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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

### A. BACKGROUND

**Project Name / Type:** ADOT Hydaburg Road Rehabilitation Project

**NEPA Register Number:** DOI-BLM-AK020-2015-0024-CX

**Case File Number:** AA-93957

**Location / Legal Description:** Sections 19-20 and 30, T. 75 S., R. 83 E., Copper River Meridian

**Applicant (if any):** Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Southcoast Region

**Description of Proposed Action:** The State of Alaska, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Southcoast Region (ADOT), submitted an application for a right-of-way for a road rehabilitation project on the existing Hydaburg Road on Prince of Wales Island. This project includes resurfacing the existing roadway, including limited subsurface removal and replacement. Signs and guardrails will be replaced as needed and the bridges will be inspected, with bridge railings being replaced where required. This project is being funded with FHWA funds and would be accomplished during the 2015 summer season.

### B. LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE

**Applicable Land Use Plan:** Ring of Fire Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision, March 2008.

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable land use plan, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following land use plan decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

- I. Lands and Realty  
I-2n: Rights-of-Way

The BLM may issue rights-of-way for a variety of uses including but not limited to: roads, water pipelines, electric lines and communication sites under the authority of

Title V of FLPMA. Oil and Gas pipelines are issued using the Mineral Leasing Act (1920).

### C. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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 the Interior Manual, Part 516, Chapter 11, which provides:

#### E. Realty

16. Acquisition of easements for an existing road or issuance of leases, permits, or rights-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purposes.

### D. EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

The proposed action must be screened against the Extraordinary Circumstances found in 43 CFR § 46.215 (listed below). Any “yes” finding requires that an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement be prepared for the Proposed Action.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES	YES/NO
1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety.	No
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	No
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	No
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	No
9. Violate Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	No
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of weeds or non-	No

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES	YES/NO
native invasive species known to occur in the area or area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	

**E. SIGNATURE**

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable land use plan and is an action that can be categorically excluded. The Proposed Action does not trigger any of the Extraordinary Circumstances found in 516 FM Chapter 2, Appendix 2. I recommend that the Proposed Action be allowed and that no further environmental analysis is required.

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