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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

DOI-BLM-AK-9940-2010-0003-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: AK-994

Serial/Case File No.: FF 95652, FF 95653

Proposed Action Title/Type: Conversion of historical TUPs to long term ROW grants.

Location of Proposed Action: see Attachment 1

Description of Proposed Action: BLM is planning to issue long term grants to replace historic TUPs to better align with Bureau policy.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

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(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	

Contact Person

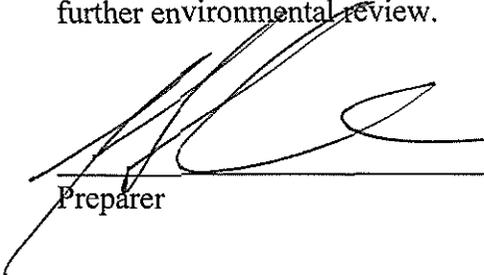
For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Janine Schneider, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Office of Pipeline Monitoring, 411 W. 4th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 257-1377.

Attached Documents:

Attachment 1, Listing of TUPs for conversion to long term Rights-of-Way

D: Signatures

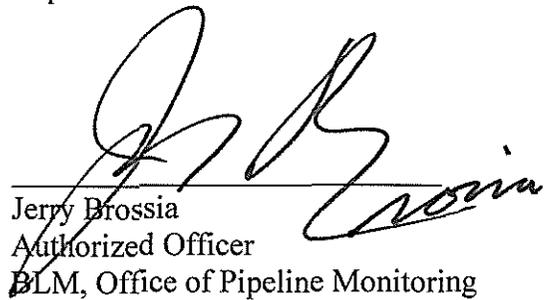
I have reviewed the proposed action in accordance with the above criteria and have determined that the proposed action would not involve any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the action does not meet any of the criteria for exception and is categorically excluded from further environmental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


Preparer

Realty Specialist
Title

12/24/09
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

12-29-09
Date

Attachment 1

Listing of Converted TUPs

Fairbanks Area TUPS			
SERIAL NUMBER	Common Site Name	LOCATION	Narrative
FF-95652	OMS 79-2	FM, T. 13N., R.11W Sec. 8	TUP for firing range within OMS 79-2. issued February 23, 2007
FF-95653	OMS 92-3.1	FM, T. 24N., R.14W Sec. 23	TUP for firing range within OMS 92-3.1. issued September 24, 2004