



U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form



Program or Field Office: Office of Legacy Management

Project Title and I.D. No.: Lease of the Cabin portion of Building 12, Grand Junction, Colorado, Site

Location: Grand Junction, Colorado

Proposed Action or Project Description:

DOE-LM is proposing to lease the portion of Building 12 known as the Cabin from the Riverside Technology Corporation (RTC). DOE-LM proposes to renovate this building for future use as a visitor center that focuses on the Cold War history of western Colorado, development and importance of uranium and vanadium mining to the West, and the impact of DOE-LM and its predecessor agencies on the area economy. RTC owns the Cabin, which is a contributing element of the Grand Junction Office Historic District (5ME11856).

DOE-LM plans to investigate the types of renovations that would be in keeping with the period of use and what is known about the original building. Interior modifications would capture the original appearance of the interior, but salvaged, period-accurate materials would not replace the current materials. Investigators have been unable to locate photos or descriptions of the original interior.

DOE-LM plans to initiate the Section 106 process with the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to discuss renovations once they have been identified. DOE-LM will not make any physical changes to this building until SHPO consultation has been completed. Once DOE-LM and SHPO have agreed upon the appropriate renovations, additional NEPA review may be required prior to their execution.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

B1.24 - Property transfers

B1.25 - Real property transfers for cultural resources protection, habitat preservation, and wildlife management

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of 10 CFR Part 1021.

Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410(b): (See full text in regulation)

The proposal fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D

To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposal has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

Based on my review of the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer:

Date Determined: