

REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS		Report Control Symbol (RCS): [RCS Needed]
INSTRUCTIONS: Section I to be completed by Proponent; Sections II and III to be completed by Environmental Planning Function. Continue on separate sheets as necessary. Reference appropriate item number(s).		
SECTION I - PROPONENT INFORMATION		
1. TO (Environmental Planning Function) 341 CES/CENPL	2. FROM (Proponent organization and functional address symbol) Air Force - CENP	2a. TELEPHONE NO. 406-731-7016
3. TITLE OF PROPOSED ACTION Replace Pow Wow Pond Pavilion		
4. PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION (Identify decision to be made and need date)		
<p>1. State the purpose of this action. The purposed of the proposed action is to demolish the existing pavillion located at Pow Wow Pond and build an new one.</p> <p>2. State the need for this action. The proposed action is needed to provide a recreational space allowing members and their families to enjoy time outdoors improving overall health while increasing morale. This is not a tenant or supported service requirement.</p> <p>3. What do you intend to accomplish and why is the action necessary? We will be constructing a new pavilion and demolishing an existing pavilion.</p> <p>4. What is currently being done to meet the need? Existing pavilion is currently in use, but is close to condemnation.</p> <p>5. Provide any additional details related to the Purpose and Need for Action.</p> <p>Need Date: 01/03/2025</p>		
5. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES (DOPAA) (Provide sufficient details for evaluation of the total action.)		
<p>1. Describe the proposed action. Execute joint troop training project between REDHORSE and 341 CES to replace existing wood pavilion located at Pow Wow Pond. Demolition of the existing pavilion includes all structure, foundations and electrical services. Construct new three-sided pavilion closer to parking area and provide electrical service. Pavilion construction will consist of shallow foundation with steel frame. Finishes will include metal panels on the interior and exterior with 4' split faced wainscot on exterior and interior ceiling liner panel for bird control. Facility will include a small storage room and wood burning fireplace insert.</p> <p>2. Describe alternatives to the proposed action. Status Quo - Do nothing and eventually demolish pavilion with no replacement.</p> <p>Reapir Existing Pavilion - Not possible, requires full rebuild due to foundation and structural issues.</p> <p>3. What alternatives were eliminated from consideration and why? Status Quo does not meet needs of Airman and families, Repair is more expensive than replacement and neither of these option provide necessary training to REDHORSE.</p> <p>4. Describe what will happen if no action is taken. The pavilion located at Pow Wow Pond will continue to degrade and will need to be condemned in the near future. This will leave Pow Wow Park without any covered areas to host squadron, morale or family functions. It will also leave the Sentinel mission population on the east side of base without an outdoor recreation facility to recreate or eat lunch outdoors.</p> <p>5. Please provide a description of the construction action and timing when it will occur. Execute joint troop training project between REDHORSE and 341 CES to replace existing wood pavilion located at Pow Wow Pond. Demolition of the existing pavilion includes all structure, foundations and electrical services. Reconstruct new three-sided pavilion closer to parking area and provide electrical service. Pavilion construction will consist of shallow foundation with steel frame. Finishes will include metal panels on the interior and exterior with 4' split faced wainscot on exterior and interior ceiling liner panel for bird control. Facility will include a small storage room and wood burning fireplace insert.</p>		

6. Describe the project location. Attach map(s)/diagram(s) – make sure to include an overview map of where your requested project area is on the installation.

See attached map.

7. Describe additional project requirements: 1) Construction and site preparation requirements (include approx. area of ground to be disturbed); 2) Does the project require a laydown yard or storage area? If so, describe the location and groundwork required.

750 Sq FT of distrubed ground for demo and construction. Lay down yard will utilize existing parking area.

8. Describe additional project requirements: 3) Will soil boring/sampling/potholing occur during a design phase? If so, a separate dig permit will be required; 4) Detailed operational activities; 5) Equipment/material lists.

Soil Geotechnical evaluation will be required for foundation design.

