CHAPTER II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS

**Introduction**

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), all Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) projects must be assessed for environmental impacts before any funds (federal, state or local) can be obligated. By accepting a grant, this review becomes the responsibility of the local government grantee (24 CFR 58.4). This chapter describes the assessment process and includes checklists, forms, sample letters and the latest guidance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

An overview of the federal environmental laws and authorities is provided in this chapter. The full text of the HUD environmental regulations, 24 CFR 58, is available at: <http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/topics/environment>

The environmental review is intended to ensure compliance with environmental laws and authorities and to help the public fairly understand and evaluate the impact of a project. The environmental review provides important feedback and may influence project design (e.g., avoiding a wetland) or site selection. The environmental review should be carefully prepared to avoid any challenges that may result in costly delays or possible termination of a project. Contact your Community Development Specialist at the Idaho Department of Commerce (Commerce) if you need assistance.

The environmental review begins at the inception of the project and is first documented in the “ICDBG Environmental Project Site – Field Notes Review” that accompanies the application for ICDBG funding and the Scoping Letters. HUD provides some helpful guides:

* + - * Environmental Review Guide for Community Development Block Grant Programs, HUD-CPD-782. Available at:
* <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/>
* Choosing an Environmentally “Safe” Site; available at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Choosing-an-Environmentally-Safe-Site.pdf>
* The Noise Guidebook; HUD-953-CPD (see below for availability)
* Siting of HUD-Assisted Projects Near Hazardous Facilities; HUD-1060-CPD (see below for availability)

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| HUD’s Region X Environmental staff has provided a website with links to information and tools to assist in the preparation of the environmental review:  <https://www.hud.gov/states/shared/working/r10/environment/idaho> |

**Definitions**

***Certifying Officer****:* The Certifying Officer, as the chief elected official of the grantee, executes the Request for Release of Funds and Certification. This person is responsible for satisfying all the requirements of the environmental review and is subject to federal court jurisdiction. 24 CFR 58.13 further defines the responsibilities of the Certifying Officer.

***Environmental Review Officer****:*  The city or county will designate an Environmental Review Officer to conduct the environmental review. This person must have the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to complete the environmental review. This includes project- or activity-specific information, an awareness of the environmental laws and authorities, and knowledge of the Commerce environmental review process. Generally, the Commerce Certified Grant Administrator will perform the role of Environmental Review Officer.

***Environmental Review Record (ERR)****:* An ERR is an organized written record (generally a separate file). The ERR contains all of the documentation of the environmental review process which may include:

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|  | * ICDBG Environmental Information Letters – letters sent to agencies | * Determination Forms |
|  | * Field Notes Review (from the ICDBG Application) | * Statutory Worksheet |
|  | * Completed “Green Sheets” | * Checklist for “Other Requirements” |
|  | * Source Documentation includes:   Green Sheets, maps, photos, GIS information, screen shots of web pages, site visits, etc. | * HUD Environmental Assessment Checklist |
|  |  | * Public Notices |
|  | * Government agency response letters or correspondence to the Information Letters | * Facility plans or preliminary engineering reports that are used as source documentation or reference. |
|  | * Archeological survey reports, biological assessments, ESA consultation, geotechnical reports | * Environmental reviews from other agencies that are used as source documents and referenced in the environmental review. |
|  | * ASTM Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments | * Commerce Request for Release of Funds and Certifications |
|  | * Facility plans or preliminary engineering reports | * Public Comments |

***Fund Repayment Liability****:* If ICDBG funds are in the construction line item, construction contract award or construction of the project may not begin nor shall project funds be obligated or expended until the environmental review process has been completed and a concurrence or release is issued by Commerce. Any obligation, i.e., bids awarded or land purchased, for the project before completion of the environmental review process is an ineligible use of ICDBG funds, and all funds so obligated or expended must be repaid. In extreme cases, the grant may be terminated.

**Outline of Major Steps**

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| An ICDBG Environmental Flow Chart is provided in EXHIBIT A |

**Step 1.**

* Define the project.
* Send scoping letters (EXHIBITS B.1 and B.2).
* Complete “ICDBG Environmental Project Site – Field Notes Review” with the ICDBG application.

**Step 2**. Determine Level of Clearance:

The level of environmental clearance depends on the overall nature of the project, including the end purpose for which the project is built. The analysis must consider all activities functionally or geographically related to the project. If the funded project is the construction of sewer and water lines for a new manufacturing plant, the impacts of all three components would be aggregated and considered. See 24 CFR 58.32 for more information.

The Environmental Review Officer determines the level of environmental review after defining the project scope. The determination forms in exhibits C & D will help determine the level of review. Following are the determinations levels:

* Exempt or Categorically Excluded (not subject to 58.5) ; or
* Categorically Excluded (subject to 58.5); or
* Environmental Assessment (FONSI) (24 CFR 58.40); or
* Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Generally, ICDBG projects do not require an EIS. Contact Commerce for assistance if you feel the project requires an EIS.

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Certain types of projects described in the regulations normally constitute major federal actions. This includes the rehabilitation, construction or acquisition of land for 2,500 or more residential units. Sewer and water projects that could serve a comparable number of future residential units would also be included. Projects that would remove the habitat of any endangered animal or plant life may be classified as a major federal action. The procedures are described in 24 CFR 58.55 of the regulations.

**Step 3**. Complete the guide form at the appropriate clearance level, providing source documentation, as needed:

* Exempt/Categorically Excluded Projects (not subject to 24 CFR 58.5) - (EXHIBIT C)
* Categorically Excluded Project (subject to 24 CFR 58.5) - (EXHIBIT D)
* Environmental Assessment - (EXHIBIT E)
  + *Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI),* or
  + *Finding of Significant Impact* requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Checklists:

Commerce has provided “GREEN SHEETS(EXHIBIT F) to be used in conjunction with the Statutory Checklist and Environmental Assessment. The checklists will help the Environmental Review Officer evaluate the project appropriately, document review considerations, and enter statements in the “Compliance Documentation” column on the environmental review forms. These *GREEN SHEETS* must accompany the Statutory Worksheets in the Categorical Excluded (subject to 24 CFR 58.5) and the Environmental Assessment level reviews. They will become part of the Environmental Review Record.

**Step 4.**

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| **Public Notice and RROF**  **Requirements for Environmental Reviews** | | | |
| **Level of**  **Environmental Review** | | **Form Required for Review** | **Type of Publication** |
| Exempt 58.34 and Categorical Exclusion 58.35(b) Not Subject to 58.5 | | Complete form in EXHIBIT C.  Submit to Commerce | No publication required.  Commerce issues an Environmental Concurrence. |
| Categorical Exclusion 58.35(a) Subject to 58.5 – all **A**’s on the “Statutory Worksheet” | | Complete forms in EXHIBIT D including “Checklists for HUD or Responsible Entity”. Submit to Commerce | No publication required.  Commerce issues an Environmental Concurrence. |
| Categorical Exclusion 58.35(a)  Subject to 58.5 -- One or more **B**’s on the “Statutory Worksheet” | | Complete forms in EXHIBIT D including “Checklists for HUD or Responsible Entity”. Submit to Commerce. | Publish NOI/RROF (EXHIBIT D) and wait 7 days or post Public Notice and wait 10 days\*. Then submit RROF (HUD-7015.15 – EXHIBIT D) to Commerce and wait 16 days\*. Commerce issues an Environmental Release. |
| Environmental Assessment  (EA) | | Complete forms in EXHIBIT E including “Checklists for HUD or Responsible Entity”. Submit to Commerce. | Publish FONSI and NOI/RROF (EXHIBIT E.2) and wait 16 days, or post FONSI and NOI/RROF and wait 19 days\*. Then submit RROF (HUD-7015.15 – EXHIBIT E.4) to Commerce and wait 16 days\*. Commerce issues an Environmental Release. |
| Environmental Impact Statement  (EIS) | | CALL Commerce |  |
| \* **The comment period cannot end on a weekend or holiday.**  **\* If posting, pictures are required.** | | | |
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| **KEY** | | | |
| **Finding** | A determination that the project action will or will not affect the quality of the human environment (58.41) a FONSI or FOSI | | |
| **FOSI** | Finding of Significant Impact (made at the end of EA); EIS required: Call Commerce | | |
| **FONSI** | Finding of No Significant Impact | | |
| **NOI/RROF** | Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds –APPENDIX D and APPENDIX E | | |
| **Public Notice** | 1. Publication in a newspaper of general local circulation, or  2. POSTING in a public place (city hall, project site, library, post office, county courthouse) and mailing to those indicated in 24CFR 58.43 and 58.45. (pictures required) | | |

**Step 5.** Idaho Department of Commerce Concurrence or Release

A city, county, or the sub-recipient may not commit ICDBG funds or other project funds on an activity or project until Commerce has issued an Environmental “Concurrence” or “Release” on the project.

**Other Considerations**

***Limitations on Activities pending clearance:***

A city and county nor any participant in the development process, including public or private nonprofit or for-profit entities, or any of their contractors, may not commit ICDBG funds until Commerce has approved the city or county’s RROF.In addition, until the Commerce Concurrence or Release has been issued, a private business being assisted by the project (unless it has entered into a binding legal contract prior to the submission date of the ICDBG application) may not commit non-ICDBG funds on an activity or project if it would have an adverse environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives. A commitment includes land acquisition.

Note: An option agreement on a proposed site or property is allowable prior to the completion of the environmental review if the option agreement is conditioned on the completion of an environmental review, provided the cost of the option is a nominal portion of the purchase price. The same is true for private businesses if they have not executed their option prior to grant application.

***Environmental reviews conducted by other agencies***:

Adopting environmental reviews conducted by other agencies, such as DEQ or USDA – Rural Development, is *not* recommended. The reason is that the HUD required environmental review has additional regulations added to the review and a different procedural process so you end up revising or modifying the review anyway. However, what is recommended is:

Utilizing DEQ’s or USDA-Rural Development’s environmental review as source documents for applicable regulations, such as historical properties, endangered species, etc. for the ICDBG Environmental Review. These documents may be referenced and incorporated into the ICDBG Environmental Review Record. However, the Environmental Review Officer must ensure that the environmental factor was reviewed in accordance with the laws and authorities cited by HUD.

A separate environmental review and Environmental Review Record must be created for each ICDBG project. Environmental reviews or studies prepared by other agencies for the project, an earlier project, or one nearby can provide useful information.

***Re-Evaluation****:*

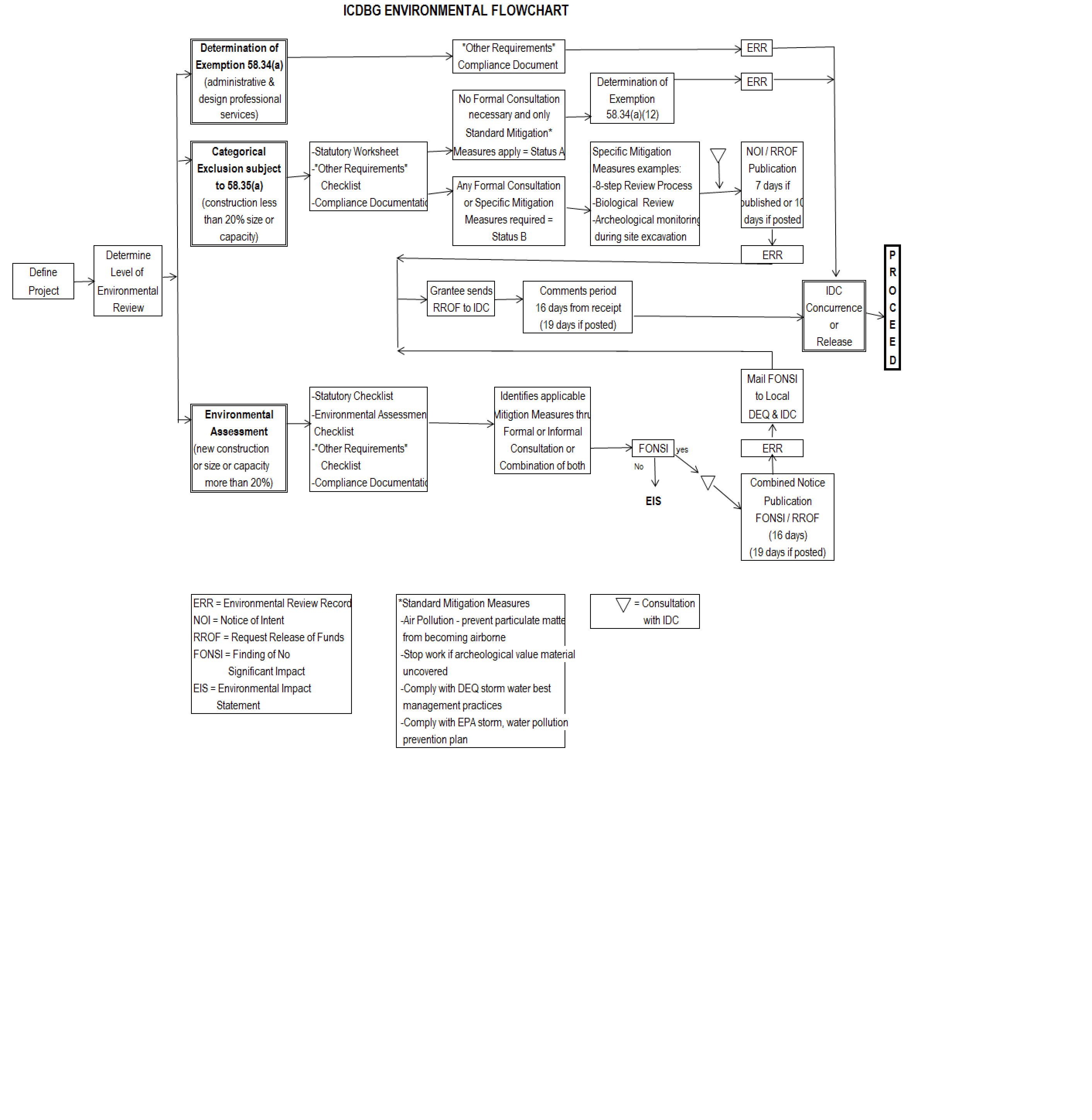
A city or county must reevaluate its environmental findings to determine if the original findings are still valid, when

* The city or county proposes substantial changes in the nature, magnitude or extent of the project including adding new activities not anticipated in the original scope of the project.
* There are new circumstances and environmental conditions which may affect the project or have a bearing on its impact, such as concealed or unexpected conditions discovered during the implementation of the project or activity which is proposed to be continued.
* The city or county proposes the selection of an alternative not in the original finding.

If the original findings are still valid but the data or conditions upon which they were based have changed, the city or county must amend the original findings and update its ERR by including this re-evaluation and its determination based on its findings.

***Exempt Activities:***

* Those projects where ICDBG funds are used only for grant administration, engineering and/or architectural services are Exempt.

**EXHIBIT A**

**EXHIBIT B.1**

**ICDBG Environmental Information Letter**

(Sample, except for SHPO or THPO)

Date

Agency Name and Address

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

The City/County has received/will be submitting an application for Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funds for (project scope and map).

All ICDBG projects are subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act.

We request your agency’s comments on the potential environmental impacts of the project. (List specific impact areas.)

Please submit any comments within 30 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact (Environmental Review Officer) at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Environmental Review Officer Signature

**EXHIBIT B.2**

**Guide Section 106 Letter to SHPOs, THPOs, and Tribal Contact**

Date

(Name)

Deputy State Historical Preservation Officer

Idaho State Historical Society

210 Main Street

Boise, Idaho 83702-7264

Dear (Name):

The City/County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is seeking federal funding to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The proposed project would use federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and is an undertaking as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.16(y). The City/County is the agency official as described in 36 CFR part 800.2. In order to determine whether historic properties will be affected by the proposed scope of work, the following information is being provided for your review and comment:

1. **The Area of Potential Effect**: Describe the Area of potential Effect (APE) for the proposed project scope
2. **Location**: Provide Range, Township, and Section or street address for the APE
3. **Federal agencies involved**: List the federal agencies involved with the project and contact information
4. **Project description**: Provide a detailed description of the proposed project.
5. **Description of ground surfaces & disturbances**: Describe the ground disturbing activity and the extent of each component of the scope of work. Describe whether the ground has been previously disturbed and to what extent.
6. **Descriptions of buildings or structures that will be affected**: List buildings or structures and year built (include houses, water towers, canals, culverts, etc.) that are 45 or more years old and historic properties known to exist in the immediate area (with photos and map).
7. **Attachments**: 1. Map(s) depicting the location of the project area; 2. Plans or illustrations showing where proposed improvements will occur; 3. Good, clear color photos (not obstructed by trees or signs) of all structures in the project area, and of the APE, clearly showing the current condition of the ground; 4. Correspondence from consulting parties (historical district, etc.); and, 5. A site form for buildings and structures, as appropriate.

