

Conservation Corps or those made out of unique materials (e.g., a hollowed log).

5. Expansion through horizontal elongation of pre-cast concrete, cast iron, and corrugated metal culverts that lack stone or brick headwalls for the purpose of improved drainage.

6. Embankment stabilization or the re-establishment of ditch profiles.

7. Corrections to drainage slopes, ditches, and pipes to alleviate improper drainage or changing alluvial patterns.

8. In-kind maintenance, repair, or replacement of retaining walls. Replacements must be substantially the same size and appearance as existing.

9. In-kind maintenance or repair of stone or brick culvert headwalls and wingwalls.

10. Maintenance, repair, or replacement of culvert headwalls and wingwalls constructed of concrete.

11. Maintenance, repair, or alterations to the interiors of culverts and related drainage pathways.

12. The following activities must be performed or supervised by an SOI-qualified professional:

a. Replacement of stone or brick culvert headwalls and wingwalls.

b. Vertical extension of stone or brick culvert headwalls using in-kind materials and design compatible with existing.

H. Environmental Abatement

1. Removal or abatement of environmental hazards such as asbestos, treated wood, and lead or heavy-metal coatings and paintings. Activities that replace coatings, paint, flooring materials, etc. must be of the same color and appearance as the materials that have been removed or abated.

2. Removal of contaminated ballast, sub-ballast, subgrade, and soils.

I. Operations

1. Establishment of quiet zones, including the installation of required warning devices and additional safety measures installed at grade crossings that do not entail closing of existing roadways.¹

2. Increased frequency of train or rail transit operations that do not result in noise or vibration impacts. The lead federal agency may, at its discretion, require a noise and vibration study be prepared by a qualified subject matter expert before approving the undertaking.

3. Temporary storage of rail cars or rail transit cars on active rail lines.

4. Maintenance, repair, or replacement of noise barriers. If a replaced noise barrier is to be located and publicly visible within a National Register-listed or eligible historic district, it must be substantially the same size as or smaller than existing and be visually compatible with the surrounding built environment.

¹ A quiet zone is an FRA exemption to the rule requiring trains to sound their horns when approaching public highway-rail grade crossings. More information on the creation of quiet zones is available in FRA's regulations at 49 CFR part 222, Use of Locomotive Horns at Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings, and in guidance promulgated by FRA's Office of Railroad Safety (for example, see <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0841> and <https://www.fra.dot.gov/eLib/Details/L04781>).

J. Landscaping, Access Roads, and Laydown Areas

1. In-kind replacement of landscaping.
2. Mowing, seeding/reseeding, planting, tree trimming, brush removal, or other similar groundcover maintenance activities.
3. Maintenance of access roads and lay-down areas.

K. Utilities

1. Maintenance, repair, or replacement of above-ground and underground utilities (e.g., electrical, sewer, compressed air lines, fuel lines, fiber optic cable).

2. Maintenance, repair, replacement, or installation of utility lines and conduit inside tunnels that does not involve affixing new equipment to the exterior face of tunnel portals.

3. Affixing conduit, repeaters, antennae, and similar small-scale equipment on the exterior masonry face of tunnel portals where the color of the equipment matches the existing masonry in order to limit its visibility and does not damage the masonry construction.

L. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities, Shared Use Paths, and Other Trails

1. Maintenance, repair, or replacement of existing bicycle lanes, pedestrian walkways, shared use paths (e.g., bicycle, pedestrian), and other trails intended for non-motorized transportation that are constructed with common materials (i.e., non-decorative concrete, asphalt, pavement, or gravel).

2. Adding lanes to existing shared use paths or other trails constructed with common materials.

3. Adding at-grade crossings for pedestrians and bicycle facilities, shared use paths, or other trails.

4. Maintenance, repair, replacement, or installation of bicycle aid stations, bicycle racks, and bicycle storage sheds, and similar amenities. Installation of new bicycle storage structures must be visually compatible with the surrounding building environment when located adjacent to historic passenger stations or within National Register-listed or eligible historic districts.

5. Maintenance, repair, replacement, or installation of information kiosks or displays, wayfinding signage, and similar amenities for pedestrian, bicyclists, or other path or trail users.

6. Maintenance, repair, or replacement of curbs, gutters, or sidewalks constructed with common materials.

M. Construction/Installation of New Railroad or Rail Transit Infrastructure

For any of the activities listed below, the federal agency shall require the work be performed by or under the supervision of an SOI-qualified professional, based on the scope of work and location of a specific proposal. As with all activities in this Exempted Activities List, but especially important for construction/installation of new railroad or Rail Transit infrastructure, consideration must be given to the potential for effects to non-rail properties within or adjacent to the rail ROW.

1. Minor new construction and installation of railroad or rail transit infrastructure that is

compatible with the scale, size, and type of existing rail infrastructure, such as buildings for housing telecommunications equipment, signal instruments, and similar equipment; storage buildings that house landscaping or maintenance of way equipment or specialty vehicles for track repairs or inspections; locomotive and train or rail transit car service and inspection facilities; trailers or temporary structures for housing rail personnel; fueling stations; underground utilities; overhead utilities, transmission lines, and communications poles, and signage. This does not include substantial new construction, such as construction of new passenger stations, railyards or rail transit yards, or tunnels, or demolition of existing structures.

