U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management



LM 18-18

NEPA Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM)

Project Title: Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, Westminster, CO, GSA Parking

Location: Westminster, CO

Proposed Action or Project Description:

DOE-LM is proposing to lease land with a secure access gate and fence from the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in Broomfield, Colorado and construct a gravel parking lot to park General Services Administration (GSA) vehicles. The parking lot is necessary to create secure parking for the GSA vehicles.

The proposed action would cover an approximately 0.6 acre area and would occur in a phased approach. The first phase would consist of vehicle parking on the existing and unimproved land while a formal lease agreement with the airport and construction contract with a subcontractor are obtained. There would be no ground disturbance other than vehicle movement under this phase. The subsequent construction phase would include stripping and stockpiling 6-in thick topsoil; scarifying and re-compacting 12-in thick subgrade; minor surface grading; hauling, placing, and compacting 6-in thick class 6 ABC soil; and installing two solar powered light poles anchored to the ground on 30-inch wide concrete footings that would be installed up to 6 feet below ground surface. Heavy equipment used during construction may include, but is not limited to, bulldozer, water truck, dump truck, grader, smooth drum roller, and sheepsfoot compactor. Fugitive dust would be suppressed using water spraying techniques. Stripped soil would be kept on site in accordance with Jefferson County requirements and permanently managed as an engineered berm that is revegetated. No construction activities would commence prior to receipt of concurrence and determination of no adverse effect from the State Historic Preservation Office.

Maintenance activities would be required for the long-term and would consist of vegetation management such as herbicide/pesticide applications; snow removal; gravel replacement or compaction, and maintenance to light poles. A lease agreement would be developed between LM and Jefferson County Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport to execute the leasing of the property.

Vehicle parking at the proposed airport parking lot site would commence in July 2018. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin mid October 2018 and conclude in late-October 2018. Long-term maintenance activities are indefinite. A subcontractor would perform the construction activities with Legacy Management Support (LMS) contractor oversight. Either LMS or a subcontractor would perform ongoing maintenance activities.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

- B1.3 Routine maintenance
- B1.15 Support buildings
- B1.24 Property transfers

For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations regarding categorical exclusions, including the full text of each categorical exclusion, see Subpart D of Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1021 (10 CFR 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.

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☑ 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 by the LM Director per DOE Policy 451.1), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified classes of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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