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| FSA-850 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (06-14-02) Farm Service Agency | | 1. PROJECT INFORMATION | | | | | | | |
| ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION CHECKLIST | | 1A. PRODUCER or APPLICANT NAME | | | | | | | |
| | | 1B. PROJECT NUMBER | | | 1C. STATE & COUNTY CODE | | | | |
| 1D. TYPE OF PROJECT | | 1E. PROJECT OR DESCRIPTION | | 1F. GENERAL LOCATION | | | | | |
| LOAN <input type="checkbox"/> CRP <input type="checkbox"/> ECP <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. BACKGROUND a. Describe the purpose and need for the project: b. Describe the project site and its present use: c. Describe the surrounding land uses; indicate the directions and distances involved. The extent of the surrounding land to be considered depends on the extent of the potential impacts of the project, its related activities, and the primary beneficiaries: Attach adequate location maps of the project area, as well as (1) an aerial photo of the site, (2) if available, topographic map which clearly delineates the area and the location of the project elements, (3) if available, site photos, and (4) if completed, a standard soil survey for the project. When necessary for descriptive purposes or environmental analysis, include land use maps or other graphic information. All graphic materials shall be of high quality resolution. | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. PROTECTED RESOURCES For the below listed land uses or environmental resources, check the appropriate answer in Column A to indicate those that are present on the site(s) of the proposed action. Check the appropriate answer in Column B for those resources that are within the action's area of environmental impact, such as the areas adjacent to the proposed site(s). Check the appropriate answer in Column C for those land uses and environmental resources that will be adversely affected by the proposed action. | | | | A Located on the site of the proposed action | | B Located within the proposed action area of environmental impact | | C Adversely affected by the proposed action | |
| Check the appropriate boxes as provided: - If "YES" is checked in Column A or B, then Column C must be completed. - If "YES" is checked in Column C, attach as Exhibit 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g, 3h, and 3i as applicable, a discussion and description of all potential impacts. | | | | YES | NO | YES | NO | YES | NO |
| a. Wetlands An AD-1026 must be completed by all producers who request USDA program or loan benefits covered by the FSA of 1985, as amended by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996. If any of questions 8 through 10 of the AD-1026 are answered "YES," then a NRCS CPA-026e must be completed and attached. | | | | | | | | | |
| b. Floodplains - Flood Map Panel # _____ For projects involving construction/development in floodplains, attach applicable floodplain development permits. | | | | | | | | | |
| c. Sole Source Aquifer Recharge Area (Designated by Environmental Protection Agency) The proposed action must not contaminate or contribute to the contamination of a sole source aquifer to the extent that a significant hazard to public health is created. | | | | | | | | | |
| d. Critical Habitat or Endangered/Threatened Species (listed or proposed) Consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to ensure that the proposed action will not jeopardize a listed species or destroy or modify its "critical habitat" in accordance with the Endangered Species Act. | | | | | | | | | |
| e. Wilderness | | | | | | | | | |
| f. Coastal Barrier in Coastal Barrier Resources System or Approved Coastal Zone Management Area | | | | | | | | | |
| g. Wild or Scenic River | | | | | | | | | |
| h. Natural Landmark | | | | | | | | | |
| i. Historical, Archeological Sites | | | | | | | | | |

4. WATER QUALITY

a. Will the proposed action adversely affect the quality of surface and/or ground water?

YES NO

b. Will the proposed action comply with the requirements of the Clean Water Act and any applicable State water quality laws?

YES NO

If Item 4a is answered "YES," attach as Exhibit 4, a discussion of any impacts to water quality.

5. AIR QUALITY

Will the proposed action produce air emissions or odors that will violate any Federal, State, or local laws or standards?

YES NO

If "YES," attach as Exhibit 5, a discussion of any impacts to air quality.

6. NOISE

Will the proposed action result in permanent increases in noise levels?

YES NO

If "YES," attach as Exhibit 6, a discussion of any noise impacts.

