

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

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize a right of way communication site, AA-086836, to UNAVCO to conduct field studies addressing mechanisms for large and small scale tectonic features and processes for a period of ten years. Mitigation measures identified for the Proposed Action in the Environmental consequences section of the attached environmental assessment have been formulated into stipulations. The standard stipulations for communication sites and the 906(k) concurrence stipulations are attached to the Decision Record and the authorizing permit.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The rationale for this decision is to support opportunity for furthering the scientific community's understanding of earth's physical processes and deformation events as described in Part I, Introduction, of the environmental assessment.

The lands described in the application are included in the BLM-Alaska's Southwest Planning Area Management Framework Plan, dated November 1981. The Proposed Action is in conformance with the plan.

This decision to allow issuance of the right of way grant does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

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 (NEPA). 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:

These lands are not subject to Title VIII subsistence clearance under the definition of "public lands" under Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA).

The Proposed Action will not significantly restrict Federal Subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of Federal Subsistence resources, alter the distribution or movement of Federal Subsistence resources, or limit qualified Federal subsistence users access from currently existing conditions.

- 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. Compliance and Monitoring Plan: N/A

/s/ Elizabeth Maclean
Anchorage Field Manager

6/16/2008
Date