

Environmental Compliance by Federal Agency

The following are the federal agencies participating in the National Fire Plan – Grants Clearinghouse. The federal agencies are responsible to conduct consultation under the Federal Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and other applicable federal environmental laws. Some projects may require environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act. This will be determined by the granting agency.

U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs

(Not available at this time)

U.S. Bureau of Land Management

BLM reviews and works with grant applicants to ensure that projects are compliant with the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. NEPA does not apply to projects funded by BLM because the State Fire Safe Council has decision making authority for the selection of projects to be funded by BLM. Environmental review is done through the State Office. Compliance has to be completed prior to funds being released.

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Fish and Wildlife Service works with grant applicants and other federal agencies to ensure projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, and other applicable federal environmental laws. This environmental work is conducted in the geographic-based Fish and Wildlife Offices and the National Refuge System throughout California.

General information:

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Geographic-based offices:

Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office 707/822-7201

Carslbad Fish and Wildlife Office 760/431-9440

Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Office 541/885-8481

Red Bluff Fish and Wildlife Office 530/527-3043

Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office 916/414-6600

Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office 805/644-1766

Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office 530/842-5763

U.S. Forest Service

The local Forest reviews and works with grant applicants at the Forest level to determine what environmental compliance is required. NEPA only applies where the Forest Service has control over the project. If environmental compliance is required, the local Forest works to ensure that projects comply with the Endangered Species Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. ESA compliance is required when T&E Species are potentially affected. NHPA compliance is required for all ground disturbing work regardless of Forest Service Control. Fuels reduction projects are generally categorically excluded from environmental analysis under existing authorities. Environmental review is done through the local Forest. Any costs associated with compliance, can be covered through grant program authorities. Compliance, if necessary, has to be completed prior to funds being released.

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U.S. National Park Service

NPS reviews proposals and works with SFSC to ensure that projects are compliant with the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act, etc. National Park Service would require NEPA where it has control over the project and where parks are affected. If NEPA compliance is required NPS works with other federal partners to ensure that projects comply with the Endangered Species Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. Environmental review is done through the Local Park or Regional Fire Review Team. Any costs associated with compliance can be covered through grant program authorities. Compliance, if necessary, has to be completed prior to project implementation.

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