



**LAC-IEE-04-40**

**ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD DECISION**

<b>Activity Location:</b>	Bolivia
<b>Activity:</b>	Conservation of Parks and Protected Areas
<b>Activity Number:</b>	SO4, IR2
<b>Funding:</b>	\$950,000
<b>Life of Project:</b>	August 2004 – September 2005
<b>IEE Drafted by:</b>	Morris Israel, USAID/Bolivia, ENV Team
<b>Recommended Threshold Decision:</b>	Categorical Exclusion/Negative Determination
<b>Referenced ETDs:</b>	LAC-IEE-03-49, LAC-IEE-02-65, and LAC-IEE-00-058
<b>Bureau Threshold Decision:</b>	Concur with Recommendation, but add conditions for Negative Determination

**Comments:** A **Categorical Exclusion** is issued for activities involving institutional strengthening, environmental education, technical assistance, training and other similar activities, pursuant to 22CFR216.2(c)(2)(i),(ii),(iii), and (xiv). A **negative determination with conditions** is issued for activities involving small-scale construction, e.g. interpretive centers, park guard facilities, ecotourism lodges. Conditions are that activity-specific environmental guidelines based on Environmental Issues and Best Practices “Small-scale Infrastructure” and “Forestry” (Sections 2 and 7) of Environmental Guidelines for Development Activities in Latin America and Caribbean will be applied. In addition:

- The project budget needs to incorporate the cost of implementing, monitoring, and evaluating mitigation measures as identified during implementation through the use of the guidelines.

- Responsibility for compliance with mitigation measures must be stipulated in contracts and/or agreements.

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