

Categorical Exclusion

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A. Background

BLM Office:Central Yukon Field Office

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Lease/Serial/Case File No.:DOI-BLM-AK-F030-2015-0004-CX / FF096874 (5510)

Proposed Action Title/Type:5510 No Fee Wood Cutting Permit

Location of Proposed Action:Proximate to Mile 84 Elliott Highway, T. 7 N. R 7W., Fairbanks Meridian, Sections 24, 25, 26, and 36.

Description of Proposed Action: A 5510 Free Use Application and Permit, Vegetative and Mineral Material, has been received from Brooks Hillyer. The applicant requests to cut up to 20 cords of fuel wood for use near mile 83 of the Elliot Highway. Wood cutting would be of dead down and standing dead trees. Stipulations and permit Special Conditions outline cutting methods, conservation practices, and duration of permit are attached.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name:Central Yukon Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: September 26, 1986

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): On Page 11 of the Record of Decision for the Central Yukon Resource Management Plan the Forestry Resources Section States; “All Forest Lands within this planning area are open to subsistence and commercial timber harvest except crucial wildlife habitat and the eight RNAs. Timber may be harvested on the subsistence study/exchange withdrawals under a subsistence or personal use type permit. No commercial sales will be permitted on these withdrawals. Data on Forest Lands will be accumulated and maintained until identified needs require a more intensive forest inventory.”

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions) :

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with United States Department of the Interior 43 CFR §46.210 or United States Department of Interior Manual, Part 516, Chapter 11 which provides:

11.5, C. Forestry.

1. Sale and removal of individual trees or small groups or trees which are dead, diseased, injured, or which constitute a safety hazard, and where access for the removal requires no more than maintenance to existing roads.

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D. Approval and Contact Information

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The proposed action is in conformance with the Central Yukon Resource Management Plan and 43 CFR § 1610.8(a)(3). The Department of the Interior has determined and found that the proposed action is within a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and that neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required, 40 CFR §1508.4

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