

**Decision for Categorical Exclusion
DOI-BLM-AK-02000-2010-0023-CX
Long Term Campsite FM 2.3R**

Decision

It is my decision to approve the new Long-Term Campsites, subject to existing Terms and Conditions in the Environmental Assessment, EA No. AK-080-88-010, and the attached Special Stipulations (See Exhibits E & G)

The minimum rental established by Instructional Memorandum AK 020-2003-001 should be applied. Therefore rent for this proposed activity shall be \$250.

The proposed action would not impact salmon or habitat known to support salmon and therefore, the proposed action was assigned the EFH determination: *No effect*, and no further EFH consultation is required.

Stipulations

The attached stipulations will apply to this action. See Attachment 1.

Rationale

1. This action implements Action 6.1 of the Fortymile River Management Plan.
2. Authorizing Long-Term Campsites to suction dredge miners within the river corridor reduces the impacts by having the miners camp above the ordinary high water mark, out of sight to other river users.
3. There are no anticipated impacts to cultural resources. See attachment #1.
4. The Proposed Action will not significantly restrict subsistence uses. See attachment #2.

Appeal Procedures

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4 and DOI Form 1842-1. The notice of appeal must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management Eastern Interior Field Office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision.

/s/ Lenore Heppler
Lenore Heppler, Manager
Eastern Interior Field Office

6/20/2012
Date

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