

Categorical Exclusion

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A. Background

BLM Office: Fairbanks District Office/Central Yukon Field Office

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Lease/Serial/Case File No.: FF096474

Proposed Action Title/Type: Special Recreation Permit/2930

Location of Proposed Action: Dalton Highway. BLM lands within Game Management Unit 25-02.

Description of Proposed Action: The applicant proposes to provide guided backpack/packboat hunting trips for clients in pursuit of Dall Sheep (4), grizzly bear (2), caribou (2), and wolf (2). The primary use of BLM lands is to access State of Alaska lands where the applicant has a base camp. As part of the permit the applicant has requested parking and camping at the pullout on the west side of the Dalton Highway approximately one-mile north of the Chandalar Shelf DOT station. The applicant proposes to use spike camps on BLM lands in situations where game is present.

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): Chapter 2 of the Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan (pages 2-26 and 2-27) Proposed Action #28 Recreation Management Areas and Recreation Program Objective 2 found in Appendix N (page N-19). Additional guidance is provided in the Recreation Area Management Plan Dalton Highway.

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 H; which states, "Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impacts no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan."

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.

I considered: the proposed action of providing access for Alaska Statewide Guides and find that there is no potential for significant impacts to BLM lands in the Dalton Highway Corridor.

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