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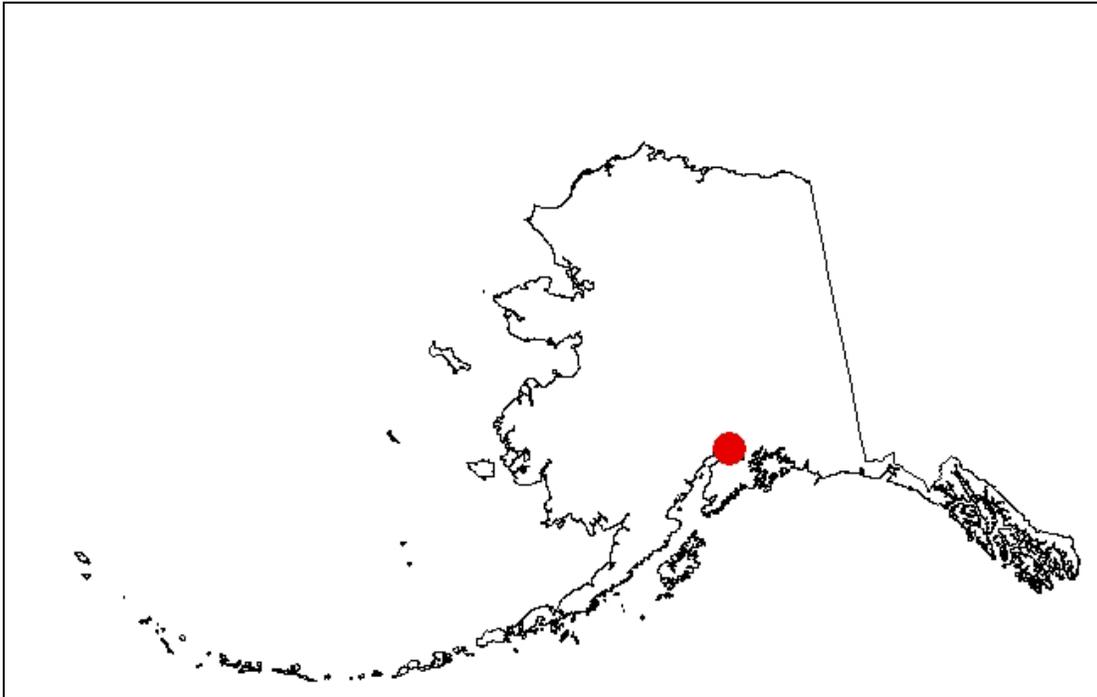
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**Categorical Exclusion  
Assignment of Communication Lease**

**Applicant:** DCS Tower Sub, LLC (Global Tower, LLC)

**Case File Number:** AA-82261

**AK-040-07-CX-06**



**Location:**

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 5, T. 13 N, R. 2 W., Seward Meridian

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Anchorage Field Office  
**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM**

CX No.: AK-040-07-CX-006

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: AA-82261

Proposed Action Title/Types: Assignment of Communication Site Lease (Communication Site)

Location of Proposed Action: SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 5, T. 13 N, R. 2 W., Seward Meridian

Description of Proposed Action: Global Tower, LLC has applied for a lease assignment as the new owner of the tower and facility formerly owned and operated by DCS Tower Sub, LLC. The communication site lease was originally issued to AT&T and then it was assigned to Dobson Cellular Services, who then transferred its interest to DCS Tower Sub, LLC, then a subsidiary of Dobson Cellular. Subsequently, Global Tower, LLC acquired 100% equity interest in DCS Tower Sub, LLC. The lease will be assigned to Global Tower, LLC's subsidiary, DCS Tower Sub, LLC.

The communication site is located within Fort Richardson. The term of the communication site lease is 20 years, expiring on August 11, 2020. The site aggregates 2.82 acres of land, which includes the communication site, an access road and a buried power line.

Applicant (if any): DCS Tower Sub, LLC (Global Tower Partners)

**PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW**

This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan: Alaska Southcentral Planning Area Management Framework Plan (MFP)

