Project Locations:**

**Location**

<b>County:</b>	Chelan	<b>State:</b>	WA
<b>District:</b>	Stehekin	<b>Section:</b>	

**Mitigation(s):**

- Ensure that easements to protect unidentified archeological resources are placed on properties that are leaving federal ownership.

**CE Citation:** C.2 Land exchanges which will not lead to significant changes in the use of land.

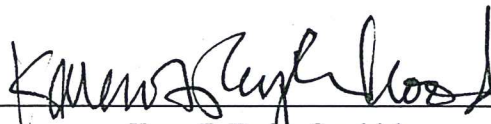
**CE Justification:**

A CE pathway for NEPA review for the proposed land exchange was made after consultation with the Regional Environmental Coordinator, park Leadership Team, and the Lands Office.

**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:**

  
Karen F. Taylor-Goodrich

**Date:**

04/11/20

**Extraordinary Circumstances:**

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	would benefit public safety by acquiring property in active channel migration zone.
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 13007)?	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	