2. Construction of new at-grade crossings.

3. Construction of new erosion control, drainage, or stormwater management infrastructure, such as culverts or retaining walls.

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John M. Fowler,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6081-N-10]

Order of Succession for HUD Region VIII

AGENCY: Office of Field Policy and Management, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Order of Succession.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Field Policy and Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, designates the Order of Succession for the Denver Regional Office and its Field Offices (Region VIII). This Order of Succession supersedes all previous Orders of Succession for HUD Region VIII.

DATES: August 17, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John B. Shumway, Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Law Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 9262, Washington, DC 20410-0500, telephone number 202-402-5190 (this is not a toll-free number). This number may be accessed through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Deputy Secretary for Field Policy and Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, is issuing this Order of Succession of officials authorized to perform the

functions and duties of the Denver Regional Office and its Field Offices when by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office the Regional Administrator or Field Office Directors are not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of their Office. This Order of Succession is subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 (5 U.S.C. 3345–3349d). This publication supersedes all previous Orders of Succession for Region VIII. Accordingly, the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Field Policy and Management designates the following Order of Succession:

Section A. Order of Succession

Subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, during any period when by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office the Regional Administrator for the Department of Housing and Urban Development or the Field Office Directors are not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of their Office, the following officials within each Office and those officials specified by Office location are hereby designated to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Office:

1. *Denver Regional Office Order of Succession*

- a. Deputy Regional Administrator;
- b. Regional Counsel;
- c. Multifamily Housing Asset Management Division Director/Satellite Office Coordinator;
- d. Director, Denver Single Family Homeownership Center.

2. *Salt Lake City Field Office Order of Succession*

- a. Deputy Regional Administrator;
- b. Director, Helena Field Office.

3. *Helena Field Office Order of Succession*

- a. Deputy Regional Administrator;
- b. Director, Fargo Field Office.

4. *Casper Field Office Order of Succession*

- a. Deputy Regional Administrator;
- b. Director, Sioux Falls Field Office.

5. *Sioux Falls Field Office Order of Succession*

- a. Deputy Regional Administrator;
- b. Director, Salt Lake City Field Office.

6. *Fargo Field Office Order of Succession*

- a. Deputy Regional Administrator;
- b. Director, Helena Field Office.

These officials shall perform the functions and duties of the office in the

order specified herein, and no official shall serve unless all the other officials whose position titles precede his/hers in this order are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office.

Section B. Authority Superseded

This Order of Succession supersedes all previous Orders of Succession for Region VIII.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: August 17, 2018.

Matthew F. Hunter,

Assistant Deputy Secretary for Field Policy and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Order of Succession for HUD Region V

AGENCY: Office of Field Policy and Management, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Order of Succession.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Assistant Deputy Secretary for Field Policy and Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, designates the Order of Succession for the Chicago Regional Office and its Field Offices (Region V). This Order of Succession supersedes all previous Orders of Succession for HUD Region V.

DATES: August 17, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John B. Shumway, Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Law Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 9262, Washington, DC 20410–0500, telephone number 202–402–5190 (this is not a toll-free number). This number may be accessed through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Deputy Secretary for Field Policy and Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, is issuing this Order of Succession of officials authorized to perform the functions and duties of the Chicago Regional Office and its Field Offices when by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office the Regional Administrator or Field Office Directors are not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of their Office. This Order of Succession is subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 (5 U.S.C. 3345–

3349d). This publication supersedes all previous Orders of Succession for Region V. Accordingly, the Assistant Deputy Secretary, for Field Policy and Management designates the following Order of Succession:

Section A. Order of Succession

Subject to the provisions of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, during any period when by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office the Regional Administrator for the Department of Housing and Urban Development or the Field Office Directors are not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of their Office, the following officials within each Office and those officials specified by Office location are hereby designated to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Office:

1. *Chicago Regional Office Order of Succession*

- a. Deputy Regional Administrator;
- b. Regional Counsel;
- c. Director, Multifamily Housing Midwest Regional Center;
- d. Director, Office of Community Planning and Development;
- e. Regional Director, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
- f. Director, Office of Public and Indian Housing.

2. *Cleveland Field Office Order of Succession*

- a. Chief Counsel;
- b. Director, Office of Public and Indian Housing.

3. *Columbus Field Office Order of Succession*

- a. Director, Office of Community Planning and Development;
- b. FHEO Program Center Director.

4. *Detroit Field Office Order of Succession*

- a. Chief Counsel;
- b. Multifamily Housing Asset Management Division Director/Satellite Office Coordinator;
- c. Director, Office of Public and Indian Housing.

5. *Indianapolis Field Office Order of Succession*

- a. Chief Counsel;
- b. Director, Office of Community Planning and Development;
- c. Director, Office of Public and Indian Housing.

6. *Milwaukee Field Office Order of Succession*

- a. Director, Office of Public and Indian Housing;