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### Administrative Determination (AD)/Documentation of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Smoke Jumper Trail Head Parking lot Expansion

**Applicant:** Bureau of Land Management  
**Case File No:** AA-028055  
**AK-010-08-AD/DNA-053**



#### Location

T. 12 N., R. 3 W., Sec. 3, Seward Meridian  
BLM's Campbell Tract Facility, Anchorage, Alaska

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**Administrative Determination (AD)**  
**Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**  
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**A. BLM Office:** Anchorage Field Office **Case File No:** AA-028055

**Proposed Action Title/Type:**

The Bureau of Land Management proposes to expand the parking lot at the Smoke Jumper Trailhead on its Campbell Tract Facility in Anchorage Alaska by 6,000 square feet.

**Location of Proposed Action:**

The Smoker Jumper Trail head and its current parking facilities are located approximately 400' into the Campbell Tract Facility on BLM Road. The Campbell Tract Facility is located in Sec. 3, T. 12 N., R. 3 W., Seward Meridian, Anchorage Alaska.

**Description of the Proposed Action**

Approximately 6,000 square feet of organics will be removed adjacent to the current parking facility at the Smoke Jumper Trail Head. Approximately 3,000 square feet of those organics are trees which when removed will be appropriately stored and used as biomass material for the Campbell Tract Facility's Campbell Creek Science Center.

The exposed 6,000 square foot area, configured as a rectangle 100' x 60', to be located immediately adjacent to the current parking facility at the trail head and parallel with BLM Road, will then receive appropriate substrata material to accommodate an asphalted parking area 100' x 60'.

**B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans**

This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan: *A Management Plan for Public Use and Resource Management on the BLM Campbell Tract Facility, dated June 1988*. Expansion of the Smoke Jumper Trailhead parking lot is consistent with Action RM-4: Trail System Improvements which states:

- a. Develop new winter trails south of the existing designated ski trail to provide for winter uses, including skiing, horseback riding and skijoring.
- b. Develop a South Fork Campbell Creek trail network, tied in with the existing de facto trails and proposed interpretive trails."

**C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the Proposed Action.**

AK-040-07-EA-032, *Installation of Pressure Relief Valve water fault by the Municipality of Anchorage, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility at the proximate corner of BLM Road and Elmore Road*, Finding of No Significant Impact dated August 10, 2007.

#### **D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

- 1. Is the current Proposed Action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) was previously analyzed? Is the current Proposed Action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?**

Yes. The clearing in this instance will receive an impermeable surface whereas the clearing under the cited environmental assessment received a gravel surface upon which a 10' x 14' building was constructed. The asphalt surface in this instance will have greater impermeability and albedo effects than those associated with the proposed action in the cited environmental assessment. The area cleared under the cited environmental assessment was 5,150 square feet as opposed to the 6,000 square feet of clearing in this instance.

- 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

Yes. The cited environmental assessment did not entertain alternate siting of the facility due to engineering difficulties. Alternate off-site parking was explored in this instance and found to be impracticable.

- 3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?**

Yes, there has been no new information or circumstances giving rise to issues of environmental concern since the August 10, 2007 execution of the Finding of Insignificant Impact associated with Environmental Assessment AK-040-07-EA-032.

- 4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current Proposed Action?**

The methodology and analytical approach within Environmental Assessment AK-040-07-EA-032 are appropriate for the current Proposed Action.

- 5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current Proposed Action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current Proposed Action?**

The direct and indirect impacts of the proposed impacts associated with the Proposed Action are substantially the same as those associated with the Proposed Action in Environmental Assessment AK-040-07-EA-032. The differences are those associated with an impermeable surface, albedo effect, and regular as opposed to sporadic vehicular parking.

**6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current Proposed Action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?**

The cumulative impact of urban encroachment, particularly the continued loss of native vegetation, is the same.

**7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current Proposed Action?**

Yes.

**E. Interdisciplinary Analysis:**

*See* Environmental Assessment AK-040-07-EA-032

**F. Mitigation Measures:**

Removed trees should be used in the biomass furnace at the Campbell Creek Science Center.

Fill and equipment used to develop the parking lot expansion should be free of invasive non-native plant material.

**G. Conclusion**

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

/S/  
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September 8, 2008  
Date