

# FWS Interpretive Panels

## A. Background

**DOI-BLM-AK-F-030-2014-0004CX**

**BLM Office:**Central Yukon Field Office

**Lease/Serial/Case File No.:**F-96702

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Fish and Wildlife Interpretive Panels

**Location of Proposed Action:**Mile posts 106 and 135 on the Dalton Highway more particularly described as Sec. 30, T. 19 N., R. 14 W., and Sec. 26, T. 23 N., R. 15 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska, containing approximately two (2) acres.

**Description of Proposed Action:**The Fish and Wildlife Service, Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge proposes to install two (2) permanent interpretive panels at two different locations in the spring of 2014. The interpretive panels will be similar to existing panels already installed along the Dalton Highway. One location for installation would be mile post 106 on the Dalton Highway next to the Kanuti River boat launch and the second set of panels would be installed at mile post 135 of the Dalton Highway at the Jim River boat launch at the end of the old Prospect Creek Road. Each panel would be 36" wide by 24" tall ½" thick and would be mounted on low metal bases. Panels will require minimal maintenance which would be completed by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The installation of these panels would increase awareness of safety risks involved in using the Kanuti and Jim Rivers to access the Kanuti Wildlife Refuge. They have applied for a State of Alaska permit as well for the Kanuti River panel which lies within their right-of-way. These two sites were chosen for installation as they are the most visited sites.



Example of similar interpretive panels

**Figure 1. Example of Interpretive Panels**

## **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:

## **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 G (Transportation)

(4) Placement of recreational, special designation, or information signs, visitor registers, kiosks, and portable sanitation devices. Acquisition of easements for an existing road or issuance of leases, permits or rights-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purposes.

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

## **D. Approval and Contact Information**

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