7. IMPORTANT LAND RESOURCES

Will the proposed action result in the conversion of important farmland, prime forest land, or prime rangeland to a nonagricultural use?

YES NO

If "YES," attach as Exhibit 7, a discussion of which land resources would be affected along with any alternatives to the proposed action.

8. UNIQUE NATURAL FEATURES AND AREAS

a. Will the project be located near natural features (i.e. bluffs, caves, or cliffs) or near public or private scenic areas?

YES NO

b. Are other natural resources visible on the site or in the vicinity?

YES NO

c. Will any such resources be adversely affected or will they adversely affect the project?

YES NO

If Item 8c is answered "YES," attach as Exhibit 8, a discussion of such natural features or areas and potential adverse impacts.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Will the proposed action cause any adverse human health or environmental effects to minority or low income communities as defined in the Executive Order 12896, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations"?

YES NO

If "YES," attach as Exhibit 9, a discussion of any adverse effects.

10. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Will the proposed action have any negative impacts on the local social and economic conditions? YES NO

If "YES," attach as Exhibit 10, a discussion of any negative impacts.

11. STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Is the proposed project subject to a State NEPA? YES NO

If "YES," attach as Exhibit 11, a discussion of the results of compliance with these requirements.

12. PUBLIC REACTION

Have there been any negative reactions from the public related to the proposed project? YES NO

If "YES," attach as Exhibit 12, a discussion of any associated comments and related correspondence.

13. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Are there any cumulative impacts resulting from the proposed project? YES NO

If "YES," attach as Exhibit 13, a discussion of the cumulative impacts of this project and the related activities. Give particular attention to land use changes and air and water quality impacts.

14. ALTERNATIVES

Based on the answers provided in this form, will alternatives have to be considered? YES NO

If "YES," attach as Exhibit 14, a discussion of the feasibility of alternatives to the project and their environmental impacts.

15. MITIGATION MEASURES

Based on the answers provided in this form, will mitigation measures have to be considered? YES NO

If "YES," attach as Exhibit 15, a discussion of any measures which will be required to avoid or mitigate the identified adverse impacts.

16. COMMENTS

17. CHECKLIST

| Permits | | | Forms | | |
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| | Required | Not Required | | Required | Not Required |
| Army Corps of Engineers 404 | | | Form FSA-851, Environmental Risk Assessment | | |
| NPDES Storm Water | | | Form NRCS CPA-026e, HEL and WC Determination | | |
| Floodplain Development Permit | | | Form FEMA 81-93, Standard Flood Hazard Determination | | |
| CAFO Permit | | | | | |

Letters and Other Requirements

| | Required | Not Required | | Required | Not Required |
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| Fish and Wildlife Service clearance on Endangered/Threatened Species | | | Public Notice for Floodplains as required by section 2(a)(4) of EO 11988 | | |
| State Historic Preservation Officer consultation | | | Tribal Historic Preservation Officer consultation | | |

NOTE: Other permits, forms, and letters may be required and should be attached as applicable. All permits, forms, and letters should be attached as exhibits corresponding to their appropriate section of this form.

18. FINDING

I have reviewed and considered the types and degrees of adverse environmental impacts identified by this evaluation. I have also analyzed the proposal for its consistency with FSA environmental policies implementing the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and have considered the potential benefits of the proposal. Based upon this consideration and balancing of these factors, I recommend one of the following:

a. There will be no adverse impacts as a result of this proposed action or any adverse effects, either individually or cumulatively. The project can be considered as categorically excluded per ' 799.10 of 7 CFR Part 799. Neither an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement will be required. The project is recommended for approval.

b. An Environmental Assessment should be completed to provide further and more complete analysis of any adverse impacts and approval of the project must be delayed pending the outcome of the assessment.

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| 19A. NAME OF PREPARER | 19B. TITLE OF PREPARER |
| 19C. SIGNATURE OF PREPARER | 19D. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) |
| 19E. SIGNATURE OF CONCURRING OFFICIAL | 19F. TITLE OF CONCURRING OFFICIAL |