

Request for Records Disposition Authority

Records Schedule Number DAA-0095-2018-0061

Schedule Status Approved

Agency or Establishment Forest Service

Record Group / Scheduling Group Records of the Forest Service

Records Schedule applies to Agency-wide

Schedule Subject Federal Power Act Projects

Internal agency concurrences will be provided No

Background Information

The objective of Federal Power Act Projects is to encourage hydropower production where it is compatible with National Forest purposes and ensure that the planning, construction, and operation of hydropower projects protect and effectively utilize National Forest System lands and resources.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is responsible for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance for projects licensed by FERC. FERC is usually the Federal lead agency for licensed projects when an environmental impact statement (EIS) is to be prepared. It is the responsibility of the authorized officer to request to designate the Forest Service as a cooperating agency when National Forest System lands are affected.

The Forest Service is responsible for NEPA compliance for hydropower projects on National Forest System lands exempt from a FERC license.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761-1771) authorizes the Forest Service to issue special use authorizations for hydropower projects located on National Forest System lands. However, the Energy Policy Act of October 24, 1992 (43 U.S.C. 1761(d)) amended FLPMA by providing that a special use authorization is not required for any existing project, whether licensed or exempted, that was not subject to an authorization under FLPMA prior to October 24, 1992. Many projects in existence on October 24, 1992, did not have FLPMA special use authorizations and, therefore, are exempt from a Forest Service special use authorization requirement in the future. A special use authorization is required for new hydropower projects proposed after October 24, 1992.

Associated FS-Mission specific records retention schedule items currently approved by NARA that are not included as part of this request: N1-95-10-4, item 259

Item Count

Number of Total Disposition Items	Number of Permanent Disposition Items	Number of Temporary Disposition Items	Number of Withdrawn Disposition Items
1	0	1	0

GAO Approval

Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0095-2018-0061

Sequence Number	
1	Federal Power Act Project Case Files Disposition Authority Number: DAA-0095-2018-0061-0001

Records Schedule Items

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1	<p>Federal Power Act Project Case Files</p> <p>Disposition Authority Number DAA-0095-2018-0061-0001</p> <p>Case files include: •Licensed and Exempt Permits: Active Federal energy Regulatory Commission project applications, authorizations, correspondence, reports, and other relevant documentation. •Preliminary Permits / Investigation Special-Use Permits: Preliminary applications and supporting documentation used in determining whether to issue a Special Use permit for NFS land use not covered by FERC license.</p> <p>Final Disposition Temporary</p> <p>Item Status Active</p> <p>Is this item media neutral? Yes</p> <p>Do any of the records covered by this item currently exist in electronic format(s) other than e-mail and word processing? No</p>	
	Manual Citation	Manual Title
	FSH 6209.11, Chapter 40, Filecode 2770	Forest Service Records Management Handbook
	GRS or Superseded Authority Citation	N1-95-10-002 / 127 N1-95-10-004 / 260
	Disposition Instruction	
	Cutoff Instruction	End of fiscal year in which project terminated or permit/proposal declared inactive.
	Retention Period	Destroy 5 year(s) after cutoff
	Additional Information	
	GAO Approval	Not Required

Agency Certification

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal in this schedule are not now needed for the business of the agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

Signatory Information

Date	Action	By	Title	Organization
04/17/2018	Certify	Monica McGee	Records Officer	Forest Service - WO - ORMS - CRM
05/14/2019	Submit for Concurrency	Carla Simms	Archives Specialist	National Archives and Records Administration - Records Management Operations
05/16/2019	Concur	Margaret Hawkins	Director of Records Management Services	National Records Management Program - ACNR Records Management Services
05/16/2019	Concur	Laurence Brewer	Chief Records Officer	National Records and Archives Administration - National Records and Archives Administration
05/18/2019	Approve	David Ferriero	Archivist of the United States	Office of the Archivist - Office of the Archivist