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DETERMINATION OF NEPA ADEQUACY (DNA) WORKSHEET

Proposed Action Title/Type: Alaska Department of Transportation Stockpile Site Authorization

NEPA Register Number: DOI-BLM-AK-A020-2013-0023-DNA

Case File Number: AA-093602

Location / Legal Description: Section 6, T. 12 N., R. 1 W., Copper River Meridian

Applicant (if any): Alaska Department of Transportation

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) has requested a 2821 Material Site authorization (pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §107(d)) from the BLM Glennallen Field Office for an existing highway materials storage / stockpile site at Mile 172.7 of the Richardson Highway. This site was previously authorized (Case File #AA-85438); however, the authorization expired in 2010.

The site consists of approximately 2.5 acres of existing disturbed area. The applicant's request does not entail new ground disturbance nor does the right-of-way requested extend into undisturbed areas.

The BLM will decide whether to issue a new five-year 2821 Material Site authorization.

B. LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable land use plan, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following East Alaska Approved Resource Management Plan (Record of Decision, 2007) decisions, objectives, terms, and conditions:

J. Minerals

J-3: Salable Minerals (Mineral Materials)

J-3-a: Allocations

5. All other areas are open, subject to Required Operation Procedures described in Appendix A.

I. Lands and Realty

I-1: Goals

- Provide a balance between land use (rights-of-way, land use permits, leases and sales) and resource protection that best serves the public at large.

C. IDENTIFY APPLICABLE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) DOCUMENTS AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS THAT COVER THE PROPOSED ACTION.

State of Alaska, Department of Transportation, Material Stock Piling Site Right-of-Way, Dick Lake, Alaska. Environmental Assessment, AK-050-EA-04-027. Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record signed on May 18 and 19, 2004, respectively.

D. NEPA ADEQUACY CRITERIA

1. *Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?*

The current proposed action is exactly the same as the proposed action (Alternative A) analyzed in the existing EA (AK-050-EA-04-027). The current proposed action is within the same analysis area.

2. *Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?*

The range of alternatives analyzed in the existing EA is still appropriate to the new application given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values.

3. *Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?*

The existing analysis is still valid. There is no new information or circumstances that change the analysis.

4. *Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?*

The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the current proposed action are the same as those described in the existing EA. As noted in item #3, there is no new information or circumstances that would alter the anticipated effects. The current proposed action is a continuation of the proposed action analyzed in the existing EA.

5. *Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?*

Yes, the public involvement and interagency review are adequate for this action.

E. PERSONS, AGENCIES, AND BLM STAFF CONSULTED

Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

F. CONCLUSION

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation identified in Part C of this DNA Worksheet fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

/s/ Laurie Hull-Engles

July 15, 2013

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Acting Glennallen Field Manager

Date

Note: The signed Conclusion on this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR § 4 and the program-specific regulations.

Attachments

State of Alaska, Department of Transportation, Material Stock Piling Site Right-of-Way, Dick Lake, Alaska. Environmental Assessment, AK-050-EA-04-027. Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record signed on May 18 and 19, 2004, respectively.