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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)

A. BACKGROUND

Project Name / Type: Rabbit Creek Road Lions Club Removal Project

NEPA Register Number: DOI-BLM-AK-A010-2013-0017-CX

Case File Number: AA-91679

Location / Legal Description: 3030 Rabbit Creek Road, Anchorage, AK 99524
Lot 253, Sec 33 T12N R3W Seward Meridian, Alaska.

Applicant (if any): n/a

Description of Proposed Action:

The BLM intends to contract the removal of an unoccupied 2,400 ft² building and its associated infrastructure, properly dispose of the hazardous materials and non-hazardous debris, and then characterize the site to determine nature and extent of any contamination that may have impacted soil and/or groundwater. At BLM's option, the contractor may also remove contaminated soil warranted by site characterization. The cleanup of this property is necessary so that the BLM can return the land to public domain. The contractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, and all necessary permits and permissions to successfully accomplish the project. The site work will take approximately one week to complete during late May through early October 2013.

B. LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE

Applicable Land Use Plan: Ring of Fire Approved Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision, 2008

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable land use plan, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following land use plan decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

G. Hazardous Materials

G-1: Goal

Ensure that all activities occurring on BLM-managed lands within the planning area comply with Federal and State hazardous materials standards and that all Federal and State mandates, laws, regulations, Executive Orders and policies are met.

G-2: Management Action

1. Adverse effects of past hazardous materials management on BLM-managed lands within the planning area will be mitigated subject to availability of funds.

C. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with United States Department of the Interior 43 CFR 46.210 or United States Department of the Interior Manual, Part 516, Chapter 11, which provides:

J. Other

10. Removal of structures and materials of no historic value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.

D. EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

The proposed action must be screened against the Extraordinary Circumstances found in 43 CFR § 46.215 (listed below). Any “yes” finding requires that an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement be prepared for the Proposed Action.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES	YES/NO
1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety.	No
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.	No
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	No

6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No
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.	No
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.	No
9. Violate Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No
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).	No
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or 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).	No

E. SIGNATURE

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable land use plan and is an action that can be categorically excluded. The Proposed Action does not trigger any of the Extraordinary Circumstances found in 516 FM Chapter 2, Appendix 2. I recommend that the Proposed Action be allowed and that no further environmental analysis is required.

/s/ Alan Bittner

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Date