9. Will the project require utilities? How will those utilities be provided to the facility?

Electrical service will be provided to the facility from existing pole mounted tranformer serving building 1875.

10. Provide any additional details related to the Description of the Proposed Action and Alternatives (e.g., outline mitigation measures and other issues).

Map Attachments:

[Site Plan with notes.pdf](#)

6. PROPONENT APPROVAL (<i>Name and Grade</i>) micheal.j.gorecki	6a. SIGNATURE //micheal.j.gorecki i:0e.t fedvis micheal.j.gorecki//	6b. DATE 12/03/2024
SECTION II - PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY (<i>Check appropriate box and describe potential environmental effects including cumulative effects.</i>) (+ = positive effect; 0 = no effect; - = adverse effect; U = unknown effect)		+ 0 - U
7. AIR INSTALLATION COMPATIBLE LAND USE/ZONE USE (<i>Noise, accident potential, encroachment, etc.</i>)		X
8. AIR QUALITY (<i>Emissions, Attainment status, state implementation plan, etc.</i>)		X
9. WATER RESOURCES (<i>Drinking water, wastewater, quality, quantity, source, water features, etc.</i>)		X
10. SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH (<i>Asbestos/lead-based paint/radiation/chemical exposure, explosives safety quantity distance, bird/wildlife aircraft hazard, etc.</i>)		X
11. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WASTE (<i>Use/storage/generation, solid waste, toxic materials, etc.</i>)		X
12. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES (<i>Wetlands/floodplains, threatened or endangered species, etc.</i>)		X
13. CULTURAL RESOURCES (<i>Burial sites, archaeological, historical, etc.</i>)		X
14. GEOLOGY AND SOILS (<i>Topography, minerals, geothermal, Installation Restoration Program, seismicity, etc.</i>)		X
15. SOCIOECONOMIC (<i>Employment/population projections, school and local fiscal impacts, etc.</i>)		X
16. OTHER (<i>Potential impacts not addressed above, such as Host Nation considerations/concerns for non-US locations.</i>)		X

SECTION III - ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS DETERMINATION

17. ☒ PROPOSED ACTION QUALIFIES FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CATEX) #undefined ; OR
☐ PROPOSED ACTION DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR A CATEX; FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS IS REQUIRED.

18. REMARKS

Malmstrom AFB is in an area classified as Attainment in regard to air quality. Therefore, a conformity determination is not required by the Clean Air Act.

'The DAF is aware of the November 12, 2024, decision in Marin Audubon Society v. Federal Aviation Administration, No. 23-1067 (D.C. Cir. Nov. 12, 2024). To the extent that a court may conclude that the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA are not judicially enforceable or binding on this agency action, the DAF has nonetheless elected to follow those regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500– 1508, in addition to the DAF's procedures/regulations implementing NEPA at 32 CFR 989, to meet the agency's obligations under NEPA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq.'

The Proposed Action of demolishing the existing Pow Wow Pond Pavillion and constructing a new one can be CATExed by the Department of the Army Title 32 Appendix B to Part 651:

(c) Construction and demolition:

- (1) Construction of an addition to an existing structure or new construction on a previously undisturbed site if the area to be disturbed has no more than 5.0 cumulative acres of new surface disturbance. This does not include construction of facilities for the transportation, distribution, use, storage, treatment, and disposal of solid waste, medical waste, and hazardous waste (REC required).
- (2) Demolition of non-historic buildings, structures, or other improvements and disposal of debris therefrom, or removal of a part thereof for disposal, in accordance with applicable regulations, including those regulations applying to removal of asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), lead-based paint, and other special hazard items (REC required).

19. ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING FUNCTION CERTIFICATION (<i>Name and Grade</i>) Rediske, Katie 12	19a. SIGNATURE //Rediske Katie DOD - katie.e.rediske i:0e.t fedvis katie.e.rediske//	19b. DATE 02/06/2025
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CONTINUATION SHEET

Review Comments:

Other (12/05/2024 - kelly.c.vogel)

No additional comments.

