

A. Background

BLM Office: Arctic Field Office LLAKF010

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: FF096521

Applicant: Randy Mac Millan
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Dates of Proposed Activity: September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014

Proposed Action Title/Type: Storage of camp string at Inigok in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) (292006).

Description of Proposed Action: The applicant, Randy Mac Millan, of Arctic Catering Inc. has requested an extension of the current authorization to store a camp string on lands within the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A) from September 1, 2013 until August 31, 2014. The stored items are located on the lower pad at Inigok. The camp will be removed during the winter of 2013-2014 under a separate authorization.

The proposed action would authorize the continued storage by Arctic Catering Inc. of the camp string on the lower pad at Inigok. The camp string consists of the following items, along with any associated materials or debris on the lower pad:

1. Westland incinerator model #CY2020FAD
2. 4 each sleeper units (SLE 830944S-659, SLE 840944S648, SLE 8300944S664, and SLE 830944S665).
3. Kitchen/Diner unit (KD830944S-6662)
4. Recreation and Generator Set unit (GR8309S-663) with Duetz-413 series 150 kw generators.
5. Storage and Generator Set unit (GR8309-661) with Duetz-413 series 150 kw generators.
6. Washroom unit (UTI830944S-660)
7. Waste water plant (no serial number), including a 1000 gallon holding tank.

There is also a fuel sleigh on the site that belongs to NANA Corporation. Arctic Catering proposes to store this under the present authorization as well. The fuel sleigh has a 3,500 gallon fuel tank, in containment.

Arctic Catering has requested the continuing authorization to run through August 31, 2014 to allow them time to finish cleaning up any debris or spills that could be left behind as part of the removal action.

Legal Description:

Sections 34 & 35, T. 8 N, R. 5 W., Umiat Meridian, as shown in the map in Figure 1.

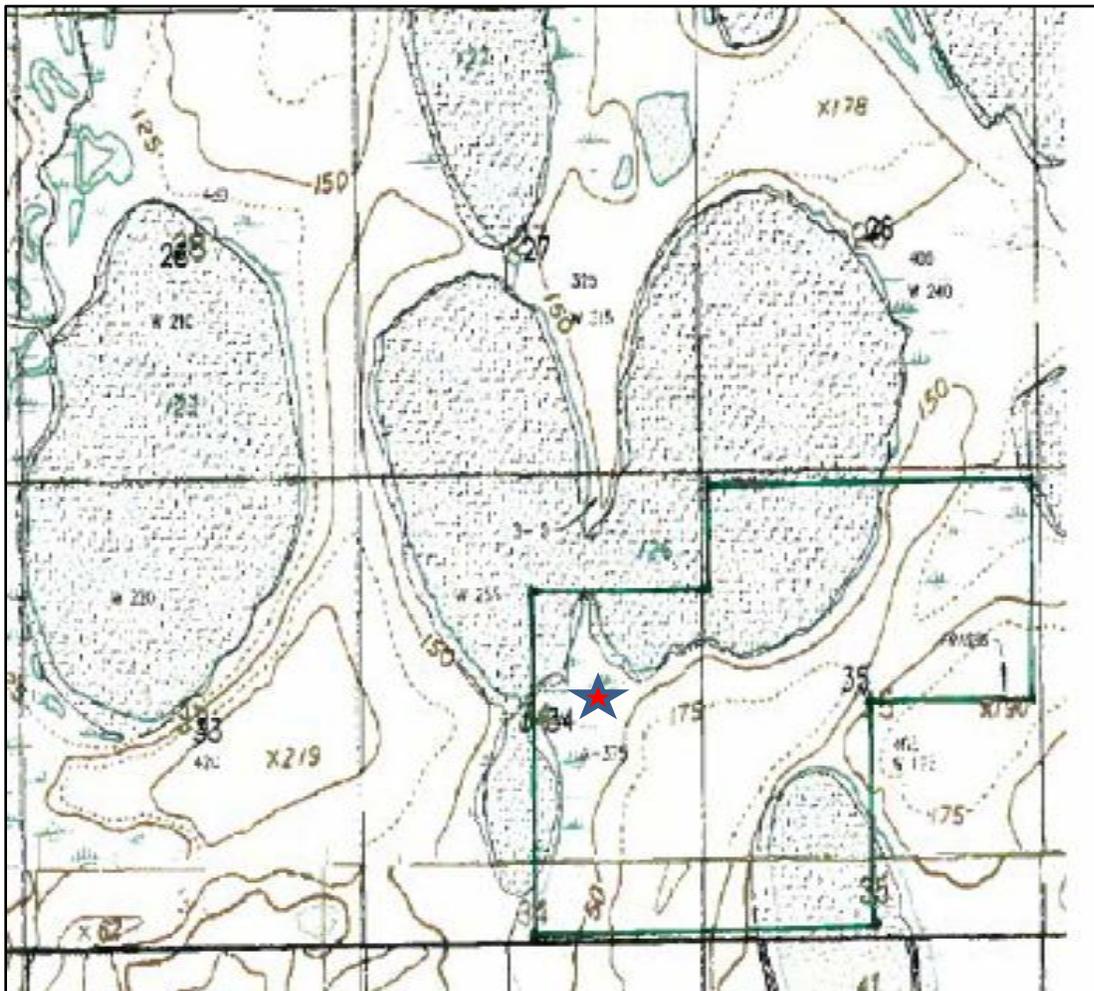


Figure 1. Map showing location of string camp at Inigok, within the NPR-A, approximate location: 70° 00' 15.63" N & 153° 05' 54.74"W.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

The proposed action is in conformance with the following planning document: National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) dated November 2012 and associated Record of Decision dated February 2013.

The proposed action is in conformance with the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act, which allows for the authorization of uses consistent with the purposes of the Act.

C. Compliance with NEPA

The IAP/EIS Record of Decision for the NPR-A developed stipulations and best management practices applicable to all activities in NPR-A. The stipulations and best management practices applicable to the proposed action will be provided, along with project-specific mitigation, to the applicant and are entitled: “FF096521 Arctic Catering Permit Stipulations 2014”.

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. Specifically the proposed action meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, BLM H-1790-1 National Environmental Policy Act Handbook Appendix 4(E.9) BLM Categorical Exclusions.

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

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.

Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes	No
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
2.2 Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E)].		X

2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		X
2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		X
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		X

D. Approval and Contact Information

I considered the proposed action and have determined that there is no potential for significant impacts.

/s/Lon Kelly
Authorized Officer, Arctic Field Office

12/18/2013
Date

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