

# **Categorical Exclusion**

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# **Chapter 1. Dry Creek Productions Filming**

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## A. Background

**BLM Office:**Central Yukon Field Office

**Case File No.:**F-96605

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Base Camp and Filming of Grizzly Bear Hunt

**Location of Proposed Action:**Secs. 14–36, T. 10 S., R. 7 W., Sec. 25, T. 10 S., R. 8 W., and Secs. 1–6, T. 11 S., R. 8 W., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska encompassing 19,840 acres in the Kimulik River Drainage northeast of Shaktoolik, Alaska.

**Description of Proposed Action:**John Tate dba Dry Creek Productions proposes to stage a base camp and film a guide and hunter in pursuit of grizzly bears from June 1, 2013 through June 15, 2013. They will be transported into and out of the base camp located at 64°35'18.60"N —160°2'3.20"W (see map) by Freelance Outdoor Adventures contracted pilot Jim Tweeto. The film crew will consists of three persons, hunter, guide and a cameraman. All hunting and filming activities will be based out of the base camp and on foot.

## B. Land Use Plan Conformance

**Land Use Plan Name:**Kobuk-Seward Peninsula Resource Management Plan

**Date Approved/Amended:** September 4, 2007

**The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):** Kobuk-Seward Peninsula Resource Resource Management Plan, Chapter 2— Lands and Realty Actions (page 2–106)  
(1) Meet public needs for use authorizations such as ROW, leases, and permits while minimizing adverse impacts to other resource values.

**The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions)**

## 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)

(19) Issuance of short-term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations for such uses as storage sites, apiary sites, and construction sites where the proposal includes rehabilitation to restore the land to its natural or original condition.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

