

# **Affected Resources Form**

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# **Chapter 1. Bettles Winter Road Reroute**

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## 1.1. Project Information

NEPA (ePlanning) Number	DOI-BLM-AK-F030-2015-0006-EA
Project Name	Bettles Winter Road Reroute
Project Lead/Manager	Robin Walthour,
Project/Activity Type	Right-of-Way
Case File Number	F-90992
Comment Due Date	Tuesday, February 3, 2015
Applicant/Proponent	City of Bettles
Cost Code	N/A
General Location	Off Dalton Highway mile post 135, Alaska
Legal Description	Secs. 21, 28 29, 30 and 25, Tps. 23 N., Rs. 15 and 16 W., Fairbanks Meridian
Map (7.5-minute USGS topo map)	Bettles D-2 and D-3
Amount of new disturbance (acres)	12.46
Amount of previous disturbance (acres)	0.00
Amount of TOTAL disturbance (acres)	12.46
Duration of project	February 6, 2015 – December 31, 2019
Tiered off EA/EIS/BO/other	None

Description: The City of Bettles proposes to reroute two sections of the originally authorized right-of-way for the Bettles Winter Road within Secs. 19, 20, 21, 28, 29 and 30, T. 23 N., R. 15 W., and Sec. 25, T. 23 N., R. 16 W., Fairbanks Meridian containing approximately 12.46 acres. The first portion of the right-of-way described as Gordon's Gulch has already been rerouted without authorization and is now upland of the originally authorized road. The second portion of the right-of-way encompassing approximately two (2) miles is located in Secs. 29 and 30, T. 23 N., R. 15 W., and Sec. 25, T. 23 N., R. 16 W., Fairbanks Meridian. Two routes have been identified on the map that will be attached to the right-of-way grant. The decision as to which route to clear would be made by the City of Bettles. As soon as the grant is amended the City would use a contractor to clear the new route the majority of which would be 25' wide with three (3) areas (250') cleared to 50' wide as authorized in the original grant. Therefore all the clearing would be completed during the winter. The new route is depicted on the maps. Approximately 90% of the area burned in a 2013 wildfire and small snags (up to 4 inches in diameter) remain along the new route. The contractor would use a bulldozer or hydro-ax to clear the new route. The new route has been mapped and surveyed by the mayor of Bettles, Gary Hanchett, Darrin McLeod and Bill Hedman of BLM to ensure the grade is passable by fuel tankers and personal vehicles. This reroute is necessary due to landslides along the existing authorized winter road.

DETERMINATION OF STAFF: (Choose one of the following abbreviated options for the left column)

- NP = not present in the area impacted by the proposed or alternative actions  
 NI = present, but not affected to a degree that detailed analysis is required  
 PI = present with potential for relevant impact that need to be analyzed in detail in the EA

**Table 1.1. Affected Resources Form**

<b>Determination</b>	<b>Resource</b>	<b>Rationale for Determination</b>	<b>Digital check off</b>	<b>Date</b>
NI	Air Resources		Dave Parker	DP 1/30/15
NP	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern		Erin Julianus	EJ 2/1/2015
NI	BLM Natural Areas		Kelly Egger	KE 2/2/15
NP	Cultural Resources		Bill Hedman	WH 2/2/15
NP	Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Dave Parker	DP 1/30/15
NI	Environmental Justice		Robin Walthour	RW 1/23/15
NP	Farmlands (Prime or Unique)		Robin Walthour	RW 1/23/15
NP	Fish Excluding Federally Listed Species		Dave Parker	DP 1/30/15
NI	Wildlife Excluding Federally Listed Species		Erin Julianus	EJ 2/1/2015
NP	Floodplains		Dave Parker	DP 1/30/15
NP	Fuels/Fire Management		Elizabeth Andringa	EA 1/29/15
NP	Geology/Mineral Resources/Energy Production		Darrel VandeWeg	DAV 1 Feb. 2015
NP	Hydrologic Conditions		Ben Kennedy	RW 2/2/15
NI	Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds		Jennifer McMillan	JM 2/2/15
NI	Lands/Access		Robin Walthour	RW 1/23/15
NP	Livestock Grazing		Robin Walthour	RW 1/23/15
NI	Migratory Birds		Jennifer McMillan	JM 2/2/15
NP	Native American Religious Concerns		Bill Hedman	WH 2/2/15
NP	Paleontology		Bill Hedman	WH 2/2/15
NP	Rangeland Health Standards		Robin Walthour	RW /23/15
NP	Recreation		Kelly Egger	KE 1/30/15
NP	Socio-Economics		Robin Walthour	RW 1/23/15
NI	Soils		Dave Parker	DP 1/30/15
PI	Subsistence		Erin Julianus	2/1/2015
NP	Threatened, Endangered/Candidate Plant Species		Jennifer McMillan	JM 2/2/15
NP	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Animal Species		Jennifer McMillan	JM 2/2/15
NI	Wastes (hazardous or solid)		Elizabeth Andringa	EA 1/29/15
NP	Water Resources/Quality (drinking/surface/ground)		Dave Parker	DP 1/30/15
NP	Wetlands/Riparian Zones		Dave Parker	DP 1/30/15
NP	Wild and Scenic Rivers		Kelly Egger	KE 1/30/15
	Wilderness/WSA			
NI	Woodland/Forestry		Tim Hammond	RW for TH 3/3/15

NI	Vegetation Excluding Federally Listed Species		Jennifer McMillan	JM 2/2/15
NI	Visual Resources		Cal Westcott	CW 1/23/15
NP	Wild Horses and Burros		Robin Walthour	RW 1/23/15
	Areas with Wilderness Characteristics			