

Decision Record

AKFF093987

Decision: It is my decision to accept the donation of USS 9251 from Mr. Samuel S. Demientieff. I have reviewed Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-AK-F020-2015-0002-EA and have concluded that the impacts of accepting the donation of USS 9251 within the Eastern Interior Field Office area have been adequately addressed. The Finding of No Significant Impact for this action found no impacts that approached the threshold of significance and an environmental impact statement is not required.

Rationale:

1. The Proposed Action is in compliance with the White Mountains National Recreation Area Resource Management Plan and the Beaver Creek River Management Plan. Authority to accept this donation is derived from Section 307 (c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended.
2. The completed Certificate of Inspection and Possession as well as the Pre-Acquisition Liability Survey (inspection date July 29, 2014) certify that the land is suitable for acquisition.
3. There are no anticipated impacts to cultural resources.
4. The proposed action will not negatively impact subsistence uses.
5. The proposed action will not negatively impact salmon or habitat known to support salmon and therefore, the proposed action was assigned the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) determination: *No effect* and no further EFH consultation is required.
6. The action will enable the BLM to manage this land in a manner that is consistent with the management objectives for the White Mountains National Recreation Area and the Beaver Creek National Wild River.

_____/s/ Lenore Heppler_____
Manager, Eastern Interior Field Office

____12/4/2014_____
Date

Appeal Provisions:

This decision shall take effect immediately upon the date it is signed by the authorized officer and shall remain in effect while any appeal is pending unless the Interior Board of Land Appeals issues a stay (43 CFR 2801.10(b)).

Any appeal of this decision must follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 4. Within 30 days of the decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the authorized officer at Eastern Interior Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks Alaska 99709. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed

with the authorized officer. If you wish to file a petition for stay of the effectiveness of this decision pursuant to 43 CFR Part 4.21(b), the petition for stay should accompany your notice of appeal and must show sufficient justification based on the following standards: (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied, (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits, (3) The likelihood of irreparable harm to the appellant or resources if the stay is not granted, and (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay. If a petition for stay is submitted with the notice of appeal, a copy of the notice of appeal and petition for stay must be served on each party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken, and with the IBLA at the same time it is filed with the authorized officer. A copy of the notice of appeal, any statement of reasons and all pertinent documents must be served on each adverse party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken and on the Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 4230 University Drive Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99508, not later than 15 days after filing the document with the authorized officer and/or IBLA.

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For additional information concerning this decision, contact Tom Beaucage at the Eastern Interior Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709, or by telephone at 907-474-2350.