I understand that you have 30 days from your receipt of this letter to respond. Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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-Enclosures

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| See Exhibit F for SHPO and THPO contact information.. For more about the Idaho SHPO and the Section 106 Review, please refer to: <http://www.idahohistory.net/section106index.html> |

**EXHIBIT C**

**COMBINED**

**DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION**

**and**

**DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

**(not subject to 24 CFR 58.5)**

(Pages II-15 thru II-17)

**Determination of Exemption or Determination of**

**Categorical Exclusion (not subject to Section 58.5)**

**24 CFR 58.34(a) and 58.35(b)**

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| Activity Name and Grant Number:  Address: Activity Description: Funding Source: ICDBG | | | |
| √ | **The activity falls into the category below, which is listed at 24 CFR 58.34(a) as Exempt.** | | |
|  | 1. Environmental and other studies, resource identification, and development of plans and strategies | | |
|  | 1. Information and financial services | | |
|  | 1. Administrative and management activities | | |
|  | 1. Public services that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes including but not limited to services concerned with: | | |
|  | * Employment * Crime prevention * Child care * Health * Recreation needs * Drug abuse | * Education * Counseling * Energy conservation * Welfare * Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
|  | 5. Inspections and testing of properties for hazards or defects | | |
|  | 6. Purchase of insurance | | |
|  | 7. Purchase of tools | | |
|  | 1. Engineering or design costs | | |
|  | 1. Technical assistance and training | | |
|  | 1. Temporary or permanent improvements that do not alter environmental conditions and are limited to activities to protect, repair or arrest the effects of disasters or imminent threats to public safety, including those resulting from physical deterioration. | | |
|  | 1. Payment of principal and interest on loans made or obligations guaranteed by HUD | | |
| √ | **The activity falls into the category listed below, which is listed at 24 CFR 58.35(b) as a Categorically Excluded activity not subject to Section 58.5.** | | |
|  | 1. Tenant-based rental assistance | | |
|  | 2. Supportive Services (including but not limited to):   * Health care * Housing services * Permanent housing placement * Day care * Nutritional services * Short term payments for rent/mortgage/utility costs * Assistance in gaining access to government benefits/services | | |
|  | 3. Operating Costs:   * Maintenance * Security * Operation * Utilities | | * Furnishings * Equipment * Supplies * Staff training and recruitment |
|  | 4. Economic Development Activities:   * Equipment purchase * Inventory financing * Interest subsidy * Operating costs * Other expenses not associated with construction or expansion | | |
|  | 5. Activities to assist homeownership of existing or dwelling units under construction not assisted with Federal funds:   * Closing costs and down payment assistance to homebuyers * Interest buy downs or other actions resulting in transfer of title | | |
|  | 6. Affordable housing pre-development costs   * Legal consulting * Developer and other site-option costs * Project financing * Administrative costs for loan commitments, zoning approvals, and other activities which don’t have a physical impact | | |
|  | 7. Approval of supplemental assistance (including insurance or guarantee) to a project previously approved under Part 58, if :the same responsible entity conducted the environmental review on the original project and re-evaluation of the environmental findings is not required under Section 58.47 | | |

Compliance Checklist for the “Other Requirements” in 24 CFR 58.6

**Section 1. Flood Disaster Protection Act**

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| Are funds for acquisition (including equipment) or construction (including repair and rehabilitation) purposes? | Yes  Continue | No  Proceed to Section 2-Act does not apply |
| Is the Activity in an area identified as having special flood hazards (SFHA)?  Identify FEMA flood map used to make this determination:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Community Name and Number  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Map panel number and date | Yes  Document and Continue | No  Document and Proceed to Section 2-Act does not apply |
| Is the Community participating in the National Insurance Program (or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards)? | Yes-Document and follow instructions below. | No-**Federal Assistance may not be used for this project.** |
| Flood Insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program must be obtained and maintained for the economic life of the project, in the amount of the total project cost. A copy of the flood insurance policy declaration must be kept on file. | | |

Section 2. Airport Runway Clear Zones (Civil) and Accident Potential Zones (Military)

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| Does the project involve HUD assistance, subsidy or insurance for the purchase or sale of an existing property? | Yes  Continue | No—Proceed to Section 3--Regulation does not apply. |
| Is the project located within 2,500 feet of a civil airport or  15,000 feet of a military airfield? | Yes  Continue | No—Document and Proceed to Section 3--Regulation does not apply. |
| Is the project located within an FAA-designated civilian airport Runway Clear Zone (RCA) or Runway Protection Zone, or within the military Airfield Clear Zone (CZ) or Accident Potential Zone/Approach Protection Zone (APZ), based upon information from the airport or military airfield administrator identifying the boundaries of such zones? | Yes  Continue | No—Document and Proceed to Section 3—regulation does not apply. |
| Comply with 24 CFR Part 51, Subpart D. This may include providing a written notice to a prospective buyer or leaser of the potential hazards from airplane accidents and the potential that an airfield operator may wish to purchase the property. Maintain copies of the signed notice. For properties located in a military clear zone, make and document a determination of whether the use of the property is consistent with DOD guidelines. Notice Sample: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/energyenviron/environment/compliance/qa/airporthazards.pdf>) | | |

**Section 3. Coastal Barrier Resources Act**

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| Section 58.6 also requires compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. There are no Coastal Barrier Resource Areas in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, or Idaho. Therefore, the Act does not apply. |

**Certification**

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| A Request for Release of Funds (RROF) is not required for this project. The activity may be initiated without further environmental review beyond 24 CFR Part 58.6.  **Name of Project**  **Responsible Entity Signature**  **Name and Title (print)**  **Date** |

**EXHIBIT D**

**DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

**(subject to 24 CFR 58.5)**

(Pages II-21 thru II-25)

(Pages II-27 thru II-30

may be applicable if required to publish or post)

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| NOTE: Be sure to include as part of the Environmental Review Record all source documentation including the completed Green Sheets. |

**Determination of Categorical Exclusion (subject to Section 58.5)**

**Determination of activities per 24 CFR 58.35(a)**

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| Project Names(s) and Grant Number(s): Address:Project Description, including all contemplated actions which logically are either geographically or functionally part of the project: Estimated cost: $  Funding Source: ICDBG | |
|  | **The project falls into the category below, which is listed at 24 CFR 58.35(a) as a Categorically Excluded activity subject to Section 58.5.** |
|  | 1. Acquisition, repair, improvement, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of public facilities and improvements (other than buildings) when the facilities and improvements are already in place and will be retained in the same use without change in size or capacity for more than 20 percent. Examples:  * Replacement of water or sewer lines * Reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks * Repaving of streets |
|  | 1. Special projects directed toward the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of and accessibility to the elderly and handicapped persons. |
|  | 1. Rehabilitation of buildings and improvements under the following conditions 2. In the case of a building for residential use (with one to four units), the density is not increased beyond four units, the land use is not changed. 3. In the case of multifamily residential buildings: 4. Unit density is not changed more than 20% 5. The project does not involve changes in land use from residential to non-residential; and 6. The estimated cost of rehabilitation is less than 75% of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation. 7. In the case of non-residential structures, including commercial, industrial, and public buildings: 8. The facilities and improvements are in place and will not be changed in size or capacity by more than 20 percent; and 9. The activity does not involve a change in land use, such as from non-residential to residential, commercial to industrial, or from one industrial use to another. |
|  | 1. An individual action 2. Up to four dwelling units where there is a maximum of four units on any one site. The units can be four one-unit buildings or one four-unit building or any combination in between; or 3. A project of five or more housing units developed on scattered sites when the sites are more than 2,000 feet apart and there are not more than four housing units on any one site. |
|  | 1. Acquisition (including leasing) or disposition of an existing structure or acquisition (including leasing) of vacant land provided that the structure or land acquired or disposed of will be retained for the same use; |
|  | 1. Combinations of the above activities |

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| The determination of the category listed above is supported by the following information (explain how you determined that the project satisfied the condition of the category you checked above and document as appropriate): |
| **You must complete the compliance checklist for 24 CFR 58.6 and the Statutory Worksheet on the following pages.** |

**Compliance Checklist for the “Other Requirements” in 24 CFR 58.6**

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| Project Name: |

**Section 1. Flood Disaster Protection Act**

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| Are funds for acquisition (including equipment) or construction (including repair and rehabilitation) purposes? | Yes  Continue | No  Proceed to Section 2-Act does not apply |
| Is the Activity in an area identified as having special flood hazards (SFHA)?  Identify FEMA flood map used to make this determination:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Community Name and Number  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Map panel number and date | Yes  Document and Continue | No  Document and Proceed to Section 2-Act does not apply |
| Is the Community participating in the National Insurance Program (or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards)? | Yes-Document and follow instructions below. | No-**Federal Assistance may not be used for this project.** |
| Flood Insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program must be obtained and maintained for the economic life of the project, in the amount of the total project cost. A copy of the flood insurance policy declaration must be kept on file. | | |

Section 2. Airport Runway Clear Zones (Civil) and Accident Potential Zones (Military)

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| Does the project involve HUD assistance, subsidy or insurance for the purchase or sale of an existing property? | Yes  Continue | No-Proceed to Section 3-regulation does not apply. |
| Is the project located within 2,500 feet of a civil airport or 15,000 feet of a military airfield? | Yes  Continue | No-Document and proceed to Section 3-regulation does not apply. |
| Is the project located within an FAA-designated civilian airport Runway Clear Zone (RCA) or Runway Protection Zone, or within the military Airfield Clear Zone (CZ) or Accident Potential Zone/Approach Protection Zone (APZ), based upon information from the airport or military airfield administrator identifying the boundaries of such zones? | Yes  Continue | No-Document and proceed to Section 3-regulation does not apply. |
| Comply with 24 CFR Part 51, Subpart D. This may include providing a written notice to a prospective buyer or leaser of the potential hazards from airplane accidents and the potential that an airfield operator may wish to purchase the property. Maintain copies of the signed notice. For properties located in a military clear zone, make and document a determination of whether the use of the property is consistent with DOD guidelines. Notice Sample: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/energyenviron/environment/compliance/qa/airporthazards.pdf>) | | |

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**STATUTORY WORKSHEET**

Use this worksheet only for projects which are Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR Section 58.35(a).

**PROJECT NAME and Grant Number**:

**Compliance documentation must contain verifiable source documents and relevant base data.**

**Compliance Factors:**

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| Statutes, Executive Orders, and  Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 | Status  A/B | Compliance Documentation |
| Historic Preservation  [36 CFR Part 800] |  |  |
| Floodplain Management  [24 CFR 55, Executive Order 11988] |  |  |
| Wetland Protection  [Executive Order 11990] |  |  |
| Coastal Zone Management Act  [Sections 307(c), (d)] | A | There are no Coastal Zones in Idaho. Therefore, the Act does not apply. |
| Sole Source Aquifers  [40 CFR 149] |  |  |
| Endangered Species Act  [50 CFR 402] |  |  |
| Wild and Scenic Rivers Act  [Sections 7(b), and (c)] |  |  |
| Clean Air Act - [Sections 176(c), (d),  and 40 CFR 6, 51, 93] |  |  |
| Farmland Protection Policy Act  [7 CFR 658] |  |  |
| Environmental Justice  [Executive Order 12898] |  |  |
| **HUD ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS**  Noise Abatement and Control  [24 CFR 51B] |  |  |
| Explosive and Flammable Operations  [24 CFR 51C] |  |  |
| Toxic Chemicals and Radioactive Materials  [24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)] |  |  |
| Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones [24 CFR 51D] |  |  |

**DETERMINATION:**

This project converts to Exempt, per Section 58.34(a)(12), because it does not require any mitigation for compliance with any listed statutes or authorities, nor requires any formal permit or license (Status "A" has been determined in the status column for all authorities); **This** (now) EXEMPT project may now be initiated; OR

This project cannot convert to Exempt because one or more statutes/authorities require consultation or mitigation. Complete consultation/mitigation requirements, publish NOI/RROF and obtain Authority to Use Grant Funds (HUD 7015.16) per Section 58.70 and 58.71 before initiating the project; OR

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**CERTIFICATION:**

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY SIGNATURE:

NAME, TITLE: DATE:

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*Publish or post this notice when there is a Status “***B***” on the Statutory Worksheet.*

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date of Notice

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone Number of City/County Preparer Agency

On or about (at least one day after the end of the comment period), the City/County will submit a request to the Idaho Department of Commerce for the release of funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as (Project Title), for the purpose of (Nature/Scope of project, estimated funding, and project location if applicable).

The activity proposed is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Name and Address of City/County office where ERR can be examined and name and address of other locations where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays \_\_\_ A.M. to \_\_\_ P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City/County designated office responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by (If notice is published: notice date plus seven days; If notice is posted: posting date plus ten days) will be considered by the City/County prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City/County certifies to the Idaho Department of Commerce that Name of Certifying Officer in his/her capacity as Official Title consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Idaho Department of Commerce approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City/County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Idaho Department of Commerce will accept objections to its release of funds and the City/County's certification for a period of sixteen (16) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

(a) The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City/County;

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(c) The grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Idaho Department of Commerce; or,

(d) Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Idaho Department of Commerce grant administration office at Address of that office. Potential objectors should contact the Idaho Department of Commerce to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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(Signature of Chief Elected Official of Grantee)

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(Typed Name and Title)

This Notice can be provided in a format accessible to persons with disabilities and/or persons with limited English proficiency upon request.

Se le puede proveer esta notificación en un formato accesible para las personas discapacidades y/o personas con conocimientos limitados del inglés a pedido.

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| **Request for Release of Funds and Certification** | **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  Office of Community Planning and Development | OMB No. 2506-0087  (exp. 03/31/2020) |

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

**Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)**

**The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following**

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s)

10. Location (Street address, city, county, State)

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| 1. Program Title(s)  State of Idaho Community Development Block Grant Program | 2. HUD/State Identification Number  B-18-DC-16-0001 | 3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) |
| 4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14.228 | 5. Name and address of responsible entity | |
| 6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) |
| 8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request  Idaho Department of Commerce | 7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) | |

11. Program Activity/Project Description

 form **HUD-7015.15** (1/99)

**Part 2. Environmental Certification** (to be completed by responsible entity)

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| **With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:**  1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above. |
| 1. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws. 2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public. |
| **4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.** |
| 5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure. |
| 6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58. |
| 7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.  **As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:** |

**Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Previous editions are obsolete form **HUD-7015.15** (1/99)

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| 8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity. | |
| 9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity. | |
| Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity  **X** | Title of Certifying Officer |
| Date signed |
| Address of Certifying Officer | |
| **~~Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity~~** | |
| ~~The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).~~ | |
| ~~Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient~~  **~~X~~** | ~~Title of Authorized Officer~~ |
| ~~Date signed~~ |

**EXHIBIT E**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

(Pages II-33 thru II-54)

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| NOTE: Be sure to include as part of the Environmental Review Record all source documentation including the completed Green Sheets. |

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Responsible Entity** [24 CFR 58.2(a)(7)]:

**Certifying Officer** [24 CFR 58.2(a)(2)]:

**Project Name:**

**Project Location:**

**Estimated total project cost: $**

## Grant Recipient [24 CFR 58.2(a)(5)]:

**Recipient Address:**

**Project Representative:**

**Telephone Number:**

**Conditions for Approval:** List all mitigation measures adopted by the responsible entity to eliminate or minimize adverse environmental impacts. These conditions must be included in project contracts or other relevant documents as requirements [24 CFR 58.40(d), 40 CFR 1505.2(c)].

**FINDING:** [58.40(g)]

⬜ **Finding of No significant Impact**

(The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment)

⬜ **Finding of Significant Impact**

(The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment)

**Environmental Review Officer: Date**

**(signature)**

**Chief Elected Official Signature: Date**

**(signature)**

**Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal:** [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]

**Description of the Proposal:** Include all contemplated actions, which logically are either geographically or functionally a composite part of the project, regardless of the source of funding [24 CFR 58.32, 40 CFR 1508.25].

**Existing Conditions and Trends:** Describe the existing conditions of the project area and its surroundings, and trends likely to continue in the absence of the project [24CFR 58.40(a)].

**Statutory Worksheet**

[24CFR §58.5 and §58.6]

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For each listed statute, executive order or regulation, record the determinations made. Note reviews and consultations completed as well as any applicable permits or approvals obtained. Attach evidence that all required actions have been taken. Record any conditions or mitigation measures required. Then, make a determination of compliance or consistency.

