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Glennallen Field Office Well Pad Replacements DOI-BLM-AK-A020-2014-0009-CX

Case File, none

DECISION RECORD

Decision

It is my decision to implement the proposed action on BLM-managed lands as described in the attached Categorical Exclusion documentation, DOI-BLM-AK-A020-2014-0009-CX.

This action will correct CASHE finding #PW12-003. Additionally, this project fulfills the East Alaska Resource Management Plan direction to maintain facilities to meet public health and safety standards.

The proposed action has been reviewed by Glennallen Field Office staff and appropriate Project Design Features or stipulations, as specified, will be incorporated during project implementation. Based on the attached Categorical Exclusion review, I have determined that the proposed action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further analysis is required.

Appeal Opportunities

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR § 4. To appeal you must file a notice of appeal at the BLM Glennallen Field Office, P.O. Box 147, Milepost 186.5 Glenn Highway, Glennallen, Alaska 99588, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appeal must be in writing and delivered in person, via the United States Postal Service mail system, or other common carrier, to the Glennallen Field Office as noted above. *The BLM does not accept appeals by facsimile, email, or other electronic means.* The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulation 43 CFR § 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards: (a) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied, (b) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the

merits, (c) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and (d) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR § 4.413); Office of the Regional Solicitor, Alaska Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 4230 University Drive, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99508; at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

/s/ Dennis C. Teitzel

February 4, 2014

Dennis C. Teitzel
Glennallen Field Manager

Date

Attachments

Categorical Exclusion, DOI-BLM-AK-A020-2014-0009-CX



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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

A. BACKGROUND

Project Name / Type: GFO Well Pad Replacement Project

NEPA Register Number: DOI-BLM-AK-A020-2014-0009-CX

Case File Number: N/A

Location / Legal Description: Four Glennallen Field Office Recreation Sites:
1. Paxson Lake Campground, MP 175 Richardson Highway
2. Tangle Lakes Campground, MP 21 Denali Highway
3. Delta Wayside, MP 21 Denali Highway
4. Brushkana Creek Campground, MP 104 Denali Highway

Applicant (if any): None

Description of Proposed Action:

This project incorporates the replacement of existing hand pump well pads within the GFO recreation developed sites as listed above. During the summer of 2014 (June through August) five concrete pads will be replaced by BLM staff pouring new concrete pads which meet federal and state standards. The approved design is yet to be determined. The project is being coordinated with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and BLM's Washington Office Environmental Engineering group. This action will correct CASHE finding #PW12-003. CASHE funding of \$50,000 has been appropriated to accomplish this project.

B. LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE

Applicable Land Use Plan: East Alaska Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision, Approved September 7, 2007

The proposed action is in conformance with plan because it is specifically provided for in the following planning decisions (BLM 2007, p. 45):

S. Transportation and Facilities Maintenance

S-1: Goal

Manage facilities, including trails and roads, to provide for public access or administrative needs, while maintaining or protecting resource values and in coordination with other Federal and state agencies and private landowners.

S-2: Management Actions

4. Maintain other facilities such as boat ramps, communication facilities, etc. according to Bureau standards and to meet public health and safety requirements.

C. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with United States Department of the Interior 43 CFR 46.210 or United States Department of the Interior Manual, Part 516, Chapter 11, which provides:

1.7 Routine and continuing government business, including such things as supervision, administration, operations, maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity (e.g., limited size and magnitude or short-term effects).

D. EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

The proposed action must be screened against the Extraordinary Circumstances found in 43 CFR § 46.215 (listed below). Any “yes” finding requires that an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement be prepared for the Proposed Action.

| EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES | YES/NO |
|---|---------------|
| 1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety. | No |
| 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. | No |
| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]. | No |
| 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. | No |
| 5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. | No |
| 6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. | No |

| EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES | YES/NO |
|---|--------|
| 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. | No |
| 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. | No |
| 9. Violate Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. | No |
| 10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). | No |
| 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). | No |
| 12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or 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). | No |

E. SIGNATURE

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable land use plan and is an action that can be categorically excluded. The Proposed Action does not trigger any of the Extraordinary Circumstances found in 516 FM Chapter 2, Appendix 2. I recommend that the Proposed Action be allowed and that no further environmental analysis is required.

/s/ Dennis C. Teitzel

February 4, 2014

Dennis C. Teitzel
Glennallen Field Manager

Date