

Categorical Exclusion

Arrowhead Outfitters LLC Amendment

Background

BLM Office: Central Yukon Field Office

Serial No.: F-97031

Proposed Action Title/Type: Site right-of-way access 2890

Location of Proposed Action: Mile post 150 off Dalton Highway, Sec. 27 and 34, T. 25 N., R. 13 W., and Secs. 23 and 26, T. 26 N., R. 13 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.

Description of Proposed Action: BLM proposes to convert the existing permit to a right-of-way grant. Permits are to be issued one time only for up to three (3) years and a grant may be issued for up to 20 years. Additionally Arrowhead Outfitters proposes to move their current base camp location to a decommissioned material pit located at mile post 159.3 off the Dalton Highway (approximately nine (9) miles north of Grayling Lake). This location meets their need for a clear internet signal as well as having adequate parking for their personal vehicles as well as their customer's vehicles. The existing permit authorizes a base camp site, staging and refueling two (2) float planes at Grayling Lake located at mile post 150 off the Dalton Highway for transporting hunting clients. This proposal would be from August 1, 2016 through October 15, 2026 for approximately ten (10) years.

The base camp would be temporarily parked on a hard gravel pad next to the camp site which consists of a 30 foot self-contained RV, 20 foot enclosed utility trailer and a pick-up truck. There would be two large holding tanks which he dumps the RV holding tanks into; he can go for three-four weeks before he would need to dump holding tanks at Coldfoot or BLM dump at 7 mile. The base camp would also house a small generator, ATV with small trailer, 10 foot x 10 foot screened tent, 12 foot x 14 foot canvas tent, toilet tent with porta-potty, satellite dish with base and 12-20 client vehicles. The proposed camp location is approximately three (3) miles north of Grayling Lake at a decommissioned material pit. At the Grayling Lake location they propose to stage two floatplanes M6 Maule-235 (N56458) and M7 Maule-235 (N770XR) while conducting their flight operation for approximately 35 hunting clients annually. They also propose to install a temporary dock due to an accommodation for a physical limitation to assist him in loading, unloading, refueling and docking their aircraft. When not in use, the ATV would be parked out of sight from the public. The dock consists of wood 4 foot x 60 foot which would be removed at the end of the season. The following equipment would be staged at the aircraft tie down area — a very small generator for heating up the aircraft during very cold temperatures, stored in a storage container and under a tarp when not in use. A plastic tote containing absorbent pads, aircraft cowling cover and wing covers, paper towels and miscellaneous items. A small containment box with a few quarts of aviation oil, funnel and extra five gallon gas cans. In the back of a pick-up truck is a 275 gallon temporary fuel storage tank containing aviation gas that would be located near the lakes edge in approved proper containment. Crew will consist of five (5) persons, 2 pilots, 2 ramp/camp crew and office manager. They propose to annually fly approximately 35 clients from this site.

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

Approval and Contact Information

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