SECTION A. Project Title: West Side Park and Ride Lease

SECTION B. Project Description and Purpose:

The proposed action leases about 5 acres of privately owned property at the intersection of West Broadway and Bellin Road in Idaho Falls, ID, to provide employee parking for bus transportation to and from the INL site. Lease of the property would occur after owner modifications, e.g. paving, establishing entry and exit locations, providing stormwater drainage, etc. The proposed lease is anticipated to start in late Fiscal Year (FY)-18 or early FY-19 and cost an estimated $200 K per year.

SECTION C. Environmental Aspects or Potential Sources of Impact:

Discharging to Surface-, Storm-, or Ground Water

Owner constructed shallow injection wells (French drains), sloped surfaces, and/or connection to the City storm water system may be present for drainage purposes. Employee use of the area may result in small amounts of vehicle petroleum, ice melt, etc. on the parking surface.

Generating and Managing Waste

Minimal quantities of trash items (e.g., packaging/wrapping material, food/drink containers, etc.) may be generated by INL employees using the facility.

Releasing Contaminants

Although not expected, spills may occur.

Using, Reusing, and Conserving Natural Resources

If available, receptacles for appropriate waste (e.g., paper, metal, etc.) may be placed in the area for recycling purposes.

SECTION D. Determine Recommended Level of Environmental Review, Identify Reference(s), and State Justification:

Identify the applicable categorical exclusion from 10 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 1021, Appendix B, give the appropriate justification, and the approval date.

For Categorical Exclusions (CXs), the proposed action must not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environmental, safety, and health, or similar requirements of Department of Energy (DOE) or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources (see 10 CFR 1021). In addition, no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal exist that would affect the significance of the action. In addition, the action is not “connected” to other action actions (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1) and is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1608.27(b)(7)).

References: 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D, item B1.24 "Property Transfers."

Justification: Activities are consistent with 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D, item B1.24 "Transfer, lease, disposition, or acquisition of interests in personal property (including, but not limited to, equipment and materials) or real property (including, but not limited to, permanent structures and land), provided that under reasonably foreseeable uses (1) there would be no potential for release of substances at a level, or in a form, that could pose a threat to public health or the environment and (2) the covered actions would not have the potential to cause a significant change in impacts from before the transfer, lease, disposition, or acquisition of interests."

Is the project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)  ☐ Yes  ☒ No

Approved by Jason Sturm, DOE-ID NEPA Compliance Officer on: 2/27/2018