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Decision and Rationale on Action

I have decided to implement the proposed research request from the Fairbanks U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The applicant will be provided with stipulations entitled "FF096587 Fairbanks Endangered Species Branch USFWS 2013 Permit Stipulations."

In addition, I have reviewed the plan conformance statement and have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the approved land use plans and that no further environmental analysis is required under the National Environmental Policy Act (as documented in the attached CX, NEPA Compliance).

The evaluation and finding done to comply with Section 810 of ANILCA found no significant restrictions to subsistence use.

The assessment of Archaeological and Historic Resources completed for this project found that the standard stipulation package would provide sufficient protection and that the action may proceed.

Implementation Date

This project will be implemented on or after March 22, 2013.

_____ March 22, 2013
/s/Lon Kelly, Manager
Arctic Field Office

Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, part 4 and 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. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

A petition would be filed pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that the appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If a stay is requested, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

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