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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

A. BACKGROUND

Project Name / Type: Maclaren Hazmat Clean up

NEPA Register Number: DOI-BLM-AK-A020-2015-0026-CX

Case File Number: N/A

Location / Legal Description: Sec. 26, T. 19 S., R.6 E., Fairbanks Meridian

Applicant (if any): Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Description of Proposed Action:

On August 25, 2015, a BLM hazardous materials cleanup site visit was conducted on Tentative Approval State of Alaska managed lands to measure past BLM cleanup efforts and address any additional cleanup required prior to closing the hazardous materials case. During the site visit the Hazmat Coordinator and others discovered dynamite and electric blasting caps that were previously undiscovered at a manmade overhang location. As this discovery presents an imminent danger to human health, the entrance to the site was flagged with "Do Not Enter" signs.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received a letter of non-objection from the State of Alaska allowing the BLM to address the elimination of explosive devices found on a BLM hazardous materials site. The BLM is the registered owner of the hazardous materials site and is responsible for its clean up.

The BLM is working in conjunction with an Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) team to detonate in place the dynamite and blasting caps found. The EOD team will arrive at the site by float plane or helicopter and walk the quarter of a mile on an existing trail to the manmade overhang location. Any equipment and materials EOD determines necessary for the detonation will be carried in. Prior to any detonation the EOD team will establish a perimeter of evacuation for non-essential personnel and members of the public. Once the detonation is complete the EOD will be responsible for site cleanup. The expected area if disturbance is two-feet by four-feet with six to eight inches in depth.

B. LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE

Applicable Land Use Plan: East Alaska Resource Management Plan, September 2007.

The proposed action is in conformance with the East Alaska Resource Management Plan, because it is clearly consistent with the following land use plan decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

H. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

H-1: Goal

Protect humans and the environment from exposure to hazardous materials.

H-2: Management Actions

1. Comply with all appropriate laws and regulations regarding hazardous materials.
2. Do not permit unauthorized storage, treatment, or disposal of hazardous waste on public lands.
3. Apply special stipulations to comply with appropriate law, regulation, and policy when the use or storage of hazardous materials is authorized. See Required Operating Procedures ROP-Haz-a-1 through ROP-Haz-c-9.
4. Conduct cleanup and reclamation in accordance with the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan.

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:

J. Other

10. Removal of structures and materials of no historical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.

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	No

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES	YES/NO
birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	
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-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).	No

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.

/s/ Kirstin Heins (for Dennis C. Teitzel)

8/28/2015

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Date