

Anders Filming

A. Background

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BLM Office:Central Yukon Field Office

Case File No.:F-96782

Proposed Action Title/Type: Anders filming at Toolik Research Station

Location of Proposed Action:Mile post 285 off the Dalton Highway, more particularly described as within Secs. 20, 21, 28 and 29, T. 9 S., R. 11 E., Sec. 3, T. 10 S., R. 11 E., and Secs. 29 and 32, T. 11 S., R. 12 E., Umiat Meridian, Alaska, containing approximately 1.75 acres.

Description of Proposed Action:Uwe Anders along with one crew member proposes to film arctic ground squirrels from April 15, 2014 through May 6, 2014, for the purpose of producing a documentary for German television. He proposes to use a vehicle to drive up the Dalton, park his vehicle (license plate FLW576) and walk in to all locations. He would set up blinds so as to minimize disturbance of the squirrels and commence filming using a tripod and hand held camera. After completion he intends to sell the video and must submit a copy to BLM for inclusion in the case file.

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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