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| **Laws/Authorities/E.O.s** | **Status A/B** | **Determination and Supporting Documentation** |
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| **Flood Plain Management**  [24 CFR 55, Executive Order 11988] |  |  |
| **Wetlands Protection**  [Executive Order 11990 |  |  |
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| **Wild and Scenic**  **Rivers Act**  [Sections 7 (b), (c)] |  |  |
| **Air Quality**  [Clean Air Act, Sections 176 (c)  and (d), and 40 CFR 6, 51, 93] |  |  |
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| **HUD Environmental Standards** | **Status A/B** | **Determination and Supporting Documentation** |
| **Noise Abatement and**  **Control** [24 CFR 51 B] |  |  |
| **Siting of HUD-Assisted Projects near Explosive & Flammable Operations**  [24 CFR 51 C] |  |  |
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**Compliance Checklist for the “Other Requirements” in 24 CFR 58.6**

**Section 1.** Flood Disaster Protection Act

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| Are funds for acquisition (including equipment) or construction (including repair and rehabilitation) purposes? | Yes  Continue | No  Proceed to Section 2-Act does not apply |
| Is the Activity in an area identified as having special flood hazards (SFHA)?  Identify FEMA flood map used to make this determination:  Community Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Map panel number and date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Yes  Document and  Continue | No  Document and Proceed to Section 2-Act does not apply |
| Is the Community participating in the National Insurance Program (or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards)? | Yes-Document; follow instructions | No-**Federal Assistance may not be used for this project.** |
| *Flood Insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program must be obtained and maintained for the economic life of the project, in the amount of the total project cost. A copy of the flood insurance policy declaration must be kept on file.* | | |

**Section 2.** Airport Runway Clear Zones (Civil) and Accident Potential Zones (Military)

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| Does the project involve HUD assistance, subsidy or insurance for the purchase or sale of an existing property? | Yes  Continue | No—Proceed to Section 3—regulation does not apply. |
| Is the project located within 2,500 feet of a civil airport or 15,000 feet of a military airfield? | Yes  Continue | No—Document and proceed to Section 3—regulation does not apply. |
| Is the project located within an FAA-designated civilian airport Runway Clear Zone (RCA) or Runway Protection Zone, or within the military Airfield Clear Zone (CZ) or Accident Potential Zone/Approach Protection Zone (APZ), based upon information from the airport or military airfield administrator identifying the boundaries of such zones? | Yes  Continue | No—Document and proceed to Section 3—regulation does not apply. |
| *Comply with 24 CFR Part 51, Subpart D. This may include providing a written notice to a prospective buyer or leaser of the potential hazards from airplane accidents and the potential that an airfield operator may wish to purchase the property. Maintain copies of the signed notice. For properties located in a military clear zone, make and document a determination of whether the use of the property is consistent with DOD guidelines. Notice Sample:* <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/energyenviron/environment/compliance/qa/airporthazards.pdf>) | | |

**Section 3.** Coastal Barrier Resources Act

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| There are no Coastal Barrier Resource Areas in Idaho. Therefore, the Act does not apply. |

##### Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Use the instructions for completing the HUD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

[Environmental Review Guide HUD CPD 782, 24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 &1508.27]

Evaluate the significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Enter relevant base data and verifiable source documentation to support the finding. Then enter the appropriate impact code from the following list to make a finding of impact. **Impact Codes**: (**1)** No impact anticipated; (**2)** Potentially beneficial; (**3)** Potentially adverse; (**4)** Requires mitigation; (**5)** Requires project modification. Per

40 CFR 1508.9(b), note sources, agencies, persons consulted, dates of contact, telephone numbers and page references. Attach additional materials as needed.

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| **Land Development** | **Code** | **Information Source and/or Documentation** |
| Conformance with Comprehensive Plans and Zoning |  |  |
| Compatibility and Urban Impact |  |  |
| Slope |  |  |
| Erosion |  |  |
| Soil Suitability |  |  |
| Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety |  |  |
| Energy Consumption |  |  |
| **Noise**  Contribution to Community Noise Levels |  |  |
| **Air Quality**  Effects of Ambient Air Quality on Project and Contribution to Community Pollution Levels |  |  |
| **Environmental Design**  Visual Quality – Coherence, Diversity, Compatible Use and Scale |  |  |

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| **Socioeconomic** | **Code** | | |  |
| Demographic Character Changes |  |  | | |
| Displacement |  |  | | |
| Employment and Income Patterns |  |  | | |
| **Community Facilities**  **and Services** | **Code** | | **Information Source and/or Documentation** | |
| Educational Facilities |  |  | | |
| Commercial Facilities |  |  | | |
| Health Care |  |  | | |
| Social Services |  |  | | |
| Solid Waste |  |  | | |
| Waste Water |  |  | | |
| Storm Water |  |  | | |
| Water Supply |  |  | | |
| Public Safety  -Police |  |  | | |
| -Fire |  |  | | |
| -Emergency Medical |  |  | | |
| Open Space and Recreation  -Open Space |  |  | | |
| -Recreation |  |  | | |
| -Cultural Facilities |  |  | | |
| -Transportation |  |  | | |

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| **Natural Features** | **Code** | | **Information Source and/or Documentation** |
| Water Resources |  |  | |
| Surface Water |  |  | |
| Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands |  |  | |
| Vegetation and Wildlife |  |  | |

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| **Other Factors** | **Code** | | **Information Source and/or Documentation** |
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## Summary of Findings and Conclusions

**ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION**

**Alternatives and Project Modifications Considered** [24 CFR 58.40(e), Ref. 40 CFR 1508.9] (identify other reasonable courses of action that were considered and not selected, such as other sites, design modifications, or other uses of the subject site. Describe the benefits and adverse impacts to the human environment of each alternative and the reasons for rejecting it.)

**No action Alternative** [24 CFR 58.40(e)]

(Discuss the benefits and adverse impacts to the human environment of not implementing the preferred alternative.)

**Mitigation Measures Recommended** [24 CFR 58.40(d), 40 CFR 1508.20]

(Recommend feasible ways in which the proposal or external factors relating to the proposal should be modified in order to eliminate or minimize adverse environmental impacts.)

**Additional Studies Performed**

(Attach studies or summaries)

**INSTRUCTIONS for completing the HUD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

***\*\*\*\*SAMPLE CHECKLIST ON PAGE 111\*\*\*\****

The major purpose of the Checklist is to allow a more detailed analysis on those categories of potentially significant impact. Judgments of the project on the specific impacts should be based on source documentation from the grant administrator’s site visit and knowledge, planning and zoning data, facilities plans or reports, design professional opinions, economic impacts, etc. If the impact is adequately covered under the Statutory Checklist this should be noted and no further analysis is required.

Note: a number of the assessment checklist impacts revolve around housing and urban development, so there are times when the direct link between a typical ICDBG project (usually infrastructure and rural) and the impact are not direct, or seem logical. It does seem odd to even ask the question if the proposed sewer lagoon will be create a burden on emergency medical services. Regardless, the checklist does need to completed and reference applicable source documentation that includes names, date of contact, phone numbers, and websites.

The determinations to be made for each impact include:

**No Impact Anticipated = 1** (example - Sewer lagoon expansion will not have a negative impact on emergency medical services)

**Potentially Beneficial = 2** (example - Installation of wind turbine will help meet increasing energy consumption needs plus diversify reliance on other sources)

**Potentially Adverse = 3** (example - Soil is sandy, however, it will replaced with structural compacted fill to ensure proper base for water tank installation.)

**Requires Mitigation = 4** (example - Soil excavation near the river requires that the contractor comply with DEQ’s Best Management Practices for control and treatment of storm water)

**Requires Project Modification = 5** (example – Building site was moved to higher elevation out of the 100 year floodplain)

When completing the environmental assessment checklist use the following questions to assist you in determine what determination is applicable for the impact.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**Conformance with Comprehensive Plans and Zoning**

Is the project in conformance with the local comprehensive plan?

Does the project meet planning and zoning codes?

**Compatibility and Urban Impact**

Will the project have an adverse effect on the economy of a core city area?

Will the project contribute to urban sprawl?

Will it displace economic activity from a central business district?

Does the proposed project contribute to reducing the racial, ethnic and income segregation of the area’s housing?

**Slope**

Slopes: Slight (0-6%) Moderate (6-12%) Steep (12%+)

Is there evidence of slope erosion or unstable slope conditions on or near the site?

**Erosion**

Is there evidence or erosion or sedimentation?

Does site clearance require vegetation removal?

Does the project involve development of an erosion sensitive area (near water, on a steep slope, on a sandy or silty soil)?

Is an erosion control plan included as part of the construction?

**Soil Suitability**

Is there any visible evidence of soil problems (foundations cracking or settling, basement flooding, etc.)?

Have soil studies or borings been made for the project site or the area?

Do the soil studies or borings indicate marginal or unsatisfactory soil conditions?

Is there indication of cross-lot runoff, swales, drainage flows on the property?

Are there visual indications of filled ground?

Is a soils report (other than structural) needed?

Are structural borings or a dynamic soil analysis/geological study needed?

**Hazards, Nuisances and Site Safety**

Does the project involve any of the potential hazards listed:

Noise

Vibration

Odor

Lack of Light

Air Pollution

Toxic Chemical Dumps

Mine Tailings

Site Hazards (traffic, natural)

Has the site has been used as a dump or landfill?

Are there project users or neighboring populations whose special health and safety needs are not anticipated in the project design?

Have actions been taken to protect children from attractive nuisances?

Will measures be taken to protect the public near the construction sites?

**Energy Consumption**

Does the location of the site have any special energy related advantages or disadvantages?

Are energy efficient designs or building materials incorporated into the project?

Has the owner investigated possible energy efficient design incentives?

**Noise**

Will project contribute to community noise levels?

**Air Quality**

Does the project require an operating permit?

Is the project located in a vicinity where air quality violations have been registered?

If the project or its potential users would be sensitive to existing air pollution has the project been designed to mitigate possible adverse effects?

Will the project establish a trend which, if continued may lead to violation of air quality standards in the future?

**Environmental Design**

Will there be demonstrable destruction or physical alteration of the natural or man-made environment?

Will there be intrusion of elements out of character or scale with existing physical environment?

Will the proposed structure block views or degrade them, change the skyline or create a new focal point?

Will there be interference with or impairment of ambient (or existing background) conditions necessary for the enjoyment of the physical environment?

**SOCIOECONOMIC**

**Demographic Character Changes**

Will the proposed project significantly alter the demographic characteristics of the community?

Will the proposed project result in physical barriers or difficult access which will isolate a particular neighborhood or population group, making access to local services, facilities and institutions or other parts of the city more difficult?

Will the proposed project severely alter residential, commercial or industrial uses?

**Displacement**

Will the project directly displace individuals or families?

Will the project destroy or relocate existing jobs, community facilities or any business establishments?

**Employment and Income Patterns**

Will the project either significantly increase or decrease employment opportunities?

Will it create conditions favorable or unfavorable to commercial, industrial, or institutional operation or development?

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

**Educational Facilities**

Will the local school system have the capability to service the potential school age children from the project?

Will the additional school age children in the proposed housing development exceed the capacity of existing or planned school facilities?

Does the potentially affected school(s) have adequate and safe access to facilities?

**Commercial Facilities**

Do local retail services meet the needs of project occupants/users? Are they affordable and is the range of services adequate?

Will existing retail and commercial services be adversely impacted by the proposed project? Will existing businesses be placed at a competitive disadvantage or be displaced?

**Health Care**

Are non-emergency health care services located within a reasonable proximity to the proposed project, i.e., less than a half hour’s drive or commute?

**Social Services**

Are social services currently located in close proximity to the prospective users/residents? Are the within walking distance or convenient to public transportation and less than one-half hour’s commute?

Will the demand for the social services increase and overburden existing facilities, can provisions be made to obtain alternative and/or additional space?

**Solid Waste**

Will the existing or planned solid waste disposal system adequately service the proposed development?

As a result of the project, will the design capacity of these facilities be exceeded?

Will the proposed project be adversely affected by proximity to these facilities?

**Waste Water**

If the sanitary sewers and waste water disposal systems are non-municipal, has an acceptable “system” been approved by appropriate authorities and agencies?

Will existing or planned waste water systems adequately service the proposed development?

As a result of the project, will the design capacity of these facilities be exceeded?

Will the proposed project be adversely affected by proximity to these facilities?

**Storm Water**

Will existing or planned storm water disposal and treatment systems adequately service the proposed development?

Will the project overload the design capacity of these facilities?

**Water Supply**

Will either the municipal water utility or on-site water supply system be adequate to serve the proposed project?

Is the water supply quality safe from a chemical and bacteriological standpoint?

Will the project affect a sole source or other aquifer?

**Public Safety**

**-Police**

Are police services located within reasonable proximity to the proposed project?

Will the project have an overburden on police services?

**-Fire**

Is fire fighting protection municipal volunteer adequate and equipped to service the project?

Will the project have an overburden on fire services?

**-Emergency Medical**

Are emergency health care providers located within reasonable proximity to the proposed project?

Will the project have an overburden on emergency medical services?

**Open Space and Recreation**

**-Open Space**

Are open space areas within reasonable proximity (i.e., walking distance) to the project area?

Is there adequate supply of these resources for the users or resident population of the development?

Will the ICDBG project reduce, eliminate, or overload the open space area?

**-Recreation**

Are parks within reasonable proximity (i.e., walking distance) to the project area?

Is there adequate supply of these resources for the users or resident population of the development?

Will the ICDBG project reduce, eliminate, or overload the open space area?

**-Cultural Facilities**

Are cultural facilities within reasonable proximity (i.e., walking distance) to the project area?

Is there adequate supply of these resources for the users or resident population of the development?

Will the ICDBG project reduce, eliminate, or overload the cultural facilities?

**-Transportation**

Will transportation facilities and services be adequate to meet the needs of the project’s users?

Will the project encourage additional private vehicle trips and increase energy consumption?

Will the project create any safety hazards?

Will the project be provided with an adequate level of transportation service?

**NATURAL FEATURES**

**Water Resources**

Is the site subject to rapid water withdrawal problems which change the depth or character of the water table?

Are there visual or other indications of water quality problems on or near the site?

Will the project involve discharge of sewage effluent into surface water bodies? If so, will it meet Federal, state, and other applicable standards?

Will the project involve a substantial increase in impervious surface area and if so, have runoff control measures been included in the design?

**Surface Water**

Will the project be located in the 100-year floodplain?

Does the proposed ICDBG project have the potential to affect or be affected by a wetland?

Is the project in compliance with Executive Order 11990?

Are there available alternatives to locating the project or activity in the wetland?

**Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands**

Will the proposed project location, construction, or activities of project users adversely impact unique natural features on or near the site?

Will the project either destroy or isolate from public or scientific access the unique natural features?

Will the project damage or destroy existing remnant plant communities, especially rare or endangered species?

Will it damage or destroy trees without replacement and landscaping?

Will the project create environmental conditions which might threaten the survival of existing vegetation, particularly changes in the native plant community habitats?

Will drainage from the project adversely affect farmland?

Will the project location, construction, or activities of project users adversely affect important and productive farmlands on or near the site by conversion?

**Vegetation and Wildlife**

Will the project damage or destroy existing wildlife habitats?

Will the project threaten any animal species listed by either Federal or State agencies as rare or endangered?

Will the project damage game or fish habitats or spawning grounds?

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| See Page 51- regarding distribution of this notice. |

**Combined Public Notice**

# Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment

**and**

**Notice to Intent to Request for Release of Funds**

(Name of Grantee)

(Street, City, Zip Code) (Telephone No.)

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the (City/County)

**Request for the Release of Funds**

On or about (at least day after the end of the public comment period) the (City/County) will submit a request to the Idaho Department of Commerce, State of Idaho, administering agency for the release of Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following project:

(Project Title)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Purpose or Nature of the Project)

(Location of Project: City, County, State)

(Estimated Cost of Project)

**Finding of No Significant Impact**

The (City/County) has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at (Name and address of the City/County) where the ERR can be examined and (if applicable name and address of other locations where record is available for review) may be examined or copied weekdays \_\_\_\_ A.M. to \_\_\_\_P.M.

**Public Comments**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comment to the (City/County) for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received (if notice published – insert the date that is 16 days from date notice appeared in newspaper / if notice posted – insert the date that is 19 days from date notice was posted) will be considered by the (City/County) prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comment should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**Release of Funds**

The (City/County) is certifies to the Idaho Department of Commerce that (chief elected official), in her/his official capacity as (office) consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Idaho Department of Commerce’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows for the (City/County) to use ICDBG funds.

**Objections to State Release of Funds**

The Idaho Department of Commerce will accept objections to its release of funds and the (City/County) certification for a period of sixteen (16) days following the anticipated submission date or its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

A. The certification was not executed by the certifying officer.

B. The (City/County’s) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58;

C. The (City/County) has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds by the Idaho Department of Commerce.

D. Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at

24 CFR Part 58 and shall be addressed to:

Dennis Porter, Community Development Manager

Idaho Department of Commerce

700 West State Street

PO Box 83720

Boise, Idaho 83720-0093

Telephone: 208-287-0782

Potential objectors should contact the Idaho Department of Commerce to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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(Signature of Chief Elected Official of Grantee)

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(Typed Name and Title)

This Notice can be provided in a format accessible to persons with disabilities and/or persons with limited English proficiency upon request.

