

provided that no more than 1320 feet of road or trail construction is required to implement the stewardship action:

(1) Policy development, planning and implementation which relate to routine activities, such as personnel, organizational change, record management, internal communication, financial management, or similar administrative functions;

(2) Procurement of equipment and supplies consistent with federal environmental policies and direction;

(3) Closures or other orders issued for durations of less than one year to provide resource protection or to protect public health and safety;

(4) Location and maintenance of landline boundaries and geographic sites;

(5) Routine repair and maintenance of facilities and administrative sites including, but not limited to, buildings, fences, water systems, roads, trails, signs, and ancillary facilities associated with the administration and management of the Preserve, or the installation, and routine repair and maintenance of removable communication facilities of not more than 250 square feet, the primary purpose of which is to facilitate communication associated with the administration and management of the Preserve;

(6) Use and care for horses or other stock for administrative purposes that is clearly limited in context and intensity;

(7) Repair and maintenance of recreation sites;

(8) Reconstruction or maintenance of utilities within a designated corridor;

(9) Inventories, research activities, and studies, such as resource inventories and routine data collection when such actions are clearly limited in context and intensity;

(10) Implementation or modification of minor management practices such as the placement of salt blocks, temporary fencing, and the placement of temporary water tanks to improve range conditions and/or animal distribution;

(11) Treatment of forest structure and fuel conditions for the purpose of reducing the hazard of large, stand-replacing crown fires in areas where such high severity fires are outside an historic range of variability. Projects under this category are limited to an aggregate area in the Preserve of no more than 640 acres in a calendar year, and may involve prescribed fire and/or the removal of live trees, the diameter of which will be:

(A) No larger than nine inches at breast height; or

(B) Determined by publicly available site-specific size class information used

to define an appropriate diameter and basal area distribution of trees to be removed;

(12) Removal of brush or hazard trees near roads or buildings, where such action is necessary to protect historic structures or the health and safety of the public and/or employees, and when such action is clearly limited in context and intensity; and

(13) Authorizing seasonal or short-term backcountry recreation or special use actions such as: Day-use hiking; wildlife observation; educational field trips; and other small group activities.

#### 101.7 Public Involvement.

(a) Opportunities for the public to provide input and maintain a dialogue with the Trust regarding a proposed stewardship action may be triggered by a combination of notice through appropriate media, public meetings, targeted outreach, agency consultation, scoping, and public review of relevant documents.

(b) In the preparation of a stewardship register, the Trust will identify the appropriate stages during the process leading up to a decision, and if the decision is to go forward with an action, the implementation of that decision, where specific forms of public review and input will be most useful and informative to the Responsible Official.

(1) For stewardship actions involving natural and cultural resources of the Preserve, the Responsible Official will notify the public that the stewardship action is being proposed, and that a stewardship register is available for review.

(2) The Trust will take into account public input received at this stage of the proposal to help determine the appropriate goals, objectives, and performance requirements that will guide further development of the proposed stewardship action.

(c) The public's reaction to a proposed stewardship action will be taken fully into account in planning for the appropriate level of public involvement throughout the decisionmaking process. The public's reaction will also help determine the extent to which the Trust develops alternatives to the proposed action.

(d) All proposed stewardship actions involving the management of the lands, resources, and facilities of the Preserve will require authorization by the Board of Trustees at a public meeting, during which public comments will be considered and recorded.

(e) The Trust will provide a reasonable time period for public review and comment on an environmental assessment based on the complexity and

nature of the proposed stewardship action and public comment received.

(f) If the Responsible Official determines that an emergency circumstance exists requiring immediate implementation of a proposal, the Chair of the Board of Trustees may reduce or eliminate the time period for public review and comment on an environmental assessment. If the Responsible Official proposes to respond to an emergency with an action that would normally require preparation of an environmental impact statement, the Chair of the Board of Trustees will immediately contact the Council on Environmental Quality to invoke the procedures under 40 CFR 1506.11.

#### 101.8 Making and Recording an Implementing Decision

(a) The Responsible Official may make an implementing decision to authorize a stewardship action after completion of 101.5, if and only if:

(1) The available information regarding the purpose and need for the proposal and the anticipated outcomes are suitable; and

(2) At least one monitored outcome is identified in the stewardship register.

(b) The implementing decision must be recorded in the stewardship register by signature of the Responsible Official and dated.

(c) After an implementing decision for one or more stewardship actions is made, minor corrections or adjustments to the stewardship action to improve efficiency, correct minor errors, or otherwise improve performance may be made by the responsible Trust staff, if and only if:

(1) The corrections or adjustments do not significantly alter the nature or extent of the stewardship action or its goals, objectives, or performance requirements;

(2) The anticipated consequences of the stewardship action remain essentially the same as those described in the relevant environmental documents; and

(3) Such minor corrections or adjustments are recorded in the appropriate stewardship register as described in 101.4(c).

#### 101.9 Monitoring Outcomes and Considering New Information

(a) The Responsible Official must evaluate each monitored outcome identified in the stewardship register. As information from monitoring is obtained and interpreted, conclusions are to be recorded in the appropriate stewardship register by the responsible Trust staff.