

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

I. Decision:

The Bureau of Land Management will grant a right-of-way to the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility for development and construction of a 50 to 75 foot by 30-foot water-pipeline right-of-way, a 10-foot by 40-foot access road and a water Pressure Relief Valve Station on Campbell Tract near the entrance to the facility. The acreage subject to the right-of-way is approximately .12 acres.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The pressure in the water distribution lines to the communities surrounding the Bureau of Land Management's Campbell Tract Facility in Anchorage, Alaska is insufficient to meet the communities' needs. After installation of a new water main along Abbott Loop Road, the western boundary of Campbell Tract, the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility determined that with the installation of a pressure relief valve, the new water main could provide increased water flow to the distribution lines and alleviate the water pressure problem in the local communities. The pressure relieve valve is of such a scale that it needs to be housed in its own structure.

In addition, the Bureau of Land Management has requested that the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility provide water to the administrative, warehouse and Science Center complexes on Campbell Tract. The additional water draw by the Campbell Tract complexes will further undermine the utility's ability to provide adequate water to surrounding communities and its ability to provide adequate water for fire suppression in those communities.

Campbell Tract is a 730-acre parcel of Federal public land on the southeastern edge of the city of Anchorage, Alaska withdrawn from the public domain for administrative use by the Bureau of Land Management, *Public Land Order 7471*, dated 2/11/2002.

Pursuant to Section 501 (a)(1) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Secretary of Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, is authorized to grant, issue or renew right-of-way for distribution of water.

Although an application for use of the public domain is typically denied where the applicant owns adequate land to meet its own need, *Janet Read, BLM Case file No: AA-081642*, Campbell Tract is the only available public land in the area that meets system design specifications for installation of the pressure relief valve.

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. 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

Vegetation treatments will be designed to prevent the introduction of invasive non-native plants or noxious weeds. Operators must prevent and control invasive non-native plant and noxious weed introduction or spread by conducting a pre-disturbance site assessment of the presence of non-native plants or noxious weeds and by cleaning equipment (removing all mud, dirt, oil grease or other material that could carry seed) prior to moving onto BLM-managed lands.

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by a user, permittee, claimant, or any person working on their behalf on public land will be immediately reported to the authorized officer. The user, permittee or claimant or any person working on their behalf will suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the authorized officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the authorized officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. This may include the professional collection and analysis of significant specimens by scientists. After scientific study, appropriate mitigation measures will be developed and implemented.

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