

# BBC Squirrel Filming

## A. Background

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**BLM Office:**Central Yukon Field Office

**Case File No.:**F-96769

**Proposed Action Title/Type:**BBC Broadcasting House filming arctic squirrels

**Location of Proposed Action:**Toolik Research Station and Galbraith Lake areas more particularly described as within Secs. 20, 21, 28, 29 and 32, T. 9 S., R. 11 E., Sec. 36, T. 12 S., R. 11 E., and Secs. 29, 30, 31 and 32, T. 12 S., R. 12 E., Umiat Meridian, Alaska, containing approximately 2.50 acres.

**Description of Proposed Action:**BBC Broadcasting House proposes to film a documentary of arctic ground squirrels along with research scientists from the University of Alaska at Anchorage twice this spring and summer, the first session beginning April 20 through May 5, 2014 and second session beginning June 28 through July 11, 2014. They propose to use a vehicle to drive up the Dalton, park their vehicle and walk in to all locations. Then they would set up blinds so as to minimize disturbance of the squirrels and commence filming using a tripod and hand held camera. After completion they intend to sell the video.

## 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(s):** Utility Corridor RMP, Appendix N — Lands and Realty Program (Page N-8)

7. Process applications for land use authorizations from the general public, Federal and State agencies and research organizations on a case by case basis.

## 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.

Appendix 3, Departmental Categorical Exclusions

1.6 Nondestructive data collection, inventory (including field, aerial and satellite surveying and mapping), study, research and monitoring activities.

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.

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

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