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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

DOI-BLM-AK-994-2010-0004-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: AK-994

Serial/Case File No.: see Attachment 1

Proposed Action Title/Type: Convert TUPS to TAPS Mainline Grant by Amendment

Location of Proposed Action: see Attachment 1

Description of Proposed Action: BLM Office of Pipeline Monitoring will close current Temporary Use Permits (TUPS) and add the lands and authorized uses within to, The Renewal of the Agreement and Grant of Right-of-Way for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and Related Facilities between The United States of America and Amerada Hess Pipeline Corporation, BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc., ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, Phillips Transportations Alaska, Inc., Unocal Pipeline Company, and Williams Alaska Pipeline Company, L.L.C., dated January 8, 2003, and made effective on January 24, 2004, Mainline Case Files FF-012505 and AA-005847, under the authority of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act.

The TUPS have been reviewed and determined to be required for long term operations of the ROW. The lands which these temporary authorizations encumber are adjacent to the ROW and have been used for multiple years and are determined to be appropriately included in the mainline. This action will allow for the management of these sites as long term sites required for the continued operation and maintenance of the TAPS.

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(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 <i>National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.</i>	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	
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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 W. 4th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 257-1344.

Attached Documents: Attachment 1, Listing of TUPs to be added to TAPS Mainline

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.

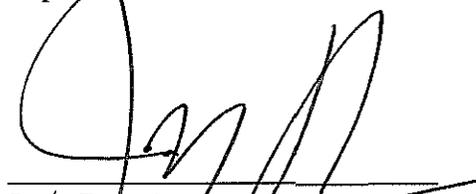


 Preparer

Realty Specialist
 Title

12/28/2009
 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 TUPs to be added to TAPS Mainline

<u>Glennallen Area TUPS</u>			
SERIAL NUMBER	Common Site Name	LOCATION	Narrative
AA-80561	One Mile Creek Berms	FM, T. 16S., R.10E Sec. 8	TUP issued December 19, 1997 for installation and maintenance of stream control berms at One Mile Creek for the protections of TAPS Maintenance pad and Pipeline at PLMP 576.5. The public lands involved are approximately 340 ft by 750 feet, 5.85 acres, more or less.
AA-77794	MP 759.3 Repairs	CRM, T. 8S., R.1W Sec. 20	TUP issued September 29, 1995 for repair and maintenance of a low water crossing by installation and maintenance of stream control structures. Issued for the protections of TAPS Maintenance pad and Pipeline at PLMP 759.3. The public lands involved are approximately 150 ft by 50 feet (area A) and 200 ft by 50 ft (area B), 0.4 acres, more or less.
AA-76857	LWC Repairs at MP 759.8	CRM, T. 8S., R.1W Sec. 3	TUP issued September 29, 1995 for repair and maintenance of a low water crossing by installation and maintenance of stream control structures. Issued for the protections of TAPS Maintenance pad, Remote Gate Valve 116 and Pipeline at PLMP 759.8. The public lands involved are approximately 150 ft by 300 feet, 1.03 acres, more or less.
<u>Fairbanks Area TUPS</u>			
SERIAL NUMBER	Common Site Name	LOCATION	Narrative
FF-86003	Atigun Pass Repair	UM, T. 15 S., R.11E Portions of Sec. 23, 24 & 26 UM, T. 15 S., R.12E Portions of Sec.18 & 19	TUP issued June 1, 1988 for repair and maintenance along the TAPS on the south side of Atigun Pass. This TUP includes the staging and storage of necessary materials required in and around the Atigun area for the protections of TAPS Maintenance pad and Pipeline from PLMP 165.5-169.5 The public lands involved are 134.4 acres, more or less.