Se le puede proveer esta notificación en un formato accesible para las personas discapacidades y/o personas con conocimientos limitados del inglés a pedido.

**Distribution**

**of**

**Public Notices**

**Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact**

**and**

**Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds**

The Notices must be sent to the following organizations and individuals, as well as, being published in the local newspaper or posted:

- Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, local office

- (your regional) IDC Specialist

Idaho Department of Commerce

PO Box 83720

Boise, Idaho 83720-0093

This is only a suggested list. Depending on the scope of the project or the level of controversy, others should be added. This could include special interest groups like a resident or neighborhood association, a downtown business group, etc. upon which the project would have a direct impact. More than the minimum comment period may be required.

Minimally, the grantee must be prepared to provide Notices in a format accessible to persons with disabilities and/or persons with limited English proficiency upon request and at no cost to the requestor.

Additional guidance and tools for addressing limited English proficiency are available at: [www.lep.gov](http://www.lep.gov) and <http://fairhousingforum.org/>

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| **Request for Release of Funds and Certification** | **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  Office of Community Planning and Development | OMB No. 2506-0087  (exp. 03/31/2020) |

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

**Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)**

**The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following**

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s)

10. Location (Street address, city, county, State)

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| 1. Program Title(s)  State of Idaho Community Development Block Grant Program | 2. HUD/State Identification Number  B-18-DC-16-0001 | 3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) |
| 4. OMB Catalog Number(s) 14.228 | 5. Name and address of responsible entity | |
| 6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) |
| 8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request  Idaho Department of Commerce | 7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity) | |

11. Program Activity/Project Description

 form **HUD-7015.15** (1/99)

**Part 2. Environmental Certification** (to be completed by responsible entity)

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| **With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:**  1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above. |
| 1. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws. 2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public. |
| **4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did did not require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.** |
| 5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure. |
| 6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58. |
| 7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.  **As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:** |

**Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Previous editions are obsolete form **HUD-7015.15** (1/99)

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| 8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity. | |
| 9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity. | |
| Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity  **X** | Title of Certifying Officer |
| Date signed |
| Address of Certifying Officer | |
| **~~Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity~~** | |
| ~~The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).~~ | |
| ~~Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient~~  **~~X~~** | ~~Title of Authorized Officer~~ |
| ~~Date signed~~ |

**EXHIBIT F**

**GREEN SHEETS and other**

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**DISCLAIMER**: These checklists were developed by HUD Region X and Commerce and are intended as a tool to help CDBG grantees and grant administrators complete environmental requirements. The checklists are not HUD policy statements, and the laws, regulations, executive orders and other authorities take precedence over any information found in the checklists.

These checklists are also available online at:

<http://commerce.idaho.gov/communities/community-grants/community-development-block-grant-cdbg>

**GREEN SHEET F.1**

# Historic Preservation

**Checklist for Responsible Entity**

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **Regulation** |
| Protect sites, buildings, and objects with national, state or local historic, cultural and/or archeological significance. Identify effects of project on properties | National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470(f), Section 106 | 36 CFR Part 1294  36 CFR Part 800  24 CFR Part 58.5(a) |

1. **Does the project include: Repair, rehabilitation or conversion of existing properties that are 45 years or older? New construction?  The acquisition of undeveloped land? Or, any activity that requires ground disturbance (defined as one cubic foot of disturbed soil)?**

No: STOP here. The Section 106 Historic Preservation review is complete.

* Record your determination that the project type will not adversely affect historic properties on the Statutory Worksheet or Environmental Assessment.

Yes: PROCEED to #2

1. **Does the project involve only those activities permitted without further consultation under a programmatic agreement among the responsible entity, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation?** Not applicable to Idaho, your response is “No”

No: PROCEED to #3

**3. Does the project involve a structure that is less than 45 years old with no ground disturbing activities and you have determined there is no potential to cause effects on historic properties per 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1)?**

Yes: STOP here. The Section 106 Historic Preservation review is complete.

* Record your determination that there is no potential to cause effect, including the age of the existing building if appropriate, on the Statutory Worksheet or Environmental Assessment.

No: PROCEED to #4

**4. In consultation with SHPO/THPO and any tribes or groups that may have an interest in the project, have you determined that there are no historic properties affected?**

You must consider the Area of Potential Effect (APE). *The APE is defined as the geographic area within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties.* The APE is influenced by the scale and nature of an undertaking. (36 CFR Part 800.16)

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| * Consult the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) or if the project is on tribal land, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) with details of the project and project site. SHPO or THPO typically has 30 days from receipt of a well-documented request to make a determination. We recommend sending the letter with a return receipt form to document the contact. If they do not respond within the timeframe, you may proceed with your determination or consult with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). Contact information for State Historic Preservation Officers is available at [www.achp.gov/shpo.html](http://www.achp.gov/shpo.html). See also pages 59-61 of this chapter for SHPO and THPO contact information. * Determine if there are tribes or groups that have demonstrated interest in the historic aspects of the project and invite them to participate in the consultation. You must make a reasonable and good faith effort to identify Indian tribes that may have an interest. |

Yes: STOP here. The Section 106 Historic Preservation review is complete.

* Attach SHPO concurrence to the ERR and copies of letters to and from other interested parties and your response. If SHPO/THPO did not respond within 30 days, your dated letter documents contact efforts.
* Record your determination of “no historic properties affected” on the Statutory Worksheet or Environmental Assessment.

No: Continue to#5

**5. Will the project have an “adverse effect” (per 36 CFR 800.5) on any property(ies) listed or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places?**

No: *A categorically excluded project (24 CFR Part 58.35(a)) cannot convert to exempt under §58.34(a)((12)-you must go through the RROF process*.

* Attach SHPO concurrence to the ERR and copies of letters to and from other interested parties and your response.

Yes:

* Resolve Adverse Effects per 800.6 in consultation with SHPO/THPO, the ACHP if participating, and any consulting parties. The CDBG may not be approved until adverse effects are resolved according to 800.6 or you have complied with 36 CFR Part 800. *A categorically excluded project (24 CFR Part 58.35(a)) cannot convert to exempt under §58.34(a)((12)-you must go through the RROF process*.

Historic Preservation Contacts

National Contacts

###### National Parks Service-National Historic Register

[http://www.nps.gov/nr/research/](http://www.nps.gov/nr/research/%20)

##### Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Office of Planning and Review

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 809

Washington, DC 20004

Phone: (202) 606-8503

Fax: (202) 606-8647

E-mail: achp@achp.gov

Website: [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov) (The Council's Website includes a "Users Guide to Section 106 Review" and contact information for Federal agencies, State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs), and tribes.)

# Idaho

**State Historic Preservation Office**

201 Main Street  
Boise, Idaho 83702

Phone: (208)334-3847

Website: [http://history.idaho.gov/state-historic-preservation-office](http://history.idaho.gov/state-historic-preservation-office%20) (Includes contact names and addresses, guidance on submitting Section 106 consultation requests, and useful links.)

**Idaho State Historic Society**

Deputy State Historic Preservation Office

210 Main Street

Boise, ID 83702

Phone: (208)334-3847

Fax: (208)334-2775

[www.history.idaho.gov](http://www.history.idaho.gov)

##### Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and Tribal Contacts

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| **Note: The areas of Idaho of interest to the tribes overlap in some instances and referral to two or more tribes may be necessary for at least the initial contact.** | |
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# GREEN SHEET F.2

# Floodplain Management

## Checklist for Responsible Entity

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **Regulation** |
| Avoid the adverse impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of floodplains.  Avoid floodplain development whenever there are practicable alternatives. | Executive Order 11988, May 24 1977 | 24 CFR Part 55 |

**1. Is the Project located in a floodway or a 100 or 500-year flood plain?**

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| * For projects in areas mapped by FEMA, maintain the FEMA map panel that includes your project site. Make sure to include the map panel number and date. For projects in areas not mapped by FEMA, use the best information available to determine floodplain information. Include documentation of why this is the best available information for the site. |

No: STOP here. The Floodplain Management regulations do not apply.

* Record your determination that the project is not in a floodplain or floodway.

Yes—Floodway. **STOP**. **The National Flood Insurance Program prohibits federal financial assistance for use in a floodway.** The only exception is for functionally dependent uses, such as a marina, a port facility, a waterfront park, a bridge or a dam. If your project is a functionally dependent use in a floodway, **PROCEED** to #3

Yes—500-year flood plain (Zone B or X on FEMA maps or best information). **PROCEED to #2**

Yes—100 Year flood plain (Zone A or V on FEMA maps or best information). **PROCEED to #3**

Yes—Flood prone area. **PROCEED to #3**

1. **For projects in the 500-year flood plain: Does your project involve a critical action, defined *as an activity for which even a slight chance of flooding would be too great because it might result in loss of life, injury or property damage?***

Specific examples include:

* + Structures or facilities that produce, use or store highly volatile, flammable, explosive, toxic or water-reactive materials.
  + Structures or facilities that provide essential and irreplaceable records or utility or emergency services that may become lost or inoperative during flood and storm events (e.g., data storage centers, generating plants, principal utility lines, emergency operations centers including fire and police stations, and roadways providing sole egress from flood-prone areas).
  + Structures or facilities that are likely to contain occupants who may not be sufficiently mobile to avoid loss of life or injury during flood or storm events, e.g. persons who reside in hospitals, nursing homes, convalescent homes, intermediate care facilities, board and care facilities, and retirement service centers. Housing for independent living for the elderly is not considered a critical action.

No: STOP here. The project can proceed without further analysis. Record your determination and attach flood plain map and documentation that project does not involve a critical action.

Yes: PROCEED to #3

1. **Does your project meet one of the categories of proposed action for which the floodplain**

**management regulations do not apply?**

**Several common exemptions include** (please see 24 CFR 55.12 for additional categories of proposed action)**:**

* Financial assistance for minor repairs or improvements on one-to-four-family properties that do not meet the thresholds for ‘substantial improvement’ under 55.2 (b)(8). HUD defines substantial improvement as any repair, reconstruction, modernization or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50% of the market value before the improvement (and before any damage occurred.)
* A minor amendment to a previously approved action with no additional adverse impact on or from a floodplain.
* Approval of a project site, an incidental portion of which is situated in an adjacent floodplain, but only with certain further conditions (see 24 CFR 55.12(c)(6)).
* A project on any site in a floodplain for which FEMA has issued a final Letter of Map Amendment or Letter of Map Revision that removed the property from a FEMA-designated floodplain location.
* A project on any site in a floodplain for which FEMA has issued a conditional LOMA or LOMR if the approval is subject to the requirements and conditions o f the conditional LOMA or LOMR.

Yes: Stop here.

* Record your determination that the project is exempt from floodplain management regulations per 24 CFR 55.12.
* Maintain copies of all of the documents you have used to make your determination.

Please note that you may still have to maintain flood insurance on the project per the Flood Disaster Protection Act.

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| No: PROCEED to #4.  **4. Does your project meet one of the categories of proposed action for which the 8-step decision making process does not apply?**  **Exemptions include:** See 24 CFR 55.12(b) for categories of proposed action**.**  Please note that CDBG projects are unlikely to meet these exemptions.  Yes: Stop Here.   * Record your determination that the project is exempt from the 8-step process as per 24 CFR 55.12(b). * Maintain copies of all documents you have used to make your determination.   Please note that you may still have to maintain flood insurance on the project per the Flood Disaster Protection Act. Also note that notification of floodplain hazard requirements at 24 CFR 55.21 may apply.  No: PROCEED to #5  **5. Does your project meet the following categories of proposed action for which a 5-step (limited 8-step) process applies?**   * Actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing multifamily housing projects, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, board and care facilities, intermediate care facilities and one-to four family properties where the project occurs in a community in the Regular Program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and is in good standing, and the project meets the following: * units are not increased more than 20 percent, * the action does not involve a conversion from nonresidential to residential land use, * the action does not meet the thresholds for ‘substantial improvement’, and * the footprint of the structure and paved areas is not significantly increased.   OR   * Actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing nonresidential buildings and structures in a community in the Regular Program of the NFIP and is in good standing, and the project meets the following:   + the action does not meet the thresholds for ‘substantial improvement’ and   + the footprint of the structure is not significantly increased.   Yes:   * Complete the 5-step decision-making process for floodplains. You do not have to publish the notices in steps 2 or 7 or do an analysis of alternatives in Step 3. * If still practicable, document your analysis in the file and move forward. * If not still practicable, either reject or modify project   No: PROCEED to #6  **HUD strongly discourages use of funds for projects that do not meet an exemption in Part 55.12. Reject the project Site or Request a Letter of Map Amendment or Revision (LOMA/R) from FEMA. If you decide to consider the project you must determine if there are alternatives by completing the 8-step decision-making process described in 24 CFR Section 55.20.**  **6. After completing the 8-step review, is it deemed to move forward with the project?**  No:   * Reject or modify project   Yes:   * Document your 8-step analysis, including floodplain notices, in your Environmental Review Record. You must notify any private party participating in a financial transaction for the property of the hazards of the floodplain location before the execution of documents completing the transaction. (24 CFR Section 55.21)   Please note that requesting a LOMA/R or completing the 8-step process take time and resources. The 8-step decision making process requires two public notice and comment periods.  You must maintain flood insurance on the project per the Flood Disaster Protection Act. |
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**FLOOD PLAIN (OR WETLAND) 8-STEP REVIEW**

**Flood Plain Project Requirements**

You cannot build ICDBG assisted projects in a floodway, which is the channel that must be kept free of encroachment so that minor flooding of one percent will not cause flood damage. These areas are identified on the flood plain maps. **“ICDBG projects should also not be built in a 100-year flood plain” whenever possible. If they are to be built in a flood plain then an eight-step process must be followed**. The Statutory Checklist and Environmental Assessment checklists must disclose the flood plain map number, unless there are no maps available. Flood plain maps can be found at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

If project requires a 404 permit, contact Commerce before proceeding with the 8-Step Review.

**The eight step process defined in 24 CFR 55.20 is as follows:**

**A. Step 1. Determine whether the proposed action is located in a 100-year flood plain (or a 500-year flood plain for a critical action). If the proposed action would not be conducted in one of those locations, then no further compliance is required.**

Critical Action is defined *as any activity for which even a slight chance of flooding would be too great, because flooding might result in loss of life, injury to persons, or damage to property.* Critical actions include activities that create, maintain or extend the useful life of those structures or facilities that:

1. Produce, use or store highly volatile, flammable, explosive, toxic or water-reactive materials;

2. Provide essential and irreplaceable records or utility or emergency services that may become lost or inoperative during flood and storm events, e.g., data storage centers, generating plants, principal utility lines, emergency operations including fire and police stations, and roadways providing sole egress from flood-prone areas.

3. Facilities likely to contain occupants who may not be sufficiently mobile to avoid loss of life or injury during flood or storm events, e.g., persons who reside in hospitals, nursing homes, convalescent homes, intermediate care facilities, and retirement service centers. Housing for independent living for the elderly is not considered a critical action.

**B. Step 2. Notify the public, at the earliest possible time, of a proposal to consider an action in a 100-year flood plain (or in the 500-year flood plain for a critical action), and involve the affected and interested public in the decision making process. Publish the Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100 Year Floodplain, (See example notices). Must be published and allow “15 - 24 hour periods” before publishing FONSI Notice**.

1. Notices required under this part must be bilingual if the affected public is largely non-English speaking. In addition, all notices must be published in an appropriate local printed news medium, and must be sent to federal, state, and local public agencies, organizations, and where not otherwise covered, individuals known to be interested in the proposed action.

2. A minimum of 15 calendar days shall be allowed for comment on the public notice.

3. A notice under this paragraph shall state: the name, proposed location and description of the activity; the total number of acres of flood plain involved; and the official and phone number to contact for information. The notice shall indicate the hours and the office at which a full description of the proposed action may be reviewed. (See example notices).

**C. Step 3. Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives to locating the proposed action in a 100-year flood plain (or the 500-year flood plain for a critical action).**

1. The consideration of practicable alternatives to the proposed site or method may include:

a. Locations outside the 100-year flood plain (or a 500-year flood plain for a critical action).

b. Alternative methods to serve the identical project objective.

c. A determination not to approve any action.

2. In reviewing practicable alternatives, the department or a grant recipient subject to 24 CFR Part 58, shall consider feasible technological alternatives, hazard reduction methods and related mitigation costs, and environmental impacts.

