

**Decision for Categorical Exclusion
DOI-BLM-AK-F020-2013-0020-CX**

Decision

It is my decision to issue a Land Use Permit to Tanana Chiefs Conference under Bureau of Land Management (BLM) case file FF096610 for the purpose of having a staging area and spike camp (in support of surveying Doyon selected lands) on public lands at the Molly Creek airstrip located approximately 42 miles west of Chicken, Alaska. The Land Use Permit will be issued for a period of approximately one (1) month.

Rationale

1. This action is consistent with Objective 1 of the Fortymile Management Framework Plan.
2. There are no anticipated impacts to cultural resources by the proposed action. An "Assessment of Archaeological and Historic Resources" has been completed for this project.
3. The evaluation and finding done to comply with Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act found no significant restrictions to subsistence uses.
4. The proposed action would not impact salmon or habitat known to support salmon and therefore the proposed action was assigned the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Determination: *No effect*, and no further EFH consultation is required.
5. This Land Use Permit has been identified in the Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC) inventory and issuance will not have additional impacts to size, naturalness, or solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation.

Appeal Procedures

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4 and DOI Form 1842-1. The notice of appeal must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management Eastern Interior Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99709 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.

/S/ Lenore Heppler
Lenore Heppler, Manager
Eastern Interior Field Office

6/13/2013
Date

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