Natural Resources (12/05/2024 - Anderson Roberta DOD - roberta.k.anderson)

The project is not anticipated to have any impact on mineral resources or other geological features.

Biological Resources (12/05/2024 - Anderson Roberta DOD - roberta.k.anderson)

1. Would the Project impact any plants or animals that are listed or candidates for threatened, unique, rare or endangered status?

This project is not anticipated to have any impacts on TES or SOC. However, most bird species are protected under the MBTA, so prior to demolish, contact NRM to survey for active nests within the Powwow Park pavilion.

2. Will there be any impacts from the construction of the Project on any types of critical, sensitive or unique habitats to include floodplains, wetlands, vernal pools, etc.?

The project is not anticipated to have any impact on sensitive, critical, or unique habitats. Use BMPs to ensure debris does not reach Powwow Pond, which is at a sufficient distance from the pavilion to make this unlikely.

3. Would there be any potential impacts to Threatened or Endangered species (TES) from implementing the Project's construction, operation and/or maintenance activities?

No potential impacts to TES are expected from this project.

4. Are there any surveyed federal- or state-listed TES within the Project's region of influence?

No; however, see response to 1. Avian survey (for MBTA compliance) must be conducted prior to demolition to check for any active native bird species nests.

Safety and Occupational Health (12/05/2024 - Lassiter Justin DOD - justin.l.lassiter)

No issues from safety. If DAF personnel who visit the site must comply with all DAFMAN91-203 requirements for PPE etc. Please contact 406-731-1234 with questions.

AICUZ/Land Use (12/05/2024 - kelly.c.vogel)

The project will not cause excessive noise and will not affect the airspace. The project will not change the existing land use and is within the installation boundary. No encroachment concerns.

Water Resources (12/05/2024 - Chouinard Shannon DOD - shannon.l.chouinard)

1. Will a new or modified National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), or HN equivalent, permit be required? - NO

2. Would the Project require permitting to discharge effluents into an existing body of water? - NO

3. Would the Project impact any existing body of water, floodplain or jurisdictional wetland? - NO

4. Are there downstream sedimentation or storm water-born pollution issues that may be impacted by implementing the Project? - NO

5. Will the Project comply with the installation's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan or require a modification? - NO

6. Does the installation drain to an impaired water body and would the Project have the potential to create excessive runoff, sedimentation, and/or erosion as a result of implementing the Project? - YES, not no impacts.

7. Would the Project have the potential to adversely affect/require mods or substantial changes to installation or community groundwater, wastewater, storm water or other natural or manmade water systems to accommodate regulated wastewater pollutants? - NO

8. Does the installation lack sustainable and adequate potable and process water supplies to support the Project? - NO

Bioenvironmental (12/06/2024 - Shuler Brian DOD - brian.d.shuler)

819 RHS and 341 CE personnel receive health risk assessments from Bioenvironmental for their respective routine processes. These

assessments must be followed. Contact Bio 731-1580 if further evaluation of information is needed.

Hazardous Materials/Waste (12/06/2024 - Semana Leobernard DOD - leobernard.t.semana)

Turn in all Universal Lamps and light ballasts to P-2

Air Quality (12/09/2024 - Grundhauser Jared DOD - jared.j.grundhauser)

No significant air quality issues expected from the proposed Pow Wow Pond Pavilion

Other (12/09/2024 - Grundhauser Jared DOD - jared.j.grundhauser)

No other significant issues expected from the Pow Wow Pond Pavilion.

Hazardous Materials/Waste (12/10/2024 - Delorme Donald DOD - donald.d.delorme)

11C Solid Waste - Divert as much solid waste from landfill

Tanks (01/14/2025 - Ellsworth Candace DOD - candace.ellsworth)

no issues

Cultural Resources (01/14/2025 - Ellsworth Candace DOD - candace.ellsworth)

no issues

Legal (02/06/2025 - Rediske Katie DOD - katie.e.rediske)

Legal review completed on 06 February 2025 by Major Edwin Kisiel. See attached Legal Review.