**D. Step 4. Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts associated with the occupancy or modification of the 100-year flood plain (or a 500-year flood plain for a critical action).**

**E. Step 5. Where practicable, design or modify the proposed action to minimize the potential adverse impacts within the 100-year flood plain (including the 500-year flood plain for a critical action) and to restore and preserve its natural and beneficial values. All critical actions in the 500-year flood plain shall be designed and built at or above the 100-year flood plain (in the case of new construction) and modified to include:**

1. Preparation of and participation in an early warning system.

2. An emergency evacuation and relocation plan.

3. Identification of evacuation route(s) out of the 500-year flood plain.

4. Identification marks of past or estimated flood levels on all structures.

**F. Step 6. Reevaluate the proposed action to determine:**

1. Whether it is still practicable in light of its exposure to flood hazards in the flood plain, the extent to which it will aggravate the current hazards to other flood plains, and its potential to disrupt flood plain values.

2. Whether alternatives preliminarily rejected at Step 3 are practicable in light of the information gained in Steps 4 and 5.

**G. Step 7. If the reevaluation results in a determination that there is no practicable alternative to locating the proposal in the 100-year flood plain (or the 500-year flood plain for a critical action), publish the Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain.**

***\*\*This notice can be published concurrently with a FONSI or NOI / RROF Notice*:**

1. The reasons why the proposal must be located in the flood plain.

2. A list of the alternatives considered.

3. All mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values.

**H. Step 8. Upon completion of the decision-making process in Steps 1 through 7, implement the proposed action. There is a continuing responsibility to ensure that the mitigating measures identified in Step 7 are implemented.**

**Flood Plains and Wetlands Notices**

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**Note: Notices should also be sent to the Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, and Idaho Department of Water Resources**

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### ****Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed**** ****Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain****

This is to give notice that **[City or County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]** is conducting an evaluation as required by **[Executive Order 11988 Floodplain and/or 11990 Wetlands]**, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the **floodplain and or wetland** will have on the human environment. The [**Project Name]** is funded in part by an Idaho Community Development Block Grant The project scope of work includes **[project description and will encompass \_\_\_\_ acres of floodplain and or wetland].** The proposed project(s) is located in **[City or County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_].**

The purpose for this notice is to involve the affected and interested public in the decision making process.

Written comments must be received by **[City or County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]** at the following address on or before **[month, day, year] [a minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16th day after the publication]**:  **[City or County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_],** **[Address]** and **[phone number]**, Attention:  **[Name of Mayor or County Commissioner],** during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.  Comments may also be submitted via email at **[email address]**.

**This Notice can be provided in a format accessible to persons with disabilities and/or persons with limited English proficiency upon request.**

Se le puede proveer esta notificación en un formato accesible para las personas discapacidades y/o personas con conocimientos limitados del inglés a pedido.

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### ****Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed**** ****Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain****

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This is to give notice that the **[City or County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]** has conducted an evaluation as required by **[Executive Order 11988 Floodplain and/or 11990 Wetlands]**, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment. The [**Project Name]** is fund in part by an Idaho Community Development Block Grant The project scope of work includes **[project description and will encompass \_\_\_\_ acres of floodplain and or wetland].** The proposed project(s) is located in **[City or County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_].**

**[The City or County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]** has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: **[Identify project alternatives including no action] and [Acknowledge compliance with state and local floodplain protection procedures and mitigation measures.]**

**[The City or County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]** has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative.  Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of **[Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990]**, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.  This activity must be located in the floodplain because no practical alternative is applicable.

Written comments must be received by the **[HUD or Responsible Entity]** at the following address on or before **[month, day, year] [a minimum 7 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 8th day after the publication]**:  **[City or County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]**, **[Address]** and **[phone number]**, Attention:  **[Name of Mayor or County Commissioner]**, **during** the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.  Comments may also be submitted via email at **[email address]**.

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# GREEN SHEET F.3

# Protection of Wetlands

## Checklist for Responsible Entity

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **Regulation** |
| Avoid the adverse impacts associated with the destruction and modification of wetlands and to avoid direct or indirect support of new construction in wetlands wherever there is a practicable alternative. | Executive Order 11990, May 24 1977 | None, but can use 24 CFR 55 for general guidance. |

1. **Does the project include new construction, rehabilitation that expands the footprint of the building, or ground disturbance?**

No: STOP here. The Protection of Wetlands executive order does not apply. Record your determination that the project is not in a wetland.

Yes: Proceed to #2

1. **Is there a wetland on your project site?**

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| * Use both national and local resources to make this determination. A good first step is to check the National Wetlands Inventory’s digital wetlands mapper tool: <http://www.fws.gov/nwi/> If site conditions or other documents indicate there may be a wetland, next check with city, county or tribal experts for local wetlands inventories. If none exist, the presence of hydric soils can indicate a wetland. If you suspect a wetland due to soil type or site conditions, you should commission a professional site survey to delineate the wetland and its boundaries. * Maintain, in your ERR, all documents you have collected to make your wetlands determination.   HUD defines a wetland as *those areas that are inundated with surface or ground water with a frequency sufficient to support and under normal circumstances does or would support a prevalence of vegetative or aquatic life that requires saturated or seasonally saturated soil conditions for growth and reproduction.*  \*Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas such as sloughs, potholes, wet meadows, river overflows, mud flats, and natural ponds.  **Note that the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has a different definition of wetlands. A determination by the USACE that there is no jurisdictional wetland on site is not sufficient documentation for HUD’s purposes.** |

No: STOP here. The Protection of Wetlands executive order does not apply. Record your determination that the project is not in a wetland.

Yes: Consider moving your project so there will be no destruction or modification of the wetland. If not possible, PROCEED to #3

1. **Does your project involve new construction in the wetland? New construction includes draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, and related activities.**

No: STOP here. The Protection of Wetlands executive order does not apply.

* Record your determination that the project does not involve new construction in a wetland.

Yes: Consider moving your project so there will be no destruction or modification of the wetland. If not possible, PROCEED to #4

**4. Consider whether there are any practicable alternatives to locating project in a wetland.**

* Complete the 8-step decision-making process for wetlands. Follow the 8-step decision-making processdescribed in 24 CFR Part 55.20 with the following changes:
* The exemptions at 24 CFR 55.12 for floodplain management requirements do not apply to wetlands
* Only one public notice required (with 15 day comment period) to provide opportunity for early public review of any plans or proposals for new construction in wetlands (Step 2 in 24 CFR 55.20)
* Step 4 should consider the factors relevant to a proposal’s effect on the survival and quality of the wetlands.

A completed Individual Section 404 permit can be used as back-up documentation for the 8-step process.

Yes: If there are practicable alternatives, you should reject the project site and choose the alternative.

No: Move forward following mitigation as required.

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| See EXHIBIT F.2 - Flood Plain (and Wetland) 8-Step Review |

# GREEN SHEET F.4

# Sole Source Aquifers

## Checklist for Responsible Entity

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **Regulation** |
| Protect drinking water systems which are the sole or principal drinking water source for an area and which, if contaminated, would create a significant hazard to public health. | Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 201, 300 et seq., and 21 U.S.C. 349) | 40 CFR 149.2 |

**1. Is the project located on a sole source aquifer (SSA) including streamflow source areas?**

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| * Maintain, in your ERR, a copy of the latest SSA printout from the internet site   <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/Sole+Source+Aquifers/ssamaps>   * Make sure you consider streamflow source areas. If your project is close to the boundary and you are not certain if it is on the SSA, contact Commerce Staff to help assess determination. You will need to provide the project street address and detailed maps, if available. |

No: STOP here. The Sole Source Aquifer authority does not apply. Identify the project site on the following map. Record your determination.

Yes: PROCEED to #2

1. **Does the project consist of an individual action on a one-to-four unit residential building (including acquisition, disposition, new construction and rehabilitation) that meets all applicable local and state groundwater regulations?**

Yes: STOP here. The project is not likely to affect Sole Source Aquifer quality.

* + Record your determination on the Statutory Worksheet.

No:PROCEED to #3

1. **Does the project consist of acquisition, disposition or rehabilitation of a multifamily (5 or more dwelling units) residential building, commercial building or public facility that does not increase size or capacity and meets all applicable local and state groundwater regulations?**

Yes: STOP here. The project is not likely to affect Sole Source Aquifer quality.

* + Record your determination on the Statutory Worksheet.

No: PROCEED to #4

1. **Does the project consist of new construction or rehabilitation that increases size or capacity of a multifamily building or commercial building that meets all applicable local/state ground-water regulations AND is served by public water, sewer and storm drainage systems?** (If the project uses well water or a septic system or infiltrates storm-water on site, you must proceed to Step #5.)

Yes: STOP here. The project is not likely to affect Sole Source Aquifer quality.

* + Record your determination on the Statutory Worksheet.

No: PROCEED to #5

1. **Does project comply with 2000 Sole Source Aquifer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Performance Standards?**

Yes: STOP here

* Follow the 2000 Sole Source Aquifer [Memorandum of Understanding](http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/bb9c63e62d1ae1f8882564f4007da918/db9a56293925aa70882567e6005f0316/$FILE/huddocihfassa.pdf) between HUD/Idaho Department of Commerce, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, and EPA. Record your determination on the Statutory Worksheet and include MOU in documentation. **The Memorandum of Understanding on Sole Source Aquifers is at:** [**http://www.hud.gov/local/shared/working/r10/environment/index.cfm?state=wa**](http://www.hud.gov/local/shared/working/r10/environment/index.cfm?state=wa)

No: PROCEED to **#**6

1. **Is the project likely to affect Sole Source Aquifer Quality?**

Please submit the following information to EPA:

1. Location of Project and name of Sole Source Aquifer.
2. Project description and federal funding source.
3. Is there any increase of impervious surface? If so, what is the area?
4. Describe how storm water is currently treated on the site.
5. How will storm water be treated on this site during construction and after the project is complete?
6. Are there any underground storage tanks present or to be installed? Include details of such tanks.
7. Will there be any liquid or solid waste generated? If so how will it be disposed of?
8. What is the depth of excavation?
9. Are there any wells in the area that may provide direct routes for contaminates to access the aquifer and how close are they to the project?
10. Are there any hazardous waste sites in the project area....especially if the waste site has an underground plume with monitoring wells that may be disturbed? Include details.
11. Are there any deep pilings that may provide access to the aquifer?
12. Are Best Management Practices planned to address any possible risks or concerns?
13. Is there any other information that could be helpful in determining if this project may have an effect on the aquifer?
14. Does this Project include any improvements that may be beneficial to the aquifer, such as improvements to the wastewater treatment plan?

Submit the information to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), phone number (206) 553-6249, for an informal consultation on the project. Please note that EPA may request additional information if impacts to the aquifer are questionable after the information is submitted for review. If EPA does not respond to the informal consultation request within 30 days, you can consider the project to be not likely to affect Sole Source Aquifer quality and proceed.

No: STOP here. The project is not likely to affect Sole Source Aquifer quality.

* + Maintain copies of all of the documents you have used to make your determination and your correspondence with EPA.

Yes: Conduct a formal consultation, and if necessary, mitigate issues.

* + To begin formal consultation, please provide EPA with:
* Maps
* Plans and specifications
* A narrative statement detailing the nature, scope and degree of ground-water protection measures incorporated into the design
* Mitigating measures incorporated into the design to enhance ground-water protection.

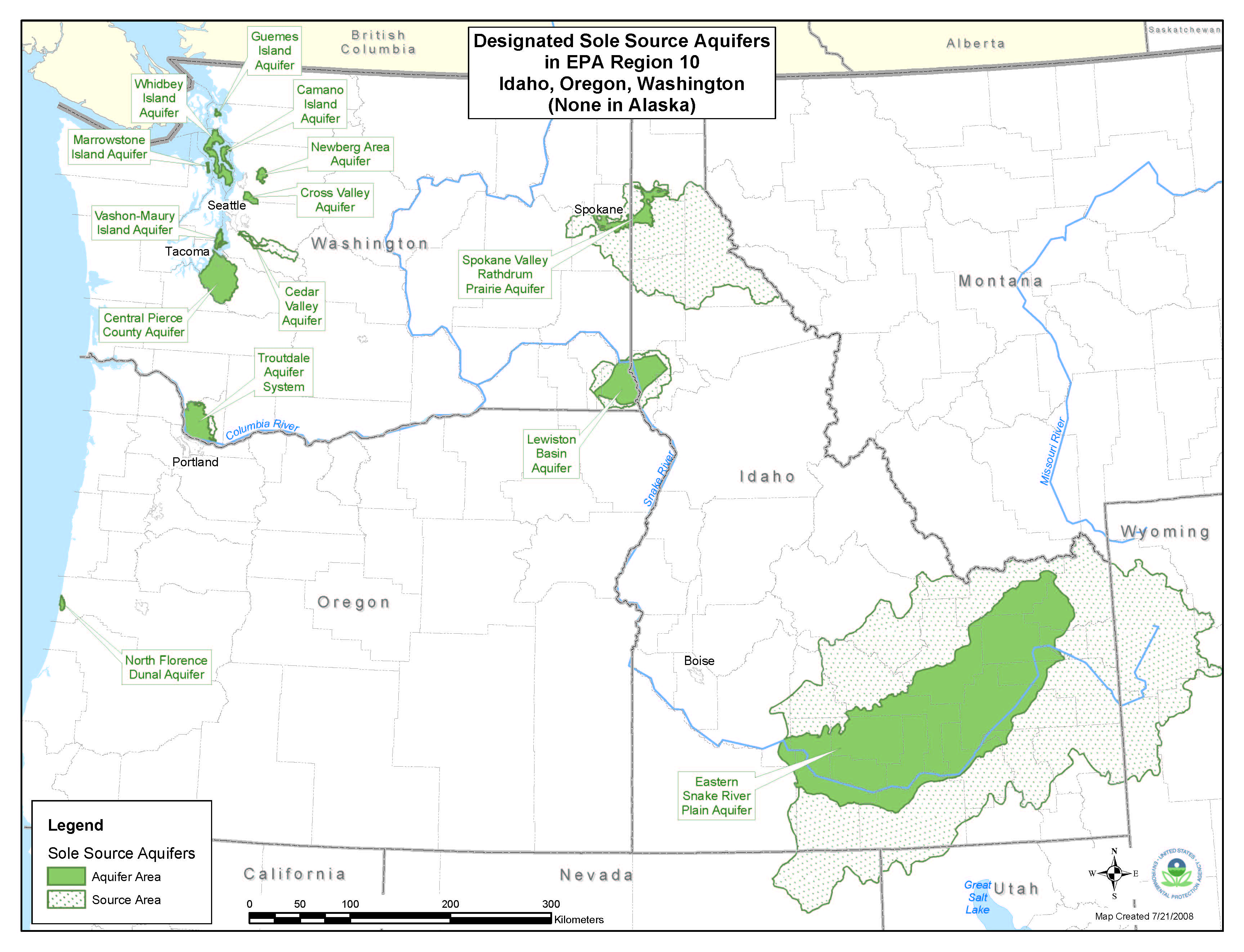
You may need to hire a technical consultant or request EPA to conduct an independent review of the proposed project for impacts to ground water quality. If EPA determines that the project continues to pose a significant contaminant hazard to public health, federal financial assistance must be denied.

Once it receives the necessary information, EPA has 30 days to respond to a formal consultation request, unless the agency requests additional review time in writing, or HUD, a HUD Responsible Entity or EPA receives comments suggesting that the project will have adverse impacts to a sole source aquifer.

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Detailed maps are available at: [EPA Sole Source Maps](https://epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9ebb047ba3ec41ada1877155fe31356b)

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**GREEN SHEET F.5**

**Endangered Species Act**

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **HUD Regulations** |
| Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act mandates that federally-funded actions do not jeopardize the continued existence of plants and animals that are listed or result in the adverse modification or destruction of designated critical habitat. | Endangered Species Act of 1973;  [16 U.S.C.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Title_16_of_the_United_States_Code) [§ 1531](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/16/1531.html) et seq | 24 CFR 58.5(e)  24 CFR 50.4 |

**Purpose**: The purpose of this guidance is intended to assist HUD and Responsible Entities meet their Endangered Species Act obligations. Note that a determination of “N**o Effect**” to federally listed threatened and endangered species and designated critical habitat fulfills HUD’s and the Responsible Entities obligation to ensure compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. “No effect” determinations do not require coordination with or approval of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries.

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| As part of its Field Notes Review for ICDBG, the Responsible Entity sends an Environmental Information Letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Idaho Fish and Game (IFG), and (if applicable) NOAA fisheries (Steelhead or Salmon). The letter will give the agencies a chance to respond if there is a concern that there may be a ***direct*** or ***indirect*** impact and, as appropriate, to be the initial step in an informal consultation process.   * Maintain copies of any correspondence from the above agencies and include it in the ERR.  |  |  | | --- | --- | | U.S. Dept of the Interior  Fish and Wildlife Service  Ecological Services Division – Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office  1387 S. Vinnell Way, Ste. 368  Boise, ID 83709  208-378-5243 | National Marine Fisheries (NOAA)  10095 W. Emerald  Boise, ID 83704  208-378-5696 | | Regional Offices of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game: <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/about/offices/> |  |   NOTE: If the agencies do not respond within the 30 day timeframe, do not assume that there will be “no effect”. |

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| |  | | --- | | * Determine if threatened or endangered species, or proposed or designated critical habitat, may be present within the action area. * For species under FWS jurisdiction, consult the list of Endangered/Threatened Species and Designated Critical Habitats in Idaho counties. Go to:<https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/> * For species under NOAA jurisdiction (Salmon and Steelhead), go to National Marine Fisheries: <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Species-Lists.cfm> and <http://www.streamnet.org/data/interactive-maps-and-gis-data/>   Note: Salmon and Steelhead are generally in Snake River Basin streams in Central Idaho—the Salmon River and Clearwater River drainages. | |

**1. Are there threatened or endangered species, or proposed or designated critical habitat present, in the project’s county?** *Note: does not include candidate species.*

☐ Yes: PROCEED to #2.

