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**Categorical Exclusion
Unalakleet Facility Driveway maintenance and renovation**

**Applicant: Bureau of Land Management
Case File Number: AA-092391
DOI-BLM-AK-A010-2009-0014-CX**



Location:

Kateel River Meridian, T. 18 S., R. 11 W., Section 34; Lot 2, Block 29, Unalakleet Townsite
Addition No. 1
Unalakleet, Alaska

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Description of Proposed Action: BLM proposes to sign a Temporary Construction Permit which would allow Kawerak Incorporated (a regional tribal association) to upgrade the driveway to BLM property. Kawerak Incorporated has received BIA tribal roads funding to repair various local roads and driveways in Unalakleet Alaska and has requested BLM to enter into a mutually beneficial agreement. The BLM property includes a warehouse owned by BLM used as storage and field repair building and a bunkhouse owned by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). The ADF&G bunkhouse is used as temporary quarters and office for both ADF&G and BLM employees. The ADF&G bunkhouse is allowed to remain on BLM property through a Memorandum of Understanding whereby BLM obtains use of the facility in lieu of rent paid by the State of Alaska. Upgrades to the existing driveway which provides access into BLM property may include grading and filling or repairing culverts. All work would be completed within the existing footprint of the driveway and lots.

PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

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

Date Plan Approved: November 1981

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan.

Remarks: While the plan does not explicitly address the installation of facilities at Unalakleet, Alaska, develop the facilities implies their maintenance.

PART II - NEPA REVIEW

A. Categorical Exclusion Review.

This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1. Paragraph 1.7:

Routine and continuing government business, including such things as supervision, administration, operations, maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity (e.g., limited size and magnitude or short-term effects).

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:

	YES	NO
1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety.	_____	_____ X
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.	_____	_____ X
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	_____	_____ X
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	_____	_____ X
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	_____	_____ X
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	_____	_____ X
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.	_____	_____ X
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have	_____	_____ X

significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.

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| 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 weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the 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.

Preparer(s): Thomas Sterling Sparks

Date: April 16, 2009

PART III – DECISION

The proposed action is in conformance with a management framework plan or a resource management plan, 43 C.F.R. § 1610.8(a)(3) (2006). The Department of the Interior has determined and found that the proposed action is within a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and that neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required, 40 C.F.R. §1508.4 (2006). It is therefore my decision to implement the action, as described, with appropriate mitigation measures or stipulations.

Authorized Official: James M. Fincher Date: 5-26-2010
ACTING Anchorage Field Manager