

Assessment of Archeological and Historic Resources Fairbanks District Office, Bureau of Land Management

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Applicant	BLM Central Yukon Field Office
USGS Quadrangle	Bettles B-1
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Location: Proximate to Mile 98 Dalton Highway, N 1/2 Sec. 25 T. 18 N., R 14 W., Fairbanks Meridian

Description of Proposed Action: The BLM is planning to renew a Right-of-Way grant for a turnout, wayside rest (Vault toilets), interpretive panels, and gravel pad at milepost 98 of the Dalton Highway. In addition, the BLM would like to amend the right of way to include the installation of a sign (with BLM logo), a realignment of a trail-head leading to interpretive panels, and the placement of additional gravel to meet American Disability Act standards for access to the infrastructure at the site. 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.

OFFICE REVIEW

Existing Data Review and Description of Past Inventory Work in the Area

This location has been subjected to a number of archeological surveys, making it very unlikely that additional cultural resources will be identified in the vicinity of the Finger Mountain pull-out. Sites in the immediate vicinity include BET-009, 010, and 011. All of these small lithic scatters containing tool fragments; none have the potential to be impacted by the proposed action.

Anticipated Impacts to Cultural Resources/Effects on Cultural Resources

All work is limited to the existing improved pad. As such, significant impacts to cultural resources are not anticipated. Any remaining potential for impacts to cultural resources is mitigated by the attached stipulation.

Recommendation and/or Mitigative Actions Required

It is recommended that the proposed action proceed with no further Section 106 review.

FIELD EXAMINATION

Description of area surveyed

Vicinity of Finger Mountain.

Survey methodology

Multiple pedestrian intensive surveys dating back to the initial surveys in association with the construction of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System in 1974–75.

Results of survey

Three sites in the vicinity of Finger Mountain.

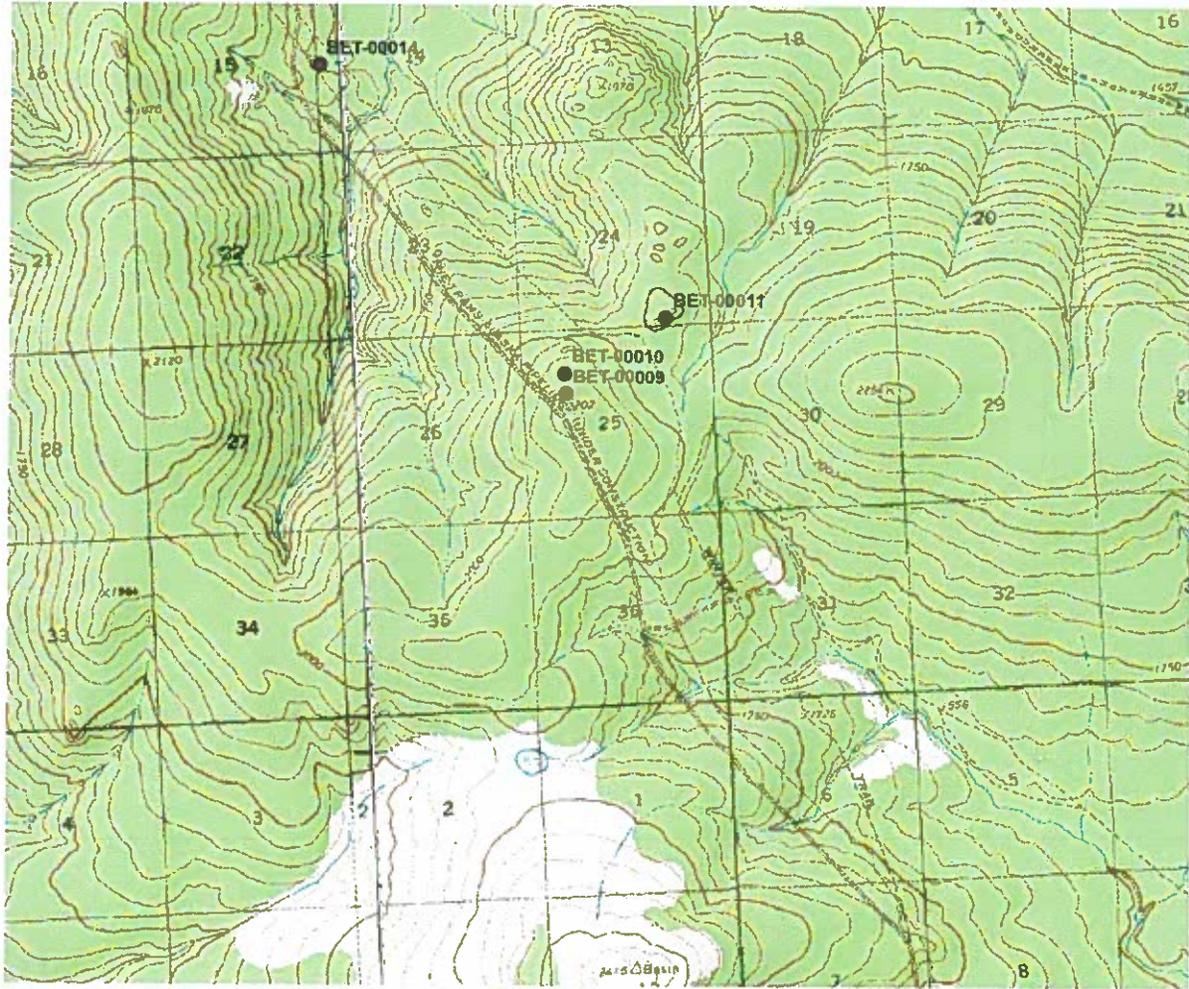


Figure 1. Location of the proposed action near milepost 98 along the Dalton Highway.