☐ No: STOP here. The project will have No Effect on listed or proposed species, and designated or proposed critical habitat. Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries is not required.

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| * Record your determination of no effect in the statutory worksheet and insert the species and critical habitat list within your ERR. |

**2. Does the project consist solely of interior rehabilitation or exterior rehabilitation that includes replacement of roofing or siding?**

***\* Not including galvanized material unless it has been sealed or otherwise confined so that it will not leach into storm water.***

☐ Yes: STOP here. The project will have No Effect on listed or proposed species, and designated or proposed critical habitat. Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries is not required.

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| * Record your determination of no effect in the statutory worksheet and insert the species and critical habitat list within your ERR. |

☐ No: Additional evaluation is necessary to determine whether the project may have an effect.

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| An evaluation requires the Grantee to review the T&E or CH species profile(s) and recovery plan information found at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/> for Idaho.   * Based on the information provided in the profile and recovery plan for each species, determine if the ICDBG project will directly or indirectly affect the species. * Would the project effects overlap with federally listed or proposed species or designated or proposed critical habitat covered by Fish and Wildlife service?   \*Note that project effects include those that extend beyond the project site itself, such as noise, air pollution, water quality, storm water discharge, visual disturbance; and habitat consideration must include consideration for roosting, feeding, nesting, spawning, rearing, overwintering sites, and migratory corridors.    Example: A new fire station project in Minidoka County that is 2 miles from the Snake River area that supports the Snake River snail. The Snake River snail is confined to the Snake River, inhabiting areas of swift current on sand to boulder-sized substrate. The project is also designed to retain storm and surface water on site and DEQ’s best management practices for surface water will be implemented during construction. Therefore, the evaluation supports making a determination of “No Effect.”  However, if the project is within the area or location of a T&E or CH species then the Grantee is unlikely to conclude “No Effect.” At this point contact FWS and/ or NOAA.  Example: A water line replacement project in New Meadows may affect the Northern Idaho ground squirrel. |

**3. Did the evaluation result in a No Effect determination?**

☐ Yes: STOP here. The project will have No Effect on listed or proposed species, and designated or proposed critical habitat.

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| * Document your determination of No Effect in the statutory checklist and provide: * Written justification for the No Effect for each species to include description of each species’ habitat * A copy of the species profile * A copy of pertinent recovery plan information, mitigation measures, and any FWS or NOAA correspondence in the ERR. |
| * Communicate the mitigation requirements to the project architect or engineer and verify that the mitigation is incorporated into the project development. |

☐ No: The project may affect threaten or endangered species or designated or proposed critical habitat. Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries is required. A biological assessment will likely need to be conducted.

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| * Make a determination of the impact of the project on the species/habitat based on your biological assessment and informal or formal consultation with FWS and/or NOAA. * For a determination of “**may affect, not likely to adversely affect**,” submit your determination and supporting documents to FWS and/or NOAA and request concurrence. This initiates informal consultation. * For a determination of “**may affect, likely to adversely affect**,” or if FWS and/or NOAA do not concur with your determination, then formal consultation is necessary. This will typically result in a biological opinion that determines jeopardy to species, and terms and conditions to move forward. |

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| * Document your determination in the statutory checklist and include any documentation of concurrence or biological assessments. Maintain all supporting documentation and correspondence with FWS/NOAA in your ERR. |

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| * Communicate the mitigation requirements to the project architect or engineer and verify that the mitigation is incorporated into the project development. |

# GREEN SHEET F.6

# Wild and Scenic Rivers

## Checklist for Responsible Entity

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| **General requirements** | Legislation | **Regulation** |
| Establishes a method for providing Federal protection for certain free-flowing and scenic rivers designated as components or potential components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System from the effects of construction. | The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Pub L. 90-542 as amended: 16 U.S.C. 1271-1287) | 24 CFR 58.5(f)  24 CFR 50.4(f) |

**1. Does the project include new construction, conversion of land use, major rehabilitation of existing structures, demolition, or the acquisition of undeveloped land?**

No: STOP here. The project is not subject to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

Yes: PROCEED to #2

**2.** **Is the Project within one mile of a designated Wild and Scenic River?**

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| If the project is more than a mile away from a designated river you can make a determination of “no effect.”  For a list of designated rivers by state, please visit the National Park Service website: https://rivers.gov   * Maintain documentation supporting your determination in your ERR. Documentation could include a printout of the list of rivers and a map identifying your site. |

No: STOP here.

Yes: PROCEED to #3

**3. Will the Project have an effect on the designated River?**

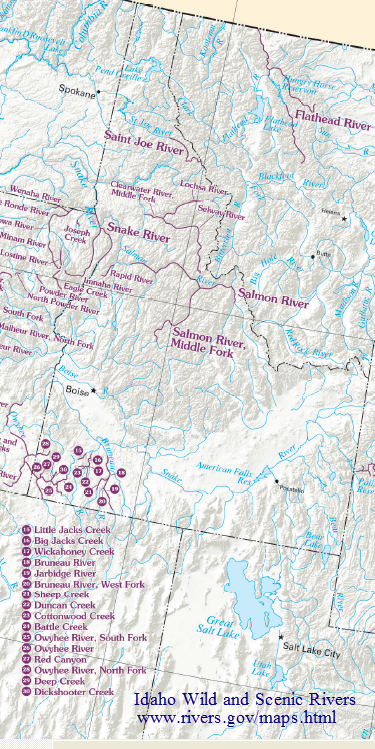
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| * Contact the National Park Service, Pacific West Region, at (510) 817-1300 and request information on the Managing Agency of the river. Determine, with the Managing Agency, if the project will alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies the river for inclusion as a wild and scenic river. |

No: STOP here.

* Maintain documentation concerning your determination of “No Effect” and verification from the Managing Agency.

Yes: Consult with the Managing Agency to assist in mitigation and resolution of issues.

* Prepare a determination based on the results of the mitigation and include it and verification from the Managing Agency’s concurrence in the ERR.



**GREEN SHEET F.7**

# Clean Air Act Compliance

## Checklist for Responsible Entity

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **Regulation** |
| EPA requires federal actions to conform to State or Federal Action Plans for air quality. | Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) as amended | 40 CFR Parts 6, 51 and 93 |

**1. Does your project require an environmental assessment level review for new construction or major rehabilitation of existing structures?**

No: STOP here. The Clean Air Act conformity requirements do not apply.

* + Record your determination.

Yes: PROCEED to #2

**2. Is the project located in a designated non-attainment area for criteria air pollutants?**

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| * + Maintain, in your ERR, either a map or list of non-attainment areas in your region.   You can view maps of non-attainment areas by state at this website: [www.epa.gov/air/data/geosel.html](http://www.hud.gov/utilities/intercept.cfm?http://www.epa.gov/air/data/geosel.html). Each state also maintains a regional list, please see attached contact information for details. |

No: STOP here. The Clean Air Act conformity requirements do not apply.

* + Identify the project site on the Idaho air quality planning area map. Record your determination.

Yes: PROCEED to #3

1. **Does your project exceed de minimis impact criteria?** 
   * Determine if your project will result in emissions (both direct and indirect) that exceed the de minimis thresholds established for each criteria pollutant at 40 CFR Part 93.153 (see attached). In general, HUD projects will not exceed this threshold. However, you should work with your local air quality authority to determine whether your project may have an impact on air quality. For PM-10 (dust and particulate matter) non-attainment areas, please make special note of any local dust control regulations that might apply during construction. Please see attached document for air authority contacts.

No: STOP here. The project does not impact air quality.

* + Record your determination on the Statutory Worksheet and attach documentation.

Yes: PROCEED to #4

1. **Does your project conform to the State or Federal Action Plan for air quality?**
   * Work with your local or state air quality authority to determine if your project conforms to your State Action plan. If you cannot reach this determination, please contact your HUD environmental officers for further guidance.

**Region 10 Idaho Air Toxics Partner**

**Idaho Department of Environmental Quality**  
1410 N. Hilton  
Boise, Idaho 83720

(208) 373-0457   
[www.deq.state.id.us/index.htm](http://www.hud.gov/utilities/intercept.cfm?http://www.deq.state.id.us/index.htm)

TITLE 40--PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER I--ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (CONTINUED)

PART 93--DETERMINING CONFORMITY OF FEDERAL ACTIONS TO STATE OR FEDERAL

IMPLEMENTATION PLANS--Table of Contents

Subpart B--Determining Conformity of General Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans

Sec. 93.153 Applicability.

(a) Conformity determinations for Federal actions related to transportation plans, programs, and projects developed, funded, or approved under title 23 U.S.C. or the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) must meet the procedures and criteria of 40 CFR part 51, subpart T, in lieu of the procedures set forth in this subpart.

(b) For Federal actions not covered by paragraph (a) of this section, a conformity determination is required for each pollutant where the total of direct and indirect emissions in a nonattainment or maintenance area caused by a Federal action would equal or exceed any of the rates in paragraphs (b)(1) or (2) of this section.

1. For purposes of paragraph (b) of this section, the following rates apply in nonattainment areas (NAA's):

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**Ozone** (VOC's or NOX):

Serious NAA's......................................................................... 50

Severe NAA's.......................................................................... 25

Extreme NAA's........................................................................ 10

Other ozone NAA's outside an ozone transport region.......... 100

Marginal and moderate NAA's inside an ozone transport region:

VOC......................................................................................... 50

NOX......................................................................................... 100

**Carbon monoxide**:

All NAA's................................................................................... 100

SO2 or NO2

All NAA's................................................................................... 100

**PM-10**:

Moderate NAA's....................................................................... 100

Serious NAA's............................................................................ 70

**Pb**:

All NAA's.................................................................................... 25

(2) For purposes of paragraph (b) of this section, the following rates apply in maintenance areas:

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**Ozone** (NOX), SO2 or NO2

All Maintenance Areas............................................................... 100

**Ozone** (VOC's):

Maintenance areas inside an ozone transport region................ 50

Maintenance areas outside an ozone transport region............. 100

**Carbon monoxide**:

All Maintenance Areas............................................................... 100

**PM-10**:

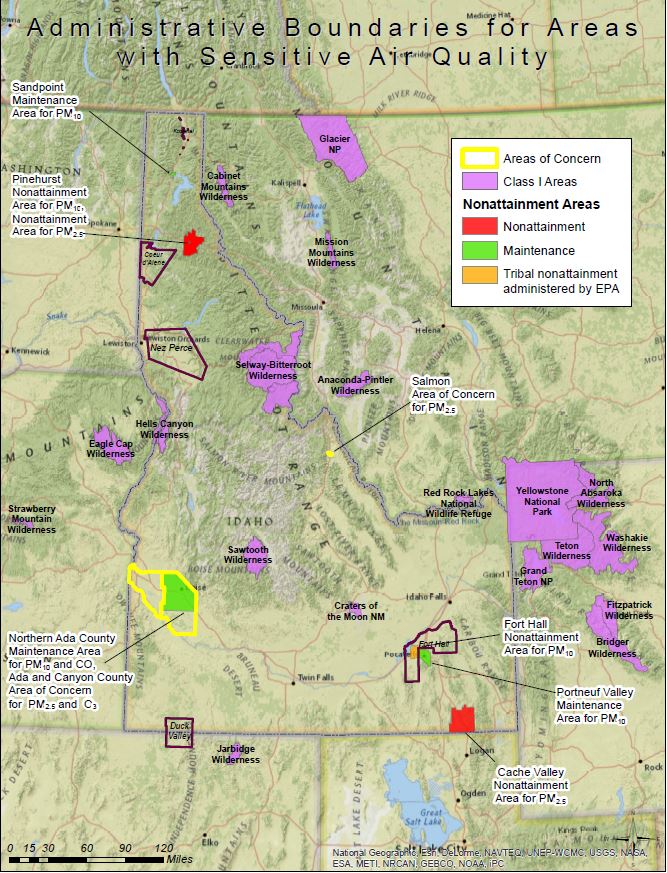
All Maintenance Areas............................................................... 100

**Pb**:

All Maintenance Areas................................................................ 25

Website:

<http://www.deq.idaho.gov/media/60180337/nonattainment-map.pdf>



**GREEN SHEET F.8**

# Farmland Protection

## Checklist for Responsible Entity

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **Regulation** |
| The Farmland Protection Policy Act discourages Federal activities that would convert farmland to nonagricultural purposes. | Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.) | 7 CFR Part 658 |

**1. Does your project include new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or change in use of land or property.**

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| * + Maintain, in your ERR, a map of the project location, including zoning information. |

No: STOP here.

* + The Farmland Protection Policy Act does not apply. Record your determination.

Yes: PROCEED to #2

**2. Does your project meet one of the following exemptions?**

* Construction limited to on-farm structures needed for farm operations.
* Construction limited to new minor secondary (accessory) structures such as a garage or storage shed

Project on land used for water storage or already in or committed urban development (this includes land with a density of 30 structures per 40 acre area. It also includes lands identified as “urbanized area” (UA) on the Census Bureau Map, or as urban area mapped with a “tint overprint” on the USGS topographical maps, or as “urban built-up” on the USDA Important Farmland Maps. Please note that land “zoned” for development, i.e. non-agricultural use, does not exempt a project from compliance with the FPPA).

Yes: STOP here. The Farmland Protection Policy Act does not apply.

* + Record your determination
  + Maintain, in your ERR, documentation to evidence the project meets one of the exemptions. If the project is already in urban development, provide a map as described above with your site marked or documentation from another credible source.

No: PROCEED to #3

**3. Does “important farmland” regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act occur on the project site? This includes prime farmland, unique farmland and/or land of statewide or local importance.**

* “Prime farmland” is land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, fiber, forage, oilseed, and other agricultural crops with minimum inputs of fuel, fertilizer, pesticides, and labor, and without intolerable soil erosion, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Prime farmland includes land that possesses the above characteristics but is being used currently to produce livestock and timber. It does not include land already in or committed to urban development or water storage
* “Unique farmland” is land other than prime farmland that is used for production of specific high-value food and fiber crops, as determined by the Secretary. It has the special combination of soil quality, location, growing season, and moisture supply needed to economically produce sustained high quality or high yields of specific crops when treated and managed according to acceptable farming methods. Examples of such crops include citrus, tree nuts, olives, cranberries, fruits, and vegetables.
* Farmland of statewide or local importance has been determined by the appropriate State or unit of local government agency or agencies to be significant.

**You may use the links below to determine if important farmland occurs on the project site:**

* Utilize USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service’s (NRCS) Web Soil Survey <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>
* Check with your city or county’s planning department and ask them to document if the project is on land regulated by the FPPA (zoning important farmland as non-agricultural does not exempt it from FPPA requirements)
* Contact NRCS at the local USDA service center <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs> or your NRCS state soil scientist [http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state\_offices/](http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state_offices/%20) for assistance.

No: STOP here. The project does not convert farmland to nonagricultural purposes.

* Record your determination on the Statutory Worksheet and attach documentation used to make your determination

Yes: PROCEED to #4

**4. Consider alternatives to completing the project on important farmland and means of avoiding impacts to important farmland.**

* Complete form AD-1006, “Farmland Conversion Impact Rating” <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045394.pdf> and contact the state soil scientist before sending it to the local NRCS District Conservationist. Work with NRCS to minimize the impact of the project on the protected farmland.
* Return a copy of Form 1006 to the USDA-NRCS State Soil Scientist or his/her designee informing them of your determination once you have finished the analysis.
* Record your determination on the Statutory Worksheet and attach documentation used to make your determination. Include any mitigation required in the review.

# GREEN SHEET F.9

# Environmental Justice

## Checklist for Responsible Entity

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **Regulation** |
| Address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations. | Executive Order 12898, February 11, 2004 | [24 CFR 50.4(l)](http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2003/aprqtr/24cfr50.4.htm) and [24 CFR 58.5(j)](http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2003/aprqtr/24cfr58.5.htm). |

**1. Is there an adverse environmental impact caused by the proposed action, or is the proposed action subject to an adverse environmental impact?**

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| This question is designed to determine how the Environmental Justice analysis is reflected in the environmental review as a whole. Your consideration of the other environmental laws and authorities is your supporting documentation for this question. If any other environmental law or authority required mitigation (i.e., 8-step process for locating in a flood plain, waiver of noise requirements), then there is an adverse environmental impact. |

No: STOP here. The project does not pose an Environmental Justice concern.

