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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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A. Background

BLM Office: AK-994

Serial/Case File No.: see Attachment 1

Proposed Action Title/Type: Conversion of historical Temporary Use Permits to long term Right-of-Way Grants.

Location of Proposed Action: see Attachment 1

Description of Proposed Action: Conversion of historical TUPs on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) to more applicable long term ROW grants. BLM Office of Pipeline Monitoring will issue new ROW grants on historic TUPs under the authority of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act. This action will allow for the management of these sites as long term sites required for the continued operation and maintenance of the TAPS. The ROWs will expire at the current term of the TAPS ROW; January 22, 2034 at noon, Washington D.C. time.

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 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. 4th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 257-1344.

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

12-24-2009
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 Converted TUPs

Fairbanks Area TUPS				
OLD TUP SERIAL NUMBER	NEW ROW SERIAL NUMBER	Common Site Name	LOCATION	Narrative
FF021396	FF095654	Storage Yard at Operational Material Site 117-1BM	UM, T. 9S., R.12EW Sec. 28	TUP for storage Pipe valves and other constructional components related to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System issued December 16, 1974 amended September 16, 2005 designating an approved burn pit to be constructed within OMS 117-1
FF021397	FF095658	Storage Yard at Operational Material Site 79-2	FM, T. 13N., R.11W Sec. 8	TUP for storage Pipe valves and other constructional components related to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System within OMS 79-2. issued November 20, 1974
FF073167	FF095657	Storage Yard 91-3	FM, T. 23N., R.14W Sec. 17	TUP for storage Pipe valves and other constructional components related to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System within SY 91-3. issued May 13, 1981
FF085078	FF095651	Five Mile Water Well	FM, T. 13N., R.11W Sec. 26	TUP for Water Well pad. issued October 9, 1985
FF090794	FF095655	Storage Yard at Operational Material Site 111-2	UM, T. 14S., R.12E Sec. 20	TUP for storage Pipe valves and other constructional components related to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System within OMS 111-2. issued November 5, 1993
FF093366	FF095656	Storage Yard at Operational Material Site 106-1	FM, T. 35N., R.10W Sec. 28	TUP for storage Pipe valves and other constructional components related to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and designating an approved burn area for clean untreated wood waste material within OMS 106-1 issued October 5, 2001