

## Special Environmental Concerns Evaluation Procedure Guide Sheet

The following guide sheet may be used to assist in the evaluation of the special resource concerns shown in Part J of the Form KS-CPA-52, Environmental Effects for Conservation Planning. Completion of this guide sheet is not required, but may provide additional documentation that the appropriate processes have been followed.

### NATURAL AREAS

**STEP 1.** Are natural areas present in or near the planning area? Natural areas are land and or water units where natural conditions are maintained with a minimum of human intervention, such as preserves. Manipulation of natural areas may be necessary to maintain or restore natural features where degradation of those features has occurred. Natural areas may be designated by federal, state, or local governments, or may be privately controlled through such entities as the Nature Conservancy.

**NO**                      **YES**                      **UNKNOWN**

- a. If your answer is "No," additional evaluation is not needed concerning natural areas. Document the finding on Form KS-CPA-52 and proceed with the planning process.
- b. If your answer is "Yes," go to Step 2.
- c. If your answer is "Unknown," consult through channels the state biologist.

**STEP 2.** Will the proposed or any alternative action affect the natural features of the area?

**NO**                      **YES**

- a. If your answer is "No," document the finding on Form KS-CPA-52 and proceed with the planning process.
- b. If your answer is "Yes," proceed to Step 3.

**STEP 3.** Is the proposed or any alternative action consistent with General Manual (GM) Title 190 Part 410.23?

**NO**                      **YES**

- a. If your answer is "No," modify the proposed action to comply with GM Title 190 Part 410.23, document the finding on Form KS-CPA-52 and proceed with the planning process.
- b. If your answer is "Yes," document the finding on Form KS-CPA-52 and proceed with the planning process.