Yes: PROCEED to #2

**2. Will the project have a disproportionate impact on low-income or minority populations?**

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| The following steps will help you make this determination:   1. Describe the project. 2. Consider historic uses of the site, past land uses and patterns (such as lending discrimination and exclusionary zoning). 3. Determine the demographic profile of the people using the project and/or living and working in the vicinity of the project. EPA’s environmental justice geographic assessment tool provides helpful demographic information: <https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/> 4. Describe the adverse environmental impact you identified in your environmental review. Identify adjacent land uses, paying particular attention to toxic sites, dumps, incinerators, hazardous materials (e.g. asbestos), and other issues with the potential to have adverse human health effects. (This may already have been considered in your review of toxic and hazardous substances.) 5. Consider how the adverse environmental impact and any potentially harmful adjacent land uses would impact the people using and/or surrounding the project. 6. Consider whether market-rate development exists in the area. If not, would this project succeed as a market-rate project at the proposed site? |

No: STOP here.

* Maintain documentation concerning your determination of no disproportionate impact.

Yes:

* Consult with Commerce staff to develop a mitigation plan.
* An Environmental Justice mitigation plan must include: public outreach, participation and community involvement.
* The project cannot move forward until the EJ issue is mitigated to the satisfaction of Commerce or the Responsible Entity and the impacted community.

## GREEN SHEET F.10

## Noise Abatement and Control

**Checklist for Responsible Entity**

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **Regulation** |
| Encourage land use patterns for housing and other noise sensitive urban needs that will provide a suitable separation between them and major noise sources | Noise Control Act of 1972  The Quiet Communities Act of 1978 as amended  OMB Circular 75-2, “Comparable Land Uses at Federal Airfields” | 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B  Noise Guidebook |

**1. Is the project for new construction, purchase or resale of existing, modernization, or rehabilitation of noise sensitive use (i.e., housing, mobile home parks, nursing homes, hospitals, and other non-housing uses where quiet is integral to the project’s function, e.g., libraries)?**

No: STOP here. The project is not subject to the noise standards.

* Record your determination that the project is not subject to the noise standards in your ERR.

Yes: PROCEED to #2

1. **Is the project located within 1,000 feet of a busy road or highway, 3,000 feet of a railroad, or 15 miles of a civil airport or military airfield? Are there any other potential noise sources in the project vicinity that could produce a noise level above HUD’s acceptable range, including but not limited to concert halls, night clubs, event facilities, etc…. ?**

* Maintain, in your ERR, a map that identifies the location of any noise sources.

No: STOP here. Record your determination. You do not need to calculate a specific noise level.

Yes: PROCEED to #3

1. **Determine the actions to take based on the project and HUD Acceptability Standards.**

Is the activity for:

* Construction of new noise sensitive use. Calculate noise using HUD standards or online tool: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/environment/dnlcalculator.cfm> **PROCEED to 3.a**
* Purchase or resale of otherwise acceptable existing buildings (existing buildings are either more than 1 year old or buildings for which this is the second or subsequent purchaser). Noise calculation not required. HUD or RE determines need based on their evaluation of project. **PROCEED to 3.b**
* Modernization. Noise calculation not required. HUD or RE determines need based on their evaluation of project. **PROCEED to 3.c**
* Major or substantial rehabilitation (use the definition contained in the specific program guidelines). Calculate noise using HUD standards or online tool: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/environment/dnlcalculator.cfm> **PROCEED to 3.d**

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| HUD General Acceptability Standards | |
| HUD determination | ***Day night average sound level in decibels (dB)*** |
| Acceptable | Not exceeding 65 dB |
| Normally Unacceptable | Above 65 dB but not exceeding 75dB |
| Unacceptable | Above 75 dB + |

**3a. New Construction**

**Is the Day-Night average sound level:**

Above 75 dB. **Construction of new noise sensitive uses is generally prohibited**, an EIS is required prior to the approval. The Assistant Secretary or Certifying Officer may waive the EIS requirement in cases where noise is the only environmental issue and no outdoor sensitive activity will take place on the site. (Under § Part 50 approval is required of the Assistant Secretary for CPD, under § Part 58 the Certifying Officer must provide approval). Document the ERR.

Above 65 dB but not exceeding 75 dB. **Construction of new noise sensitive uses is discouraged** – all new projects require special environmental reviews and may require special approvals prior to construction (except when the threshold has been shifted to 70 dB as described below). Information is provided at 51.104 (b)(1). Document ERR include the special review and approval. Document attenuation if approved.

Not exceeding 65 dB. (this threshold may be shifted to 70 dB on a case-by-case basis when 6 specific conditions are satisfied as described at Section 51.105(a)). Noise levels are acceptable. Document the ERR

**3b. Purchase or Resale of Existing Building**

**Is the Day-Night average sound level above the acceptable level?**

Yes. Consider environmental noise as a marketability factor when considering the amount of insurance or assistance that will be provided to the project?Noise exposure by itself will not result in the denial of HUD support for the resale and purchase of otherwise acceptable existing buildings. Record your determination in the ERR.

No: Record your determination in the ERR

**3c. Modernization**

**Is the Day-Night average sound level above the acceptable level?**

Yes. Encourage noise attenuation features in alterations. Record your determination in the ERR.

No: Record your determination in the ERR

**3d. Major or Substantial Rehabilitation**

**Is the Day-Night average sound level:**

Above 75 dB. HUD or the RE shall actively seek to have project sponsors incorporate noise attenuation features, given the extent and nature of the rehabilitation being undertaken and the level of exterior noise exposure and will strongly encourage conversion of the noise exposed sites to land uses compatible with the high noise levels. Document the ERR.

Above 65 dB but not exceeding 75 dB. HUD or the RE shall actively seek to have project sponsors incorporate noise attenuation features, given the extent and nature of the rehabilitation being undertaken and the level of exterior noise exposure Document ERR.

Not exceeding 65 dB. (this threshold may be shifted to 70 dB on a case-by-case basis when 6 specific conditions are satisfied as described at Section 51.105(a)). Noise levels are acceptable. Document the ERR.

# GREEN SHEET F.11

# Explosive and Flammable Operations

## 24CFR Part 58

**Checklist for Responsible Entity**

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **Regulation** |
| Establish safety standards that can be used as a basis for calculating acceptable separation distances for assisted projects. | Sec.2 Housing and Urban Development Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 1441 (a) | 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C |

**1. Does the project include construction, rehabilitation, or conversion?**

**\*Note - For rehabilitation projects, does the work increase residential densities, convert a building for habitation, or make a vacant building habitable?**

No: STOP here. The project is not subject to 24 CFR Part 51 C.

* Record your determination in your Environmental Review Record (ERR).

Yes: PROCEED to #2

**2. Are there explosive/flammable above ground storage tanks within 1 mile of the project site more than 100 gallons in size? Are there plans to install such aboveground storage tanks within 1 mile of the project site? (HUD’s stated position is that 24 CFR Part 51 C does not apply to storage tanks ancillary to the operation of the assisted 1-4 family residence, for example the home heating or power source. It does apply to all other tanks, including tanks for neighboring 1-4 family residences.)**

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| * Maintain documentation supporting your determination in your ERR. Documentation could include a finding by a qualified data source (i.e. Fire Marshall etc…), copies of pictures, maps, and/or internet data.   TIP: You do not have to consider all tanks at all sizes within 1 mile of your project. Screen further by determining the Acceptable Separation Distance for specific tank sizes and using that information to narrow your search. For instance, the maximum ASD for a 100 gallon tank is 115 feet. You do not need to map 100 gallon tanks farther than 115 feet from your project site. Find the list of ASDs by tank size in Appendix F and G here: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/environment/training/guidebooks/hazfacilities/index.cfm> |

No: STOP here. The project is not subject to 24 CFR Part 51 C.

* Record your determination that there are no storage tanks within one mile of the project site in your ERR.

Yes: PROCEED to #3

**3. Is the Separation Distance from the project acceptable based on standards in 24 CFR 51 C?**

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| * Use the online tool to calculate ASD: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/environment/asdcalculator.cfm> * or use the HUD guidebook, “Siting of HUD-assisted Projects near Hazardous Facilities (HUD-1060-CPD, Sept. 1996)”, also available on the web: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/energyenviron/environment/resources/guidebooks/hazfacilities/index.cfm> |

Yes: STOP here.

* Include maps and your separation distance calculations in your ERR.

No: PROCEED to #4

**4. With mitigation, can the Separation Distance become acceptable?**

No: PROJECT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE-DO NOT FUND

Yes: STOP here.

* Maintain documentation supporting your determination in your ERR. Documentation could include a finding by a qualified data source (i.e., Fire Marshall etc.), copies of pictures, maps, technical calculations and information describing the mitigation measures taken.

# GREEN SHEET F.12

# Contaminated Soils

# (Toxic Chemicals, and Radioactive Materials)

## 24 CFR Part 58

**Checklist for Responsible Entity**

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **Regulation** |
| All property proposed for use in HUD programs must be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gasses and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property. | Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 as amended by Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act | 24 CFR 58.5(i) |

**You are required to consider all hazards that could affect the health and safety of occupants and use current techniques by qualified professionals to undertake investigations determined necessary. This checklist tool is intended as guidance only and does not cover all possible hazards. This document is subject to change.**

**1.** **Is the project for acquisition, new construction or rehabilitation of a one-to-four family residential property?**

Yes: PROCEED to #3 to determine the likelihood of hazardous conditions existing nearby or on the property which could affect the health and safety of proposed occupants.

No: PROCEED to #2

**2. Is the project for multifamily housing with 5 or more dwelling units (including leasing), or non-residential property?**

No: PROCEED to #3

Yes**:**

* The environmental review **must** include the evaluation of previous uses of the site or other evidence of contamination on or near the site, to assure that the occupants of proposed sites are not adversely affected by hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances.
* For acquisition and new construction projects, HUD strongly advises that the review include an ASTM Phase 1 assessment or equivalent analysis, including an update if the assessment is over 180 days old, in order to meet real estate transaction standards of due diligence. Your review should also cover the information in the questions below. **PROCEED to #3.**

1. **Is the answer Yes to any of the following questions?**

* **Is the property or surrounding neighborhood listed on an EPA Superfund National Priorities, the CERCLA List, or equivalent State list?**

An internet site that may be helpful is [www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl).

No  Yes

* **Is the property located near a toxic or solid-waste landfill site?**

Utilize EPA’s Enviro Mapper tool as well as maps, site inspections and documentation from the local planning department to make your determination.

No  Yes

* **Are there any underground storage tanks (not including residential fuel tanks) on or near the property?**

For projects in Idaho, visit: <http://www2.deq.idaho.gov/waste/ustlust/>

Consider past uses of the property when making your determination.

No  Yes

* **Is the property known or suspected to be contaminated by toxic chemicals or radioactive materials?**

No  Yes

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| HUD’s “Choosing an Environmentally ‘Safe Site” provides guidance in considering potential environmental issues: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/environment/library/safesite.pdf>  In considering the site, the guidance suggests that you:   * Make a visual inspection of the site for signs of distressed vegetation, vents or fill pipes, storage/oil tanks or questionable containers, pits, ponds or lagoons, stained soil or pavement, pungent, foul or noxious odors, dumped material or soil, mounds of dirt, rubble, fill etc. * Research the past uses of the site and obtain a disclosure of past uses from the owner.Certain past and present uses such as the following signal concerns of possible contamination and require a more detailed review: gasoline stations, vehicle repair shops, car dealerships, garages, depots, warehouses, commercial printing facilities, industrial or commercial warehouses, dry cleaners, photo developing laboratories, hospitals, junkyard or landfills, waste treatment, storage disposal, processing or recycling facilities, agricultural/farming operations (including hog and poultry operations) and tanneries. * Identify adjoining properties in the surrounding area for evidence of any facilities as described above. * Research Federal, State and local records about possible toxins and hazards at the site. |

Yes to any of the above questions: PROCEED to #4

No to all questions: The toxic chemicals and radioactive materials review is complete, unless there are other hazards that could affect the health and safety of occupants.

* Record your determination on the Statutory Worksheet and maintain appropriate documentation in the ERR.

1. Could nearby toxic, hazardous or radioactive substances affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property?

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| * Gather all pertinent information concerning any on-site and nearby toxic hazards. Consider, at a minimum, each of the areas identified in Question 3. Consider if your ASTM Phase 1 or equivalent analysis identifies any Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs)? * If appropriate and/or required, obtain independent professional reviews of the site (e.g., an ASTM Phase 2 or equivalent analysis). Contact appropriate Federal, State and Local resources for assistance in assessing exposure to health hazards. |

Yes: PROCEED to #5.

No: The toxic chemicals and radioactive materials review is complete, unless there are other hazards that could affect the health and safety of occupants.

* Record your determination that there are no hazards that could affect the safety of occupants or impact the intended use of the project and maintain appropriate documentation in the ERR.

**5. Can the adverse environmental condition be mitigated?**

Yes:

* Mitigate according to the requirements of the appropriate Federal, State or local oversight agency.
* Record your determination that there are no hazards that could affect the safety of occupants or impact the intended use of the project and maintain appropriate documentation in the ERR.
* HUD assistance should be conditioned on completion of appropriate mitigation.
* Deny HUD assistance if, after mitigation, the property is still determined to be unsafe or unhealthy. For more details please refer to HUD’s “Choosing an Environmentally ‘Safe’ Site.”

No: Do not provide HUD assistance for the project at this site.

# GREEN SHEET F.13

# Clear Zones (CZ) and Accident Potential Zones (APZ)

## Checklist for Responsible Entity

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| **General requirements** | **Legislation** | **Regulation** |
| Promote compatible land uses around civil airports and military air fields. | Section 2 of the Housing Act of 1949 as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1331, affirmed by Section 2 of the Housing and U  rban Development Act of 1969, P.L. No 90-448; Section 7(d) of the Dept of HUD Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d) | 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D  32 CFR Part 256 |

**1. Is the Project located within 3000 feet of a civil airport or within 15,000 feet of a military airfield?**

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| * Maintain in your ERR a map that identifies airports. The regulations only apply to military and civil primary and commercial service airports. The Federal Aviation Administration updates the list of applicable airports annually:   <https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=4782d6f5aa844591a16d46df635b7af4> |

No: STOP here. The project is not within a Clear Zone (also known as Runway Protection Zone) or Accident Potential Zone.

* Record your determination.

Yes: PROCEED to #**2**

**2.** **Is the project in the CZ or APZ?**

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| * Contact the airport operator and obtain written documentation of the Clear Zone (also known as Runway Protection Zone) and for military airfields, the Accident Potential Zone, and a determination of whether your project is in the APZ or CZ. |

No: STOP here.

* Record your determination that the project is not in a CZ or APZ.

Yes: PROCEED to #3.

**3. For Civil and Military Airports, is the activity for new construction, major rehabilitation\*, or any other activity which significantly prolongs the physical or economic life of existing facilities? For APZs at military airfields, does the project change the use of a facility so that it becomes one which is no longer acceptable in accordance with Department of Defense standards, (please see 32 CFR Part 256 for *Land Use Compatibility Guidelines for Accident Potential Zones*), significantly increase the density or number of people at the site, or introduces explosive, flammable or toxic materials to the area?**

No: STOP here. The project is not subject to the regulation.

* Record your determination.

Yes: Proceed to #4.

**4. Will the project frequently be used or occupied by people?**

Yes: STOP here. The project cannot be assisted with HUD funds. STOP HERE.

No:

* Obtain written assurance from the airport operator to the effect that there are no plans to purchase the land involved with the project as a portion of a Runway Clear Zone or Clear Zone acquisition program.
* Maintain copies of all of the documents you have used to make your determination.

