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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

### A. BACKGROUND

**Project Name / Type:** Healing Hearts Mormon Island R&PP

**NEPA Register Number:** DOI-BLM-AK-A020-2016-0008-CX

**Case File Number:** A 030163

**Location / Legal Description:** USS 3484, Section 22, T. 6 N., R. 7 W., Copper River Meridian

**Applicant (if any):** Alaska Healing Hearts

**Description of Proposed Action:** On February 14, 1963, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of LDS was issued a patent (1230866) for 56.87 acres of land on the “mainland” and Mormon Island at Lake Louise. The patent was issued for “religious, recreational and educational purposes only”. There is a perpetual reverter clause that if these lands are used for another purpose or if the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of LDS tries to transfer the lands without BLM approval, the lands will revert back to BLM.

On October 22, 2015 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Glennallen Field Office (GFO) received an application from the Alaska’s Healing Hearts for approval of the purchase of this property from the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of LDS. On November 23, 2015 the BLM GFO received an application from the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of LDS for approval to be able to sell these lands to Alaska’s Healing Hearts.

### B. LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE

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

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-1: Goals

1. Support the BLM Alaska State Office in the Alaska Conveyances which involve the survey and conveyance of lands to the State of Alaska, Native Corporations, Native Allottees, and other inholders.
2. Provide a balance between land use (rights-of-way, land use permits, leases and sales) and resource protection which best serves the public at large.
3. Provide support to other BLM programs to protect and enhance resources.

### **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: (CX citation per Solicitor recommendation)

#### **E. Realty**

9. Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.

### **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.

<b>EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
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

<b>EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
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/ Marnie Graham for Dennis C. Teitzel

12/30/2015

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