

# Prospect Creek Airport and Access Road Renewal

## A. Background

**DOI-BLM-AK-F030-2013-0027CX**

**BLM Office:** Central Yukon Field Office

**Case File Nos.:** F-12631 and F-91216

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Prospect Creek Airport and Access Road Renewal

**Location of Proposed Action:** Prospect Creek Airport is located at MP 137 of the Dalton Highway approximately 215 miles south of Prudhoe Bay and 150 miles northwest of Fairbanks, Alaska more particularly described as Secs. 17, 19 and 20, T. 23 N., R. 14 W., Fairbanks Meridian. USGS Quad Bettles.

**Description of Proposed Action:** The State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (SOA/DOTPF) proposes to renew their airport lease and road right-of-way for access to the airport for 20 years. The airport was constructed in 1974–75 to support the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and the Dalton Highway. The site, generally unchanged since construction encompasses a 404 acre rectangle. Of the 404 acres, the BLM has a 18 acre reserve leaving the State 386.66 acres at the airport. The airport maintenance is provided by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company through a written agreement with the SOA/DOTPF. The runway has a gravel surface measuring 5,000' x 150', one taxiway 325' x 60' and a unpaved apron 400' x 200'. The airport is lighted with medium intensity edge lighting, lighted wind cones, apron floodlighting and runway end identifier lights on both ends of the runway. Navaids include a non-direction beacon with DME which are privately owned and operated by Alyeska. VASI units and all navaids are owned and operated by Alyeska as well. Although in the past the State has issued 3rd parties leases on the property, there are currently none. Improvements onsite are a tower, garage, generator building, storage and fuel station which holds 10,000 gallons of Jet B fuel. The existing access road is gravel from the Dalton Highway to the airport measuring 100' wide by 3,200' long for a total of 7.35 acres. Primary use of the road occurs between April and October with intermittent use during the remaining months of the year. Users consist of DOT employees, Alyeska, Federal agencies, guides, hunters and the general public.

## B. Land Use Plan Conformance

**Land Use Plan Name:** Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan

**Date Approved/Amended:** January 11, 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 Resource Management Plan, Appendix N — Lands and Realty Program (page N-8) 7. Process applications for land use authorizations from the general public, Federal and State agencies and research organizations on a case-by-case basis.

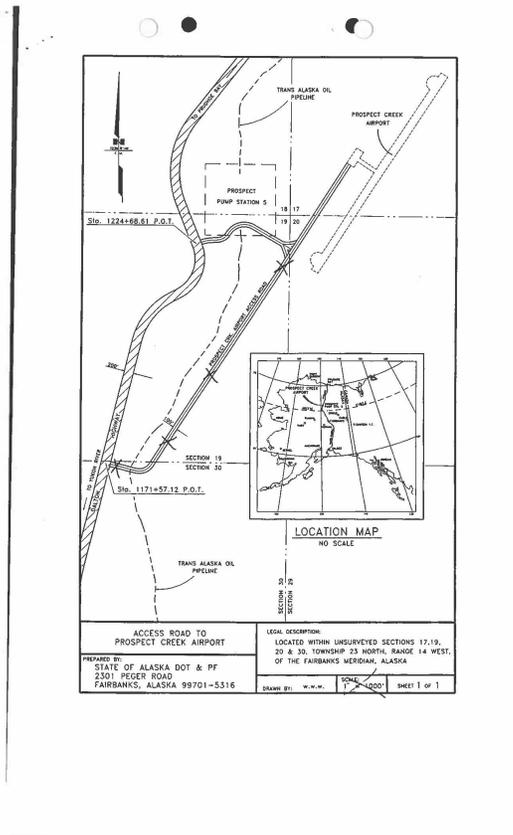
## C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, or 516 DM 11.9.

11.9 E (Realty)

(9) Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.

**Figure 1. Prospect Creek Airport and Access Road**



## D. Approval and Contact Information

The proposed action is in conformance with a management framework plan or a resource management plan, 43 CFR management plan, 43 CFR § 1610.8(a)(3). The Department of the Interior has determined and found that the proposed action is within a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and that neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required, 40 CFR §1508.4. It is therefore my decision to implement the action, as described, with appropriate mitigation measures or stipulations.

Mitigation Measures/Stipulations: (See Attached Appendices)

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August 8, 2013  
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