

Marion Creek Campground and Administrative Site

A. Background

DOI-BLM-AK-F030-2014-0039-CX

BLM Office:Central Yukon Field Office

Case File No.:F-87167 and F-87168

Proposed Action Title/Type:Marion Creek Campground and Administrative Site

Location of Proposed Action:Mile posts 180 and 185 off the Dalton Highway more particularly described as within Secs. 23, 24 and 26, T. 29 N., R. 12 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska, containing 72.62 acres.

Description of Proposed Action: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Central Yukon Field Office proposes to renew their site right-of-way for the Marion Creek Campground and Administrative Site located at mile posts 180 and 180.5 off the Dalton Highway more particularly described as being with Secs. 23, 24 and 26, T. 29 N., R. 12 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska, containing approximately 72.62. Current improvements located on the public campground site are 27 campsites with picnic tables and fire rings, 4 outhouses, 4 bear proof trash receptacles, parking area, trailhead, information and interpretive displays, campground host wooden storage shed with black water tank underneath and a water well. As funding becomes available additional improvements and upgrades would be completed within the existing footprint. Heaviest use period of this facility is May through September yearly.

The administrative site is designated for the operation and maintenance of year round housing, seasonal housing, office space, shop and warehouse, RV trailer pad and vehicle parking for three agencies — BLM, NPS and FWS employees. Current facilities onsite are fuel storage tanks containing gasoline (7,000 gallons), fuel oil (10,000 gallons) and propane (1,000 gallons) in dikes, fenced yard for storage, enclosed unheated storage area, and a physical plant building housing generator, wellhead and pump. A utility building which houses showers and laundry on one side and a generator and battery bank on the other side is currently being constructed. The main power source would be solar panels with a propane generator back up. The gray water would drain into a leach field and a new well would be installed to provide water. The majority of use for this facility is May through September with occasional winter use as well. As funding becomes available additional improvements and upgrades would be completed within the existing footprint.

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 above listed 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 E (Realty)

(9) Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorization.

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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