

**U.S. Department of the Interior**  
**Bureau of Land Management**  
Spokane District  
San Juan Islands National Monument  
37 Washburn Place  
Lopez, WA 98261-5527

**Decision Record**  
U.S. Coast Guard Road Access  
DOI-BLM-ORWA-W040-2016-0003

## 1. Background

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), San Juan Islands National Monument proposes to issue a right-of-way to the U.S. Coast Guard as described in Categorical Exclusion (CX) DOI-BLM-ORWA-W040-2016-0003 (attached). The U.S. Coast Guard has requested a right-of-way to allow ingress and egress to the Cattle Point Light Station to make repairs to the site located at T. 34 N., R. 2 W., Sec 8, Lot 19, Willamette Meridian in San Juan County.

The U.S. Coast Guard is planning to conduct preservation work at the Cattle Point Light Station. The work includes stabilizing the structure's foundation, restoring the existing earthwork to original grades, repainting the exterior surfaces, and replacing the entrance door. The Cattle Point Light Station is located on the southeastern tip of San Juan Island, Washington (see attached map). Both the land and structure are managed by the U.S. Coast Guard. The U.S. Coast Guard currently holds a right-of-way to access the light station; however, since the right-of-way was established in 1964 the right-of-way has become overgrown by vegetation and is no longer usable. The U.S. Coast Guard requires a new right-of-way to access their land. The access would be approximately 15 feet wide to allow contractor's trucks access. The U.S. Coast Guard anticipates that 400 cubic yards of soil materials will be imported by trucks with a 10 cubic yard capacity. Upon completion of the preservation project, the contractor will be required to restore the road access to its original, pre-construction contours and also restore the vegetative grass cover.

## 2. Decision

I have decided to authorize a new right-of-way (WAOR-67814) to authorize the U.S. Coast Guard to use an existing trail across BLM-administered land as described in the attached Categorical Exclusion (DOI-BLM-ORWA--W020-2016-0003-CX). The grant would be for a term of 3 years and would include the terms and conditions described in Exhibit of the Categorical Exclusion. The right-of-way would be 15-foot wide and would be 625-feet in length for a total of 0.22 acres on public land.



### 3. Authority and Rationale for Decision

My decision is issued under the authority of Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 R.S.C. 1761). Because the access road would be restored to its original, pre-construction condition, authorizing this right-of-way will not cause any undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands. As described in Categorical Exclusion DOI-BLM-ORWA-W020-2016-0003-CX, the impacts of authorizing the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of this road will not be significant.

### 4. Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. To appeal this decision you must file a notice of appeal at the BLM Wenatchee Field Office, 915 N. Walla Walla Ave., Wenatchee, Washington 98801, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appeal must be in writing and delivered in person, via the United States Postal Service, or other common carrier, to the Wenatchee Field Office as noted above. The BLM does not accept appeals by facsimile or email. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

My decision is issued in accordance with 43 CFR 2801.10(b) and may be implemented immediately. This decision will remain in effect while appeals are pending unless a stay is granted under 43 CFR 4.21 (b).

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to 43 CFR 4.21 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards: (a) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied, (b) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits, (c) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and (d) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413); Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97205; at the same time the original documents are filed with this office.

/s/ Marcia deChadenedes

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Marcia deChadenedes  
Monument Manager

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Date

Attached: Project Map  
Categorical Exclusion Documentation