Attachments:

[LR-813 Replace Powwow Pond Pavilion.pdf](#)

REPLACE POWWOW POND PAVILLION



January 11, 2024

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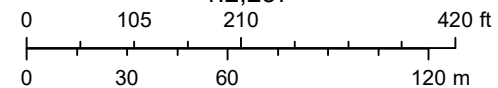
Installation Boundary



Override 1

Building Label

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 341ST MISSILE WING (AFGSC)**

6 February 2025

MEMORANDUM FOR 341 CES/CEIE

FROM: 341 MW/JA

SUBJECT: Legal Review – AF 813 for Replacing Powwow Pond Pavilion

1. I have reviewed the AF Form 813, Request for Environmental Impact Analysis, for the replacement of the Powwow Pond Pavilion, including demolition of the existing pavilion and construction of a nearby new picnic pavilion. I find the AF Form 813 to be legally sufficient subject to notification to the public of the proposal to adopt a sister service categorical exclusion (CATEX).

2. FACTS: The proposed action involves demolition of a picnic pavilion at Powwow Pond and construction of a new 750 square foot three-sided picnic pavilion with a storage room closer to the parking area with electrical utility service. The existing pavilion has structural and foundation deficiencies and is not salvageable. The foundation design of the new pavilion will be in accordance with recommendations from a geotechnical engineer.

3. LAW & ANALYSIS:

a. To comply with NEPA (42 U.S.C. § 4331), the Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) requires the Environmental Planning Function (EPF) to “Consider and document environmental effects of proposed Air Force actions through AF Forms 813”. 32 C.F.R. § 989.4(a). CATEXs may be applied to actions that “do not individually or cumulatively have potential for significant effect on the environment and do not, therefore, require further environmental analysis in an EA or an EIS”. 32 C.F.R. § 989.13(a).

b. Under 42 C.F.R. § 4336c, one agency can adopt a CATEX listed by another federal agency when the adopting agency has identified the CATEX they wish to apply, consult with the other agency regarding the category of proposed actions subject to that CATEX, identify use of the adopted CATEX for proposed actions to the public, and document adoption of the CATEX. In November 2024, the Department of the Air Force published a Federal Register notice stating its intent to adopt 15 CATEXes promulgated by the Department of the Army.

c. One of the Department of the Army CATEXes that was adopted permits “construction of an addition to an existing structure or new construction on a previously undisturbed site if the area to be disturbed has no more than 5.0 cumulative acres of new surface disturbance,” provided

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that application of the CATEX is documented. 32 C.F.R. Part 651, Appendix B, Section II(c)(1). Here, the proposed area to be disturbed for construction of a new picnic pavilion is 750 square feet, which is well under the 5 acre limit for adoption of this proposed CATEX. Thus, provided that the 341 MW provides notification to the public of intent to apply this CATEX to the proposed project, such as posting on the installation Public Affairs website, application of this CATEX to the proposed construction is appropriate.

d. One of the Department of the Army CATEXes that was adopted allows for “demolition of non-historic buildings, structures, or other improvements and disposal of debris therefrom, or removal of a part thereof for disposal, in accordance with applicable regulations...,” provided that application of the CATEX is documented. 32 C.F.R. Part 651, Appendix B, Section II(c)(2). In this case, the picnic pavilion is not a historic structure, so demolition is permitted under the adopted CATEX without further environmental analysis. Thus, provided that the 341 MW provides notification to the public of intent to apply this CATEX to the proposed project, such as posting on the installation Public Affairs website, application of this CATEX to the proposed demolition is appropriate.

4. I find this AF Form 813 legally sufficient subject to requirements to provide the public with notification of the application of adopted CATEXes to the proposed action. If you have any questions, please email me at edwin.kiesel.2@us.af.mil.

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