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Categorical Exclusion (CX)

Temporary Use Permit (AA091668) for Bypass Road Along Richardson Highway in Support of Mainline Casing Removal at PLMP 579.5

DOI-BLM-AK-9940-2009-0019-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Office of Pipeline Monitoring (AK-994) BLM Case File No. AA091668

Applicant: Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, P.O. Box 196660, MS 502, Anchorage, AK 99519-6660

Proposed Action Title: TUP for additional land use outside of ROW in support of mainline casing removal at TAPS PLMP 579.5 within the Richardson Highway.

Location/Legal Description: The site is located along the Richardson Highway at MP 225.3 and the TAPS PLMP 579.5 in T. 16 S., R. 10 E., Sec 29, SW1/4NW1/4, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska, involving an area of approximately 1.9 acres, as shown on Attachment A.

Description of the Proposed Action: BLM proposes to issue a Temporary Use Permit (TUP), serial number AA091668, to Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC), operator of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), to construct a temporary bypass road adjacent to the Richardson Highway across the Trans-Alaska Pipeline to route traffic around excavation of the Richardson Highway for casement removal work on the buried pipeline.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

The project activity will occur on federal lands managed by BLM Alaska which were withdrawn as a utility corridor under Public Land Order 5150, December 28, 1971. The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable Land Use Plans as required by CFR 1610.5 as the Land Use Plans are subject to the withdrawal of the lands for utility corridor purposes.

1. The BLM *East Alaska Resources Management Plan (RMP)*, Record of Decision signed September 7, 2007.

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 11.9, Appendix 4 E.12. **“Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way.”**

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	

Attached Documents: Attachment A; Location maps (3pgs).

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.

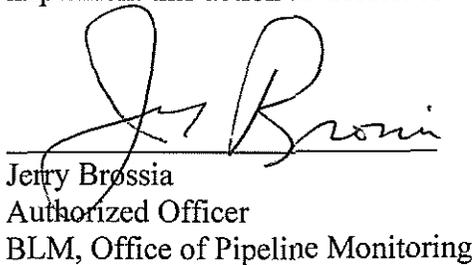


Preparer

Realty Specialist
Title

8-17-09
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.

