

Amended Bear Paw Mountain Seismic and Radio Repeater Site

A. Background

BLM Office:DOI-BLM-AK-F030-2014-0013-CX

Case File No.: F-93750

Proposed Action Title/Type: Amend the renewal of grant for seismic and radio repeater site

Location of Proposed Action:On top of Bear Paw Mountain more particularly described as SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 25, T. 9 S., R. 18 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska containing approximately 0.25 acre.

Description of Proposed Action:

In Categorical Exclusion DOI-BLM-AK-F030-2014-0003, which has already been completed and signed, the University of Alaska at Fairbanks (UAF) proposed to renew their existing seismic and radio repeater site on top of Bear Paw Mountain for ten (10) years with no changes. After the completion of the NEPA action the UAF would like to amend their proposal to improve data quality by auguring a posthole next to the existing seismic vault. The posthole would be 3m-5m deep and 20cm in diameter. The hole would be cased with PVC pipe and would house their broadband seismometer, while the existing vault would continue to house the datalogger and strong motion instrument. This new proposal is the only action to be analyzed.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name:Southwest Framework Plan (Minchumina Subunit)

Date Approved/Amended: November 1981

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

Pages 19 and 21, Lands, states: “Allow right-of-way grants throughout the Planning Area on a case by case basis and make public lands available for the development of electronic communication facility sites.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

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(13) Amendments to existing rights-of-way, such as the upgrading of existing facilities, which entail no additional disturbances outside the right-of-way boundary.

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.

D. Approval and Contact Information

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