

## **Decision Record**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has conducted an environmental analysis (DOI-BLM-AKF010-2015-0036-EA) to evaluate the effects of granting a Right-of-Way Grant to Mahto Construction, Inc. (Mahto) for the purpose of conducting activity related to the BLM legacy well restoration program.

### **MAJOR LAWS PERTINENT TO DECISION**

Major laws pertinent to the decision to accept the environmental assessment are: the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Sustainable Fisheries Act, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), and the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA).

### **SELECTED ALTERNATIVE**

The Mahto proposed action includes authorization to conduct debris removal from Simpson Test Core 26, 30 and 30a sites within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Mahto proposes to conduct the operations from August 1, 2015 through August 10, 2015, approximately.

The proposed action meets the purpose and need of the EA. Neither the no action alternative nor alternatives considered and eliminated would meet the purpose and need. The no action alternative would prevent the applicant from receiving a ROW on BLM managed lands.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

Based upon a review of the EA and the supporting documents, the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, individually or cumulatively with other actions in the general area. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required. See FONSI for more information.

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

The proposed action was announced on the BLM Arctic Field Office website NEPA register beginning June 25, 2015. No comments have been received. No major issues with the proposed ROW were identified.

### **RATIONALE FOR DECISION**

The decision to allow the proposed action does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation of the public lands. The proposed action would be a benefit to the natural resources and is in conformance with the objectives outlined in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) dated November 2012. This EA is tiered to this document and incorporated by reference. All practicable alternatives and measures to reduce or eliminate impacts to wetlands and floodplains,

