# Attachment B Screened Undertakings for the

#### **IPNF** Recreation Residence Tracts

Pursuant to the Programmatic Agreement among the Idaho Panhandle National Forests and the Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the

Idaho Panhandle National Forests Recreation Residence Management Program

## I. Heritage Program Leader (HPL) Screened Undertakings:

The following undertakings require HPL screening and review for their effect upon historic properties and compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR 68)*, and Forest Service plans, directives, and guidance. At the discretion of the HPL, these undertakings may be either: a) Exempt from further review or consultation pursuant to this PA or 36CFR800; or b) subject to consultation with the SHPO and other parties when it is determined that these undertakings may result in adverse effects. In addition, they require DR authorization, and possibly county building permits. These undertakings must be reported as HPL Screened Undertakings in the Annual Report.

- 1. Within a tract, lot or structure that is not: a) Recorded to Idaho State Historic Preservation Standards; 2) formally evaluated to the National Register of Historic Places following standards in 36 CFR 800.4[c]; and 3) listed in the IPNF Recreation Residence data base sheets (Attachment C) as evaluated.
- 2. Structural upgrades to meet building code or health and safety requirements that are visible but otherwise meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR 68)*.
- 3. Minor addition (less than 9 square feet) for storage or installation of mechanical equipment (e.g., water heater or furnace) on building exterior, if the addition meets the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR 68)*.
- 4. Repair or replacement of roofs or parts of roofs that are deteriorated, when changing the roof material, pitch, or design.
- 5. Replacement of windows with new windows that do not replicate precisely the original in size, material and dimension. Vinyl-clad or aluminum-clad frames are not historic materials and must be reviewed by the HPL. In some cases, the original window frames were metal and replacement in-kind is approved.
- 6. Installation of light tubes and skylights.
- 7. Addition, reconstruction, or remodeling that alters the exterior appearance of the cabin. In these instances, the use of a licensed architect or contractor with an understanding of the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (36 CFR 68)* is recommended. The addition, reconstruction, or remodel must meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards* and be

compatible with the historic character of the recreation residence and with the character of the tract as a whole.

- 8. Replacement logs for structural upgrades to meet building code or health and safety requirements.
- 9. Alterations for American with Disabilities (ADA) requirements, including door widening and accessibility ramps.
- 10. Enlargement, addition, or removal of porches, decks, stairs, or other features. Any enlargement or addition shall be done to meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*.
- 11. Addition or expansion of an outbuilding. The outbuilding must be compatible with the historic materials and character of the recreation residence. The HPL must take into account the potential effect of the outbuilding on the historic character of the recreation residence, the tract, and its setting.
- 12. Removal of buildings. The HPL must take into account the potential effect of removal on the historic character of the recreation residence, the tract, and its setting.
- 13. Ground disturbing and other undertakings associated with new improvements or additions to existing improvements.
- 14. Removal, using heavy equipment, of isolated hazard trees for fire and vegetation management purposes.
- 15. Off-lot improvements for the recreation residence tract.

#### II. District Ranger (DR) Approved Undertakings:

The following undertakings require DR approval, and possibly county building permits. However, they do not require HPL screening. They have No Effect or No Adverse Effect to historic properties so long as they are administered pursuant to the guidance provided below. The DR should refer to the PA for the definition of "in-kind replacement" and *Recreation Residence Historic Contexts for Eight National Forests in USDA-Region 1 Idaho Panhandle National Forest* to ensure that the historic character of the recreation residence tracts, lots (including known or potential archaeological resources), or residences will be maintained. When conforming to this guidance, these undertakings are exempt from further consultation pursuant to this PA or 36 CFR 800, but they must be reported as DR Approved Undertakings in the Annual Report.

#### A. Ineligible Tracts, Lots and Structures

1. Alterations to ineligible lots, known or potential archaeological sites, and structures within tracts that have been formally determined ineligible to the National Register of Historic Places following 36 CFR 800.4[c] and listed as ineligible in the National Historic Preservation Act Initial Review and Eligibility Determinations IPNF Recreation Residence Tracts (Attachment C).

#### B. Structural Elements:

- Repair or replacement of siding or trim, when done in-kind to match historic
  material, dimensions, design, and approved color. If the existing paint color is
  not desirable, the color used shall be in keeping with historic color schemes
  approved for the recreation residence tract and consistent with Forest Plan
  standards.
- 2. Replacement of window frames to match historic material, dimensions, design, and approved color. The same historic configuration of panes must be retained. This includes energy efficient wood windows, so long as the exterior appearance matches the historic appearance. This excludes the use of windows with "snapin," "snap-on" or "faux" mullions that are internal or external to glass.
- Replacement of glass, when done in-kind to match historic form, design, and transparency. Window and door panes may be double or triple glazed as long as the glazing is clear and replacement does not alter the historic window or door form. Energy efficient glazing may be used. This excludes the use of tinted glass.
- 4. Repair or replacement of doors, when done in-kind to match historic material, form, and approved color. Replacement doors should match the historic character of the structure.
- 5. Repair or replacement of porches, decks, stairs, or other features when done inkind to match historic material and design, and the style, materials, and character of the structure.
- 6. Repair or replacement of foundations when the work does not change the structure's historic appearance. Replacement in-kind will always be preferred. Excavations for repair or replacement is limited to within two (2) feet of existing footings and foundations, and where no known archaeological resources are present.
- 7. Installation of skirting over or enclosing a structure's crawl space constructed and painted an approved color to match or blend with the structure's historic fabric and character.
- 8. Repair or replacement of masonry, matching historic materials to not change the structure's historic appearance. Special care must be used in the replacement of masonry to match the composition of the historic cement, grout, or mortar.
- 9. Repair or replacement of roofs or parts of roofs that are deteriorated, when they are done in-kind and meet Forest Plan standards.
- 10. Structural upgrades to meet building code or health and safety standards, where such structural changes are not visible. Examples include: increasing the number of joists supporting a deck when they are hidden by skirting or the decking itself; or, repairing a chimney and/or flue with reinforced masonry, where the reinforcement is not visible to the building's exterior.

