

Categorical Exclusion

Chapman Lake Trail Access

BLM Office: Central Yukon Field Office

Serial No.: F-97121

Proposed Action Title/Type: Access to State mining claims on the Koyukuk River

Location of Proposed Action: Mile post 161 off the Dalton Highway more particularly described as within Secs. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, T. 26 N., R. 13 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.

Description of Proposed Action: Jim Swearingin proposes to use the existing Chapman Lake trail to access his State mining claims on the Middle Fork Koyukuk River approximately eight miles on public lands for ten (10) years. He plans to stake State mining claims approximately 3.5 miles down river near Bishop Rock and 1.5 miles north near Mailbox Creek. Access would be by snow machine in the winter and ATV and boat in the summer. He proposes to haul fuel in 5 gallon containers and would carry absorbent pads in case of a spill. This trail is accessed at mile post 161 off the Dalton Highway west through a material pit.

Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: January 11, 1991

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

Utility Corridor RMP, Appendix N — Lands and Realty Program (Page N-8).

7. Process applications for land use authorizations from the general public, Federal and State agencies and research organizations on a case by case basis.

Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, or 516 DM 11.9. Appendix 4, Departmental Categorical Exclusions:

E. Realty, 12. Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way.

Approval and Contact Information

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