**\*Rehabilitation is major when the estimated cost of the work is 75% or more of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehab (please see 24 CFR Part 58.35(a) for complete definition of major rehabilitation thresholds.)**

**EXHIBIT G**

**SAMPLE FORMAT**

**FOR A**

**COMPLETED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Environmental Assessment**

**Responsible Entity:** [24 CFR 58.2(a)(7)]: City of Somewhere, ID

**Certifying Officer:**  [24 CFR 58.2(a)(2)]: Ron Swanson, Mayor

**Project Name:** Infrastructure to support the new Sunrise Housing Complex

**Project Location:** Jade Quarry Road, T. 40 N., R32 W., NW ¼ section 10, City of Parkline, ID

**Estimated total project cost:** $4,000,000

**Grant Recipient:**  [24 CFR 58.2(a)(5)]: City of Somewhere

**Recipient Address:** 1654 7th Ave. E, Somewhere, ID

**Project Representative:** Leslie Knope

**Telephone Number:** (208) 999-9999

**Conditions for Approval:** (List all mitigations measures adopted by the responsible entity to eliminate or minimize adverse environmental impacts. These conditions must be included in project contracts or other relevant documents as requirements). [24 CFR 58.40(d), 40 CFR 1505.2(c)]

**FINDING:** [58.40(g)]

**⌧ Finding of No Significant Impact**

(The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment)

**🞏 Finding of Significant Impact**

(The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment)

**Environmental Review Officer: Leslie Knope Date 8/3/2018**

**(signature)**

**Chief Elected Official Signature**: **Ron Swanson**  **Date 8/7/2018**

**(signature)**

**Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal:** [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]

**Description of the Proposal:** Include all contemplated actions which logically are either geographically or functionally a composite part of the project, regardless of the source of funding. [24 CFR 58.32, 40 CFR 1508.25]

**Existing Conditions and Trends:** describe the existing conditions of the project area and its surroundings, and trends likely to continue in the absence of the project. [24 CFR 58.4a)

**Sample Format: Statutory Checklist**

[24CFR §58.5]

For each listed statute, executive order or regulation, record the determinations made. Note reviews and consultations completed as well as any applicable permits or approvals obtained. Attach evidence that all required actions have been taken. Record any conditions or mitigation measures required. Then, make a determination of compliance or consistency.

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| **Laws/Authorities/E.O.s** | **Status A/B** | | **Determination and Supporting Documentation** |
| **Historic Preservation**  [36 CFR 800] | A | No historic properties will be affected. Letter from Idaho SHPO dated  7/12/10 and Green Sheet. (Appendix 1) | |
| **Floodplain Management**  [24 CFR 55, Executive Order 11988] | B | Activity is located in a Floodplain. See Panel \_\_\_of map dated\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  (Appendix 2). It was determined there is no practicable alternative to undertaking the project within the floodplain. (8 step decision according to 24 CFR Part 55 and Green Sheet attached is Appendix 2. | |
| **Wetlands Protection**  [Executive Order 11990] | A | Project will not directly or indirectly impact a wetland. See wetland  Map \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Green Sheet (Appendix 3) | |
| **Coastal Zone**  **Management Act**  [Sections 307(c),(d)] | A | There are no Coastal Barrier Resource Areas in Idaho. Therefore, the Act does not apply. | |
| **Sole Source Aquifers**  [40 CFR 149] | A | There are no sole source aquifers in City of Somewhere. See map and Green Sheet in (Appendix 4) Information also from website:  http://www.epa.gov/safewater/swp/ssa/reg10.html | |
| **Endangered Species Act**  [50 CFR 402] | A | No endangered, threatened, or proposed species or designated critical habitat will be affected by the project. See species list and profile for northern Idaho ground squirrel and Canadian Lynx, and evaluation of impact summary from IPac accessed from <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/>  (Appendix 5) | |
| **Wild and Scenic Rivers Act**  [Sections 7 (b), (c)] | A | There are no rivers currently listed as Wild and Scenic rivers near the project site. See map and Green Sheet (Appendix 6) Information also from website: <https://rivers.gov/> | |
| **Air Quality**  [Clean Air Act, Sections 176 (c)  and (d), and 40 CFR 6, 51, 93] | A | Project is located in a non-attainment area however the project is considered to have a de-minus impact based upon a review of likely emissions per agreement with County Regional Clean Air Authority Agreement and Green Sheet (Appendix 7) . | |
| **Farmland Protection Policy**  **Act** [7 CFR 658] | A | The project is currently zoned residential. Farmland Protection Policy Act is not triggered. Zoning map and Green Sheet attached. (Appendix 8) | |
| **Environmental Justice**  [Executive Order 12898] | A | City has determined this development is compatible with surrounding land uses, and that the site is not affected by hazardous materials nor facilities producing and using such materials, refer to Phase 1 Assessment dated 6/25/10 and information from: [https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/](https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/%20) and Green Sheet (Appendix 9) | |

**HUD Environmental Standards Determination and** **Compliance Documentation**

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| **Noise Abatement and**  **Control** [24 CFR 51 B] | A | Per 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B, there are no sound levels exceeding 65 DNL (acceptable). Jade Quarry Road is not a major roadway nor is Moose Creek Road. E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208) 999-9991 and attached Green Sheet (Appendix 10). |
| **Toxic or Hazardous Substances and**  **Radioactive Materials**  [HUD Notice 79-33] | A | No on-site or off-site hazardous substances or facilities are identified within a 3 mile radius of the project site as based on the Phase 1 Environmental Site assessment conducted by GEO TECH dated 6/22/10 (Appendix 11). No local toxic or hazardous substances identified on: [https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/](https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/%20) and Green Sheet (Appendix 11) |
| **Siting of HUD-Assisted Projects near Hazardous Operations**  [24 CFR 51 C] | A | The distance between A-Z Fuel Tank Farm and the project site exceeds the Acceptable Separation Distance required for people and buildings. Calculations, in accordance with HUD’s guidebook were conducted by E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208) 999-9991 and Green Sheet are included in (Appendix 12). |
| **Airport Clear Zones and**  **Accident Potential Zones**  [24 CFR 51 D] | A | No FAA designated civilian airports are located within 3000 feet or military airfields within 21/2 miles of the project site. See map and Green Sheet (Appendix 13). |

**Sample Format: Environmental Assessment Checklist**

[Environmental Review Guide HUD CPD 782, 24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 &1508.27]

Evaluate the significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Enter relevant base data and verifiable source documentation to support the finding. Then enter the appropriate impact code from the following list to make a finding of impact. **Impact Codes**: (**1)** - No impact anticipated;

(**2)** - Potentially beneficial; (**3)** - Potentially adverse; (**4)** - Requires mitigation; (**5)** - Requires project modification. Note names, dates of contact, telephone numbers and page references. Attach additional materials as needed.

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| **Land Development** | **Code** | | **Source or Documentation** |
| Conformance with Comprehensive Plans and Zoning | 1 | Site is designated as residential (City Land Use Planning Map, Appendix \_\_). | |
| Compatibility and Urban Impact | 1 | The site is on the edge of a developed area and residential use is compatible with the surrounding land uses. E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208) 999-9991 (City Land Use Planning Map Appendix \_\_). | |
| Slope | 1 | The site contains slight slopes less than 2% and would not require unusual excavation and fill activity. Refer to “Soil and Foundation Report” page 10 of report by Environmental Design dated 6/03. (Appendix \_\_). | |
| Erosion | 1 | Minor erosion during construction will be controlled by contractor. Refer to page 11 of report by Environmental Design dated 6/18/10 (Appendix \_\_). | |
| Soil Suitability | 1 | Soil is acceptable for the project. Refer to Soil and Foundation Report page 11 (Appendix \_\_). | |
| Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety | 1 | No on-site or off-site hazardous substances or facilities are identified within a 3 mile radius of the project site as based on the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment conducted GEO TECH dated 6/03/10 (Appendix 6). No local toxic or hazardous substances identified on: [https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/](https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/%20) (Appendix 6). Electrical generation building (with sound insulation) is located 2 miles south with forest buffer per E.F. Wassill (208) 999-9991 (Appendix \_\_). | |
| Energy Consumption | 1 | Adequate capacity exists to supply project with electricity from Somewhere Power. The project will be properly insulated and will contain other energy efficiency measures. Letter from project engineer (Appendix \_\_). | |
| **Noise**  Contribution to Community Noise Levels | 1 | Project will not generate substantial increase in traffic. Noise from project construction activities is temporary and separated from existing residential development. Letter from project engineer (Appendix \_\_). | |
| **Air Quality**  Effects of Ambient Air Quality on Project and Contribution to Community Pollution Levels | 3 | Residents may be affected by poor air quality because project is in a non-attainment area. See map in Appendix \_\_\_ | |
| **Environmental Design**  Visual Quality - Coherence, Diversity, Compatible Use and  Scale | 1 | The project is on the edge of a developed area and is compatible with the surroundings land uses. The project will be painted to blend with the surrounding buildings and natural vegetation will be used for landscaping. Letter from project engineer  (Appendix \_\_). | |

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| **Socioeconomic** | **Code** | | **Source or Documentation** |
| **Demographic Character Changes** | 1 | The project is consistent with the surrounding land uses, there will be no change in demographic or neighborhood character. See page 24 of Project Application (Appendix \_\_). | |
| **Displacement** | 1 | Land is vacant, no displacement will occur. | |
| **Employment and Income Patterns** | 1 | The project could have a beneficial impact to the income pattern in the City because the new families might spend more of their income in the City after they move. There are jobs available in the community for new families based on Comprehensive Plan. (see page 174) | |

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| **Community Facilities**  **and Services** | **Code** | **Source or Documentation** |
| Educational Facilities | 1 | The local school has the capacity to absorb new students (see letter from school superintendent dated 7/07/10), (Appendix \_\_). |
| Commercial Facilities | 2 | The City commercial facilities will benefit with more residents adding to the local economy (see page 75-77 of 2009 City Comprehensive Plan pages 22-25 located in Appendix\_\_). |
| Health Care | 1 | The City health care facilities have the capacity to serve additional families (see page 69 of 2009 City Comprehensive Plan ). |
| Social Services | 1 | The increase in families would not adversely affect any other social services. |
| Solid Waste | 1 | There is a negligible increase in the number of families and will not affect solid waste services provided by the City. E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208) 999-9991, (Appendix \_\_). |
| Waste Water | 1 | There is a negligible increase in the number of families and will not affect solid waste services provided by the City. E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208) 999-9991, (Appendix \_\_). |
| Storm Water | 1 | Storm water generated by the new development will be channeled to a settling pond (see page 24 of 2009 engineering study), (Appendix \_\_). |
| Water Supply | 1 | The housing units will be served by the City water supply. There is a negligible increase in the number of families and will not affect waste water services provided by the City (see page 28 of 2009 engineering study), (Appendix \_\_). |
| Public Safety  -Police | 1 | There is a negligible increase in the number of families and will not have an appreciable effect on City Police. Response time to the subdivision is approximately 10 minutes. E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208) 999-9991, (Appendix \_\_). |
| -Fire | 1 | There is a negligible increase in the number of families and will not have an appreciable affect on the volunteer fire department. Response time to the subdivision is approximately 10 minutes. (E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208) 999-9991, (Appendix \_\_). |
| -Emergency Medical | 1 | The new families would be served by the same emergency medical facilities that currently serve the remainder of the City. The project will not have an appreciable impact on those services. The nearest emergency facility is approximately 7 miles from the project. E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208) 999-9991, (Appendix \_\_). |

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| Open Space and Recreation  -Open Space | 1 | The project would not adversely affect open space in the City based on the 2009 Comprehensive Plan page 145 in Common file and letter from E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208) 999-9991, Appendix \_\_). |
| Recreation | 1 | The development will have a small play area for children and there is also a City owned community center that sponsors a variety of activities for adults and children. The center has a baseball and soccer field the City based on the 2010 E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208)-999-9991, (Appendix \_\_). |
| -Cultural Facilities | 1 | The small number of families associated with the project will have little impact on cultural facilities. There is a public library within 6 blocks of the project. E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208) 999-9991 (Appendix \_\_). |

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| **Natural Features** | **Code** | **Source or Documentation** |
| Water Resources | 1 | Storm water generated by the new development will be channeled to a settling pond and will not directly affect Frozen River. The project will comply with City storm water requirements. The project site is affected by a high seasonal water table, which is the reason why the units will be connected to the Village utilities instead of individual well and septic systems. (Letter from the project engineer (Appendix \_\_). |
| Surface Water | 1 | Refer to Water Resources above. |
| Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands | 1 | Project will not alter unique natural features. There are no agricultural lands affected E.F. Wassill, Planner, City of Somewhere, (208) 999-9991 (Appendix \_\_). |
| Vegetation and Wildlife | 1 | Project will be developed in a cluster area leaving more existing vegetation and wildlife unaffected (see attached plat map Appendix \_\_). |

**Compliance Checklist for the “Other Requirements” in 24 CFR 58.6**

**Section 1.** Flood Disaster Protection Act

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| Are funds for acquisition (including equipment) or construction (including repair and rehabilitation) purposes? | **Yes**  Continue | No  Proceed to Section 2-Act does not apply |
| Is the Activity in an area identified as having special flood hazards (SFHA)?  Identify FEMA flood map used to make this determination:  Community Name and Number: Somewhere, ID; #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Map panel number and date: #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Yes  Document and Continue | **No**  Document and Proceed to Section 2-Act does not apply |
| Is the Community participating in the National Insurance Program (or has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards)? | Yes-Document; follow instructions | No-**Federal Assistance may not be used for this project.** |
| *Flood Insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program must be obtained and maintained for the economic life of the project, in the amount of the total project cost. A copy of the flood insurance policy declaration must be kept on file.* | | |

**Section 2.** Airport Runway Clear Zones (Civil) and Accident Potential Zones (Military)

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| Does the project involve HUD assistance, subsidy or insurance for the purchase or sale of an existing property? | **Yes**  Continue | No—Proceed to Section 3—regulation does not apply. |
| Is the project located within 2,500 feet of a civil airport or  15,000 feet of a military airfield? | Yes  Continue | **No**—Document and proceed to Section 3—regulation does not apply. |
| Is the project located within an FAA-designated civilian airport Runway Clear Zone (RCA) or Runway Protection Zone, or within the military Airfield Clear Zone (CZ) or Accident Potential Zone/Approach Protection Zone (APZ), based upon information from the airport or military airfield administrator identifying the boundaries of such zones? | Yes  Continue | **No**—Document and proceed to Section 3—regulation does not apply. |
| *Comply with 24 CFR Part 51, Subpart D. This may include providing a written notice to a prospective buyer or leaser of the potential hazards from airplane accidents and the potential that an airfield operator may wish to purchase the property. Maintain copies of the signed notice. For properties located in a military clear zone, make and document a determination of whether the use of the property is consistent with DOD guidelines. Notice Sample:* <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title32-vol2/pdf/CFR-2011-title32-vol2-sec256-8.pdf> | | |

**Section 3.** Coastal Barrier Resources Act

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| There are no Coastal Barrier Resource Areas in Idaho. Therefore, the Act does not apply. |

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| **Other Factors** | **Code** | **Source or Documentation** |
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**Note:** The Responsible Entity must additionally document and ensure compliance with 24 CFR §58.6 in the ERR, particularly with the Flood Insurance requirements of the Flood Disaster Program Act and the Buyer Disclosure requirements of the HUD Airport Runway Clear Zone/Clear Zone regulation at 24 CFR 51 Subpart D.

**Summary of Findings and Conclusions**

The proposed development would have minor impacts on the environment. Any potential for erosion will be minimized through the use of a settling pond. The settling pond became part of the proposed action early in the review process to control the storm water. The project is located in a flood plain as is most of the City, based on the 8 step process, there are no practical alternatives. All other impacts would be negligible because of the few units being built and the fact that they will utilize existing services provided by the Village. There are no endangered species or historic resources on the project site. The project is compatible with surrounding land uses and is located in close proximity to commercial, retail, social, and medical services. The project could have beneficial effects on income patterns in the City because the new families could spend more of their income in the City.

**Summary of Environmental Conditions**

The project site is located within a 100 year floodplain and in a non-attainment zone.

**Project Modifications and Alternatives Considered** *(identify other reasonable courses of action that were considered and not selected, such as other sites, design modifications, or other uses of the subject site. Describe the benefits and adverse impacts to the human environment of each alternative and the reasons for rejecting it.)*

Several other sites were considered, but were not analyzed in detail because they did not meet all of the site criteria. Preliminary screening indicated that the other sites would have had increase development costs because of environmental issues. (e.g. hazardous substances, floodplains and archaeological sites) that were present.

**No action Alternative** *(Discuss the benefits and adverse impacts to the human environment of not implementing the preferred alternative.)*

The No action alternative was not considered because it would not meet the need for more housing in the City of Somewhere. One of the City’s most important goals is to provide housing.

**Mitigation Measures Needed** *(Recommend feasible ways in which the proposal or external factors relating to the proposal should be modified in order to eliminate or minimize adverse environmental impacts.)*

The construction contractors must comply with the Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho, IDAPA 58.01.01.651, by implementing precautions to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne.

If any items of suspected historical or archaeological value are uncovered during construction, the contractor will be required to stop work and contact the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office and the Idaho Department of Commerce.

The collection and disposal of storm and surface water runoff from the project site must comply with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) Catalog of Storm Water Best Management Practices for design of all storm water treatment and disposal systems.

If, during the construction of the project, an underground storage tank, buried drum, other container, contaminated soil, or debris not scheduled for removal under the contract are discovered, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Engineer and the Idaho Department of Commerce. No attempt shall be made to excavate, open, or remove such material without written approval.

**Additional Studies Performed** *(Attach studies or summaries*)

* City Land Use Zoning Map
* Phase 1 – Environmental Assessment
* Soils and Foundation Report