

**DECISION RECORD
and
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

I. Decision:

As the landholding agency, the Bureau of Land Management will, through a qualified contractor, demolish all but the main office building on Juneau Island in Southeast Alaska and remove the debris including hazardous materials and contaminants from the Island.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

On January 19, 1996, the Bureau of Land Management acquired control of the former Bureau of Mines experimental station on Juneau Island in Southeast Alaska. The station complex includes a number of wood frame buildings from the World War II era that have out-lived their usefulness, contain hazardous construction materials and contaminants from work performed within the buildings. In addition, solid waste from 25 years of assay work was disposed of on the island. The hazardous construction materials, the contaminants within the buildings and the solid waste disposed of on the island may be dangerous to public health and safety.

The Bureau of Land Management, as the landholding agency of the station is responsible for all expenses to the Government and for the supervision of the decontamination of excess and surplus real property that has been contaminated with hazardous materials of any sort. 41 CFR §102-75.955. As the landholding agency the Bureau of Land Management is responsible for rendering property that is dangerous to public health or safety harmless 41 CFR §102-75.995. In addition, the cost of maintaining the facilities exceeds their value. 41 CFR §102-75.990.

Demolition and disposal of the four World War II era wood-frame buildings, a modern wood-frame shed, the associated parking areas, the hazardous construction materials and clean up of the solid waste material will abate the danger to public health and safety.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

The proposed action is consistent with existing national environmental policies and objectives as set forth in Section 101 (a) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Further and based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, it is my determination that the proposed action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The proposed action will not significantly restrict Federal subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of federal subsistence resources, alter the distribution of federal subsistence resources, or limit qualified Federal subsistence user access.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

VI. Mitigation:

Cultural Resources:

A Memorandum of Agreement with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office has been written outlining the mitigation of this adverse effect. Mitigation consists of HABS level III recordation of the four affected buildings and significant interior details and equipment. The buildings were recorded under the terms of this agreement on July 9-10, 2007. Photographic logs of color and black and white photographs will be made. Architectural forms for each building will be completed. An expanded history of the Bureau of Mines facility on Juneau Island and its accomplishments will be written and a list of significant equipment and what entities curating it will also be developed.

Waste, Hazardous/Solid:

The contractor selected to conduct the demolition of the structures will be required to prepare and follow a work plan that addresses how they will properly abate the ACM, LBP, and PCBs. Any fuel in the ASTs should be transferred to other tanks prior to movement of the ASTs/start of demolition. Chemical products stored on-site should be properly characterized and then disposed as required prior to demolition. Non-hazardous demolition debris should be disposed in a permitted solid waste landfill.

Upon completion of the demolition work and other contracted environmental activities at this site, MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. will conduct an Environmental site Assessment/due diligence audit of the property in conformance with ASTM 1527-05 standards. The report will summarize all cleanup activities conducted at the property as well as the status of the property for purposes of establishing an environmental baseline.

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