#### C. Surfaces:

- Painting exterior surfaces, when new paint matches the existing or historic color.
   If the existing paint color is not desirable, the color used shall be in keeping with
   historic color schemes approved for the recreation residence tract and
   consistent with Forest Plan standards. Damaged or deteriorated paint may be
   removed to the next sound layer by hand-scraping or hand-sanding. Use of
   abrasive methods, such as sandblasting, "walnut shell" blasting, or other high velocity methods (including water) damage historic surfaces, should not be
   undertaken and are excluded.
- 2. Removal of hazardous materials or surfaces, such as asbestos and lead paint, and replacing them with nontoxic materials that resemble the historic surfaces in color and texture as closely as possible.
- 3. Re-Pointing or re-grouting masonry to match historic characteristics and appearance.
- 4. Replacement logs may be stained to match existing surfaces. Log surfaces should not be refinished to a new appearance.

#### D. Utility Systems:

- 1. Installation of mechanical equipment that does not affect the visual integrity of the lot or exterior fabric of the recreation residence.
- 2. Replacing, removing, or upgrading electrical wiring, where installation of exterior features is confined to the wiring itself and a single replacement or addition of a breaker box inconspicuously placed.
- 3. Repairing, replacing, removing, or upgrading underground telephone, gas, heating, septic, sewer, storm, or water systems, and underground electrical, gas, heating oil, water, sewer, or leach lines, where external historic features are left in place, where these undertakings are restricted to specific, identified, previously disturbed areas, and where no known archaeological resources are present.
- 4. Replacement of aboveground water tanks when the color and texture of the existing or historic tanks are replicated, and where no known archaeological resources are present. Construction of a structure around a tank to control temperature should match the historic character of the property.
- 5. Replacement, enlargement, or installation of aboveground liquid propane gas systems or heating oil storage tanks if tanks meet code, is appropriately screened to not impinge upon the historic setting, and where no known archaeological resources are present. New locations require HPL review.
- 6. Replacement of communications equipment, when the same size, shape, and general configuration are retained, or installation of inconspicuous

communications equipment. This excludes large antennae, and large satellite or communications dishes, which require HPL review.

# E. Surrounding Features:

- Closing off and removing unauthorized driveways, walkways, and other unauthorized cultural landscape features where no known archaeological resources are present.
- 2. Repair or replacement of existing driveways, walkways, and other cultural landscape features, when done in-kind to match existing or historic materials and design.
- 3. Other ground disturbing undertakings associated with existing improvements, where no known archaeological resources are present.
- 4. Repair, replacement, or addition of exterior lighting that blends with the landscaping and historic style of the recreation residence. New locations require HPL review.
- 5. Ongoing maintenance of immediately surrounding landscape vegetation, including removing nonnative vegetation and adding native vegetation that blends with the historic scene, so long as historic landscape characteristics are maintained and the method of vegetation removal or planting does not disturb previously undisturbed ground or known archaeological resources.
- 6. Removal, without the use of heavy equipment, of isolated hazard trees for fire or vegetation management purposes.

## III. Interior Undertakings:

Changes to the interiors of privately owned recreation residence and buildings that do not affect the exterior of the buildings or their structural integrity are exempt from further review or consultation pursuant to this PA or 36 CFR 800. However, they may require other approvals, such as county permits.

# IV. Minor Maintenance Undertakings:

Undertakings that qualify as Minor Maintenance are exempt; they have No Effect to historic properties. Minor Maintenance undertakings do not require approval by the DR. Minor maintenance undertakings involve repairs in-kind with identical materials, or inconspicuous installations where there are no visible effects to external historic character or fabric, and no structural changes to the resource. Minor maintenance undertakings do not include repairs or installations with materials that differ from or do not match historic fabric and character or that intrude on exterior views. The following are minor maintenance undertakings:

1. In-kind replacement of hardware, such as doorknobs, door and window latches, hinges, locks, etc.

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- 2. Installation of security hardware, such as dead bolts, door locks, window latches, and inconspicuous door peep holes, matching historic hardware as closely as possible.
- 3. Installation of inconspicuous burglar or other alarm systems that do not intrude on external historic character or fabric and are not visible from exterior views.
- 4. Replacement of broken windowpane glass in existing, historic window frames, matching historic form, design, and transparency.
- 5. Application or replacement of caulking or weather stripping, where it is inconspicuous to outside views.
- 6. Minor in-kind repair of siding, trim, roofing, or deck/porch flooring material confined to a few boards.
- 7. Limited repair of window frames and shutters by patching, splicing, or consolidating with epoxy resin or similar materials.
- 8. Protection and maintenance of historic fabric through appropriate surface treatments such as cleaning, rust removal, limited (affecting no more than one square foot) paint removal and reapplication of protective coatings, using approved historic color and texture.
- 9. Replacement of light bulbs, batteries, and other such removable or replaceable parts; energy efficient florescent bulbs may be used, so long as similar lumens are maintained.
- 10. Maintenance, repair, or in-kind replacement of previously approved signs.
- 11. Ongoing up-keep of recreation residence lots that includes removal of trash and dead and downed debris.