Date Plan Approved: March 1980

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

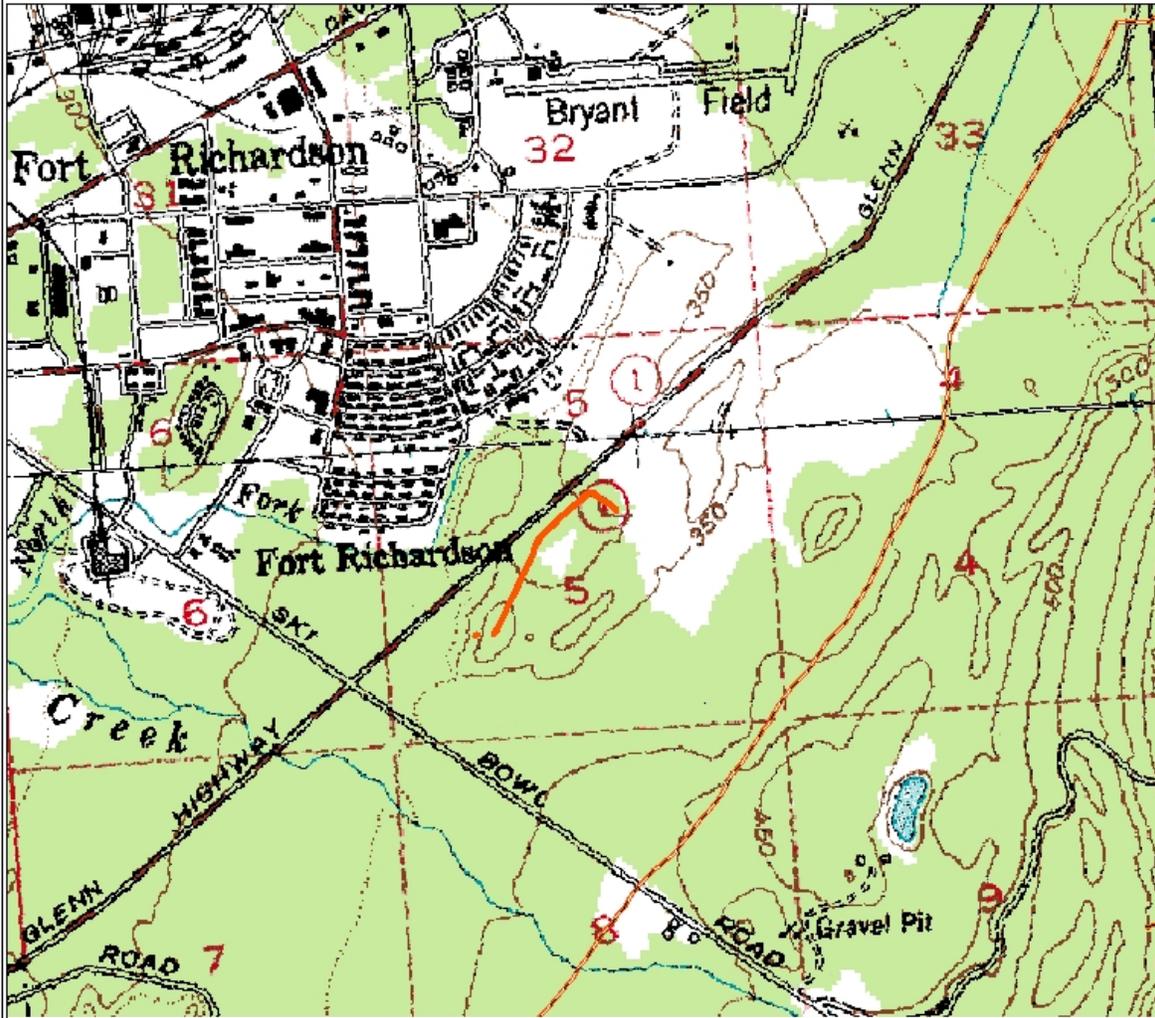
Remarks: Activity Objective L-2 of the MFP states that "needs for rights-of-way are to be satisfied".

Site development was analyzed under NEPA document AK-040-000-EA-014.

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**SITE PLOT**

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Township 13 N , Range 2W , Seward Meridian



LAND OWNERSHIP KEY AND ADDITIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

 Road and Communication Site location		OTHER DATA  Anchorage A-8 and B-8

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**PART II - NEPA REVIEW**

A. Categorical Exclusion Review.  
 This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.5 E (9):  
 “Renewals and assignments of leases, permits or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations. “

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.	_____	_____ 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

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| 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 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.

Remarks:

A performance bond should be required under this new assignment. The amount of the bond is the estimated cost for restoration of the site in the event the holder does not comply with the terms of the grant. The bond should be furnished prior to the assignment approval. The bond should remain in effect until the authorized officer has approved restoration of the communication lease.

Preparer: Kathy Stubbs, Realty Specialist      Date: December 13, 2006

**PART III – DECISION**

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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, which 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.

**Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks:** A performance bond is required. The amount of the bond shall be the estimated cost of restoration of the site and appurtenances.

Authorized Official: Gary Reimer

Date: January 11, 2007