

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

- I. Decision:
It is my decision to authorize the Anchorage Fire Department's installation of a weather monitoring station at the Meadow Site on Campbell Tract, Alaska.

- II. Rationale for the Decision:
The Campbell Tract and the land adjacent to it, Far North Bicentennial Park, make up a large forested area between the city of Anchorage and the Chugach Mountains. The recent Spruce Bark Beetle epidemic has resulted in numerous stands of dead trees in that forest. The accumulation of fuels in the forest poses a wildfire threat to the Anchorage Community and Campbell Tract. Although the City of Anchorage is the owner of the Far North Bicentennial Park, there is no secure area within the park to install the weather monitoring station. Installation of the weather monitoring station on Campbell Tract will provide a moderate level of security for the station. The weather station will provide the Anchorage Fire Department with a tool for monitoring various data elements used in assessing a wildfire threat to the community.

- 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. Compliance and Monitoring Plan: N/A
1. The installation site will be monitored for the introduction of Invasive, Non-native plant species. Invasive, Non-native plant species will be removed by hand.
 2. A view screen made of transplanted trees will be created on the road side of the weather station's installation at the Meadow Site. The trees will be of sufficient maturity to provide for an adequate view screen.

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