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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

DOI-BLM-AK-9940-2010-0002-CX

### **A. Background**

BLM Office: AK-9940

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

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.

### **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 Casey Reeves, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Office of Pipeline Monitoring, 411 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 257-1344.

**Attached Documents:** Attachment 1, Listing of TUPs for Renewal

**D: Signatures**

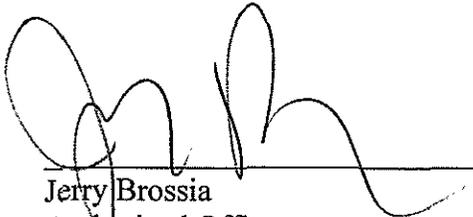
I have reviewed the proposed action in accordance with the above criteria and have determined that the proposed action would not involve any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the action does not meet any of the criteria for exception and is categorically excluded from further environmental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

  
Preparer

Realty Specialist  
Title

11/24/09  
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.

  
Jerry Brossia  
Authorized Officer

BLM, Office of Pipeline Monitoring

12-01-09  
Date

Attachment 1

Listing of Extended TUP's

<b>Glennallen Area TUPS</b>			
<b>SERIAL NUMBER</b>	<b>Common Site Name</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Narrative</b>
AA-80518	Black Rapids Deep Well Anode Site	FM, T. 16S., R.10E Sec. 20	TUP issued June 20, 2007 for Cathodic protection anodes and power lines in support of TAPS corrosion within Army Black Rapids Training Area
<b>Fairbanks Area TUPS</b>			
<b>SERIAL NUMBER</b>	<b>Common Site Name</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Narrative</b>
FF-19416	5-Mile Airstrip	FM, T. 13N., R.11W Sec. 26,35	TUP issued April 15, 1974 for an Airstrip adjacent to Dalton Highway. Land use is no longer needed for TAPS. TUP extension required during environmental clean-up activities prior to TUP closure.
FF-20105	DS 38-1	FM, T. 17S., R.10E Sec. 25	TUP; Disposal Site, issued August 5, 1974 for the disposal of organic and mineral materials , amended on October 11, 1978 to include disposal of incinerator ash, crushed steel drums, junk iron, insulation, pipeline scrap materials and other organic and non-burnable wastes
FF-23116	SWDS 100-1M	FM, T. 30N., R.12W Sec. 25,36	TUP; Solid Waste Disposal Site, issued March 21, 1977 for the disposal of incinerator ash, crushed steel drums, junk iron, insulation, pipeline scrap materials and other organic and non-burnable wastes
FF-23292	SWDS 117-1	UM, T. 9S., R.12E Sec. 28,29,33	TUP; Solid Waste Disposal Site, issued March 21, 1977 for the disposal of Incinerator ash, crushed steel drums, junk iron, insulation, pipeline scrap materials and other organic and non-burnable wastes
FF-85771	Chandalar Camp	UM, T. 16S., R.11E Sec. 9	Issued August 28, 1987 Pad adjacent to the Chandalar Airstrip along with fuel tanks power lines, buildings and facilities associated with Chandalar Airstrip