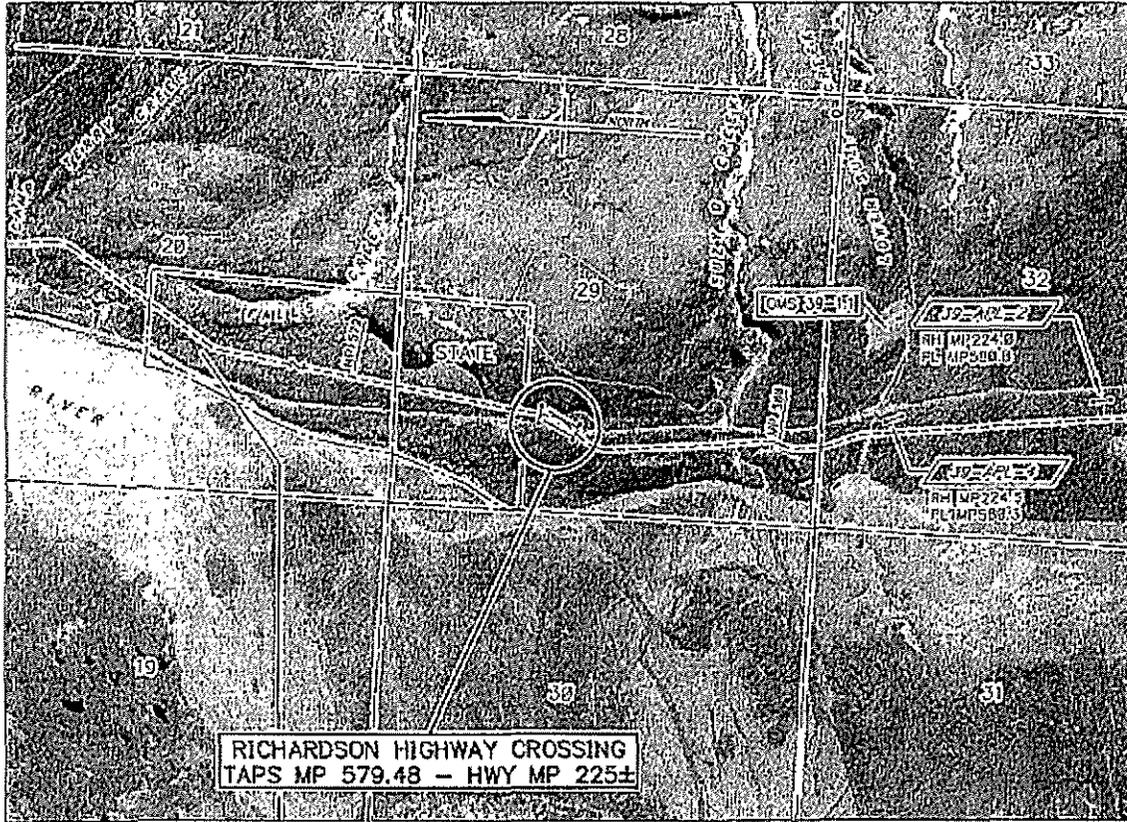


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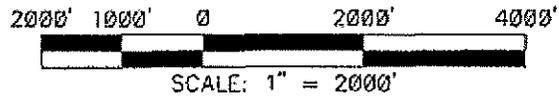
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Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Casey Reeves, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Office of Pipeline Monitoring, 411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 2, Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 257-1344.



RICHARDSON HIGHWAY CROSSING
TAPS MP 579.48 - HWY MP 225±



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 LAND OWNER:USA
 MERIDIANFAIRBANKS T16S R10E SECTION:29
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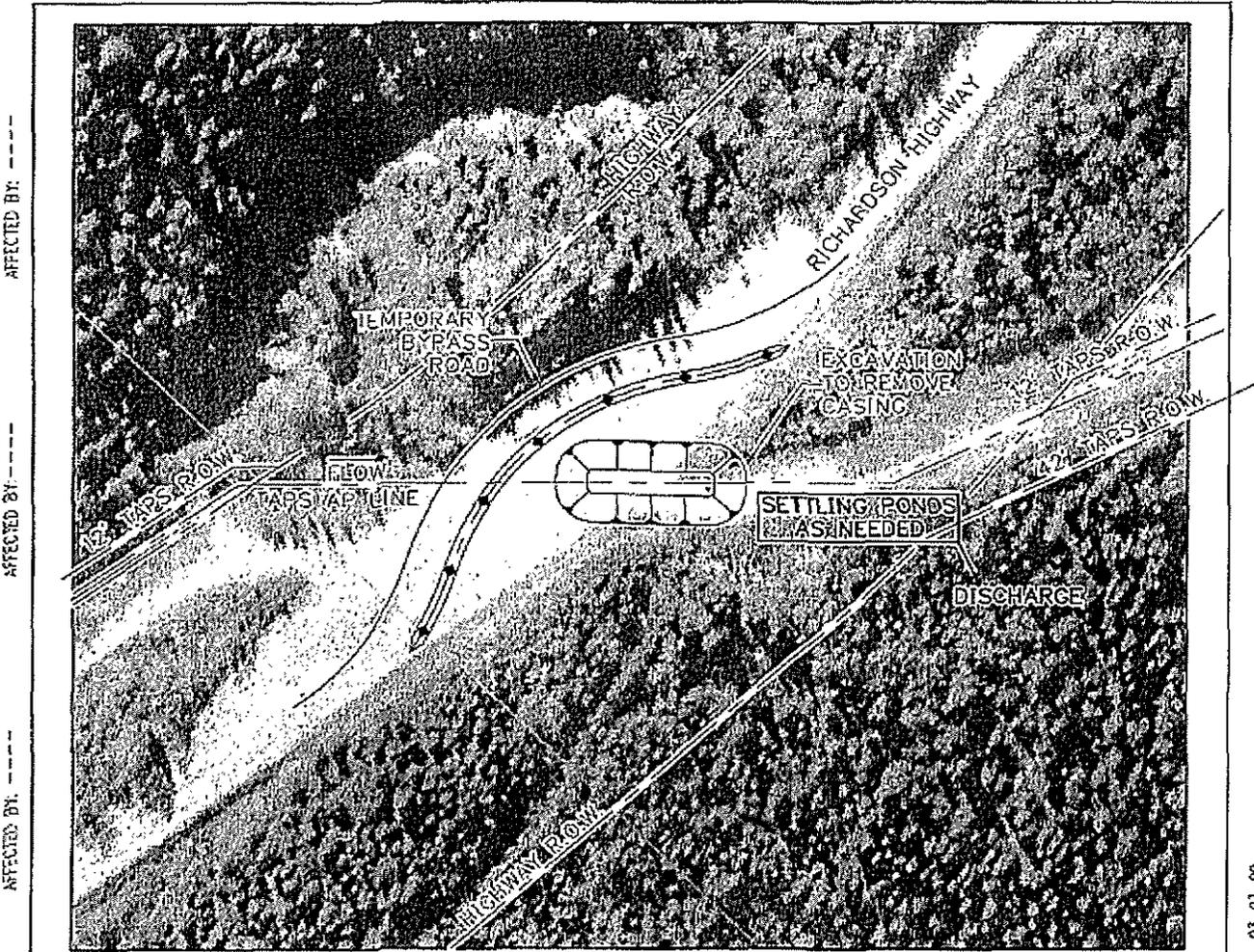
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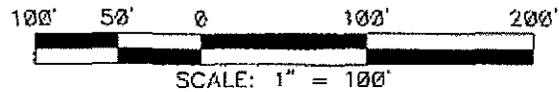
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 ESTIMATED FILL VOLUME: 100 CYs
 ESTIMATED FILL AREA: 0.30 AC.



