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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

DOI-BLM-AK-994-2009-0003-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: AK-994

Serial/Case File No.: see Attachment 1

Proposed Action Title/Type: Renewal of Temporary Use Permits for One Year

Location of Proposed Action: see Attachment 1

Description of Proposed Action: Renewal of the Temporary Use Permits which are currently being reviewed by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for determination of which should have an individual grant of right-of-way or inclusion in the mainline Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) right-of-way is being considered.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: East Alaska Resource Management Plan Date Approved: June 2006

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions: East Alaska RMP Approved Plan (pp.19) I. Lands and Realty, I-1: Goals; - Provide a balance between land use (rights-of-way, land use permits, leases and sales) and resource protection that best serves the public at large. - Provide support to other BLM programs to protect and enhance resources.

Land Use Plan Name: Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement Date Approved: January 1991

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Utility Corridor RMP and FEIS (Appendix N pp. N-8) Implementing Actions 7. "Continue to process all discretionary applications. Approve use authorization applications with emphasis given to previously disturbed sites."

C: Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9E(9) renewal of permits where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2, Appendix 2, apply.

Criteria for Exception	NO	Yes
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	X	
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	X	
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	X	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	X	
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	X	
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	X	
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	X	
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	X	
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	X	
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	X	
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	X	
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	X	

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Diann Rasmussen, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Office of Pipeline Monitoring, 411 W. 4th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 257-1341.

Attached Documents: Attachment 1, Listing of TUPs for Renewal

D: Signatures

I have reviewed the proposed action in accordance with the above criteria and have determined that the proposed action would not involve any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the action does not meet any of the criteria for exception and is categorically excluded from further environmental review.


Preparer

Realty Specialist
Title

12/4/2008
Date

Decision and Rationale: I have reviewed this action for plan conformance and NEPA Categorical Exclusion Review. Based on this review, I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plans and involves no significant impact to the human environment. No further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement this action as described.

for 
Jerry Brossia
Authorized Officer
BLM, Office of Pipeline Monitoring

4 Dec 2008
Date

Attachment 1

Listing of TUPs for One-Year Renewal

Glennallen Area TUPS

SERIAL NUMBER	Common Site Name	LOCATION
AA-76857	LWC Repairs at MP 759.8	CRM, T
AA-77794	MP 759.3 Repairs	
AA-80518	Black Rapids Deep Well Anode Site 10.00	
AA-80561	One Mile Creek Berms	

Fairbanks Area TUPS

SERIAL NUMBER		LOCATION
FF-19416	5-Mile Airstrip	
FF-20105	SWDS 38-1	
FF-21396	PSY 117-1BM	
FF-21397	PSY 79-2 and Burning Permit @ OMS 79-2	
FF-23116	SWDS 100-1M	
FF-23292	SWDS 117-1	
FF-60611	MSY 39-2	
FF-73167	MSY 91-3	
FF-85078	5-Mile Water Well	
FF-85771	Chandalar Camp	
FF-86003	Atigun Pass Repair	
FF-90794	Storage Yard @ MS 111-2	
FF-93366	Burning Permit @ OMS 106-1	
FF-94319	Shooting range at OMS 92-3.1	
FF-95009	Erosion Control Sahrs Slough PLMP 200.2	
FF-95055	Firing Range @ OMS 79-2	