

Decision Record

Five Prospectors LLC has submitted a Plan of Operations requesting authority to suction dredge mine on BLM Claim No. FF054308 located in the Jack Wade Creek Claim Block. The general schedule of operations is between May and September of each year. The applicants expect to conduct approximately 60 days of sluicing per year with 1 to 30 cubic yards (CY) of material processed daily and 900 to 1,800 CY annually.

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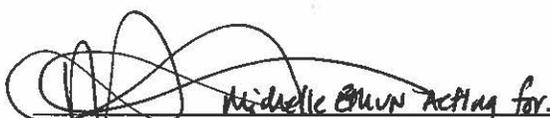
It is my decision to authorize Five Prospectors LLC to suction dredge mine on BLM Claim No. FF054308 located in the Jack Wade Creek Claim Block. Mitigation measures will be consistent with those outlined in the Decision Record for EA Log No. Ak-026-02-061.

Rationale

1. A Determination of NEPA Adequacy has been completed for this action and it has been determined that the environmental effects of the proposed activity were adequately considered in EA Ak-026-02-061 completed in 2002. No additional NEPA analysis is required.
2. The proposed action is in compliance with the Fortymile Management Framework Plan and consistent with the use of public lands within the area.
3. The proposed action will take place on previously disturbed ground and is considered a minor modification to previously authorized activities within the claim block.
4. The action will not increase the potential for undue and unnecessary damage to the environment.

Appeal Provisions

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (Board), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, the notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. Appeals from administrative decisions issued by BLM-Alaska must be filed in writing in the office of the deciding official, either by mail or hand delivery. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail, will not be accepted as timely filed. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.


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7/31/12

Date

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