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ACTUAL DISCHARGE DIRECTION, LOCATION, SIZE
 AND NUMBER OF SETTLING PONDS TO BE FIELD
 DETERMINED ACCORDING TO THE DEWATERING PLAN.

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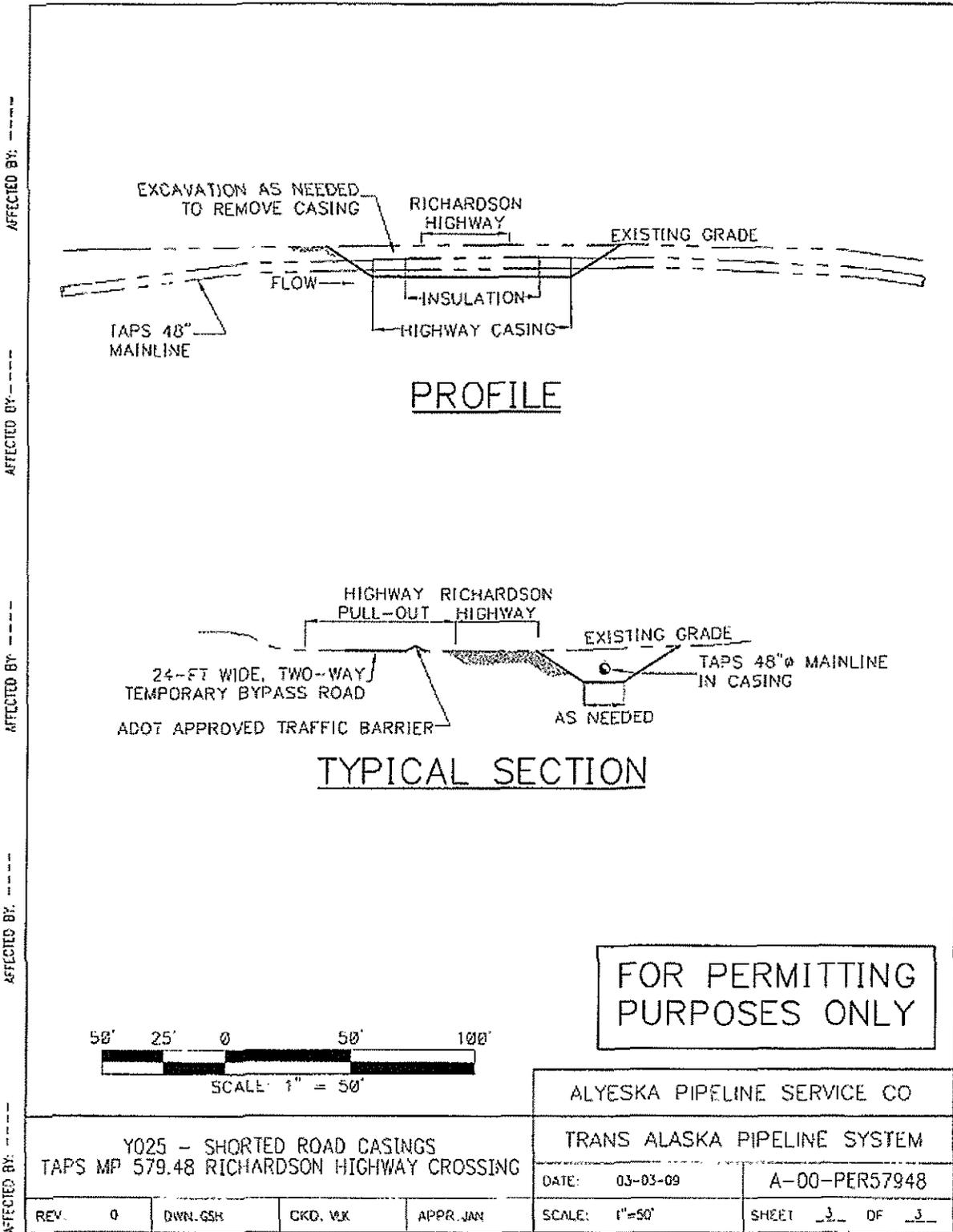
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