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Categorical Exclusion

Pilgrim River Staging Area Cleanup

Applicant:
BLM Anchorage Field Office

Case File Number:
FF-093800

AK-040-06-CX-031

Location:
NW ¼ Sect 22, Township 6 South, Range 30 West, Kateel River Meridian

Prepared By:
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM

CX No.: AK-040-XX-CX-031

Lease/Serial/Case File No: FF-093800

Proposed Action Title/Types: Site Cleanup

Location of Proposed Action:

Pilgrim River Staging Area, NW ¼ Sect 22, T6S, R30W, KRM, approximately 45 miles northeast of Nome, AK, just off the Nome-Kougarok Hwy.

Description of Proposed Action:

The purpose of this project is to cleanup the Pilgrim River Staging Area (PRSA) to allow conveyance of the land from the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) to the Bering Straits Native Corp. Derelict vehicles and other non-hazardous solid wastes will be removed from the PRSA. A limited amount of oil contaminated soil from under/around the vehicles will be removed. Excavations will be backfilled with uncontaminated soils from an off-site borrow source, compacted, and re-graded to approximate pre-work grade and appearance. All removed materials will be properly disposed off-site. The work will be done by a BLM contractor. Land Use Permit is being obtained from ADNR.

Applicant (if any): BLM Anchorage Field office

PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan: Northwest Planning Area Management Framework Plan

Date Plan Approved: September, 1982

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

PART II - NEPA REVIEW

- A. Categorical Exclusion Review.
This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1. or 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4. H-10: *Removal of structures and materials of nonhistorical value, such as abandoned automobiles, fences, and buildings, including those built in trespass, and reclamation of the site when little or no surface disturbance is involved.*
- B. Departmental List of Extraordinary Circumstances Review.
The following Departmental List of Extraordinary Circumstances apply to individual actions. Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents **MUST BE PREPARED** for actions which may: (Mark applicable answer for each item. If "yes", prepare an EA/EIS and append this form to it.)
- | | YES | NO |
|---|-----|----------|
| 1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office. | ___ | <u>X</u> |

- | | YES | NO |
|---|-----|----------|
| 8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 9. Violate Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898). | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007). | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112). | ___ | <u>X</u> |

I certify that none of the Departmental Extraordinary Circumstances listed in the above Part B (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action.

Remarks:

Preparer(s): Larry Beck, EPS

Date: May 10, 2006

PART III – DECISION

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures either identified below or stipulation(s) attached in this case file.

Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks:

Gary Reimer
Field Manager

May 12, 2006