

Toolik Lake Foot Bridge

A. Background

DOI-BLM-AK-F030-2014-0045-CX

BLM Office:Central Yukon Field Office

Case File No.:F-95285

Proposed Action Title/Type: Renewal of right-of-way for foot bridge

Location of Proposed Action:Toolik Field Station, mile post 285 off the Dalton Highway more particularly described as NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 32, T. 9 S., R. 11 E., Umiat Meridian, Alaska, containing approximately .25 acre.

Description of Proposed Action: The University of Alaska at Fairbanks proposes to renew their right-of-way for an existing foot bridge at Toolik Lake Research Station. The existing foot bridge provides safe passage for users from the Toolik Lake Research Station to “boardwalk” hill where the majority of researchers conduct their projects. The bridge is made of composite materials measuring 10’ wide by 60’ long with handrails. It is mounted on a foundation of rocks in gabion baskets and has been placed far enough from the stream banks to avoid flooding during high water in the spring. This bridge was upgraded in April 2008 and the grant expires June 2014. They request a 20 year renewal.



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:

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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