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**Categorical Exclusion  
Campbell Tract Trail Re-vegetation**

**Applicant: BLM  
Case File Number:  
AK-1220-2009-CX-0018**



**Location:**  
T. 12 N., R. 3 W., Sec. 3, Seward Meridian  
Campbell Tract, Anchorage, Alaska

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**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM**

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CX No.: **AK-1220-2009-CX-0018**

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: NA

Proposed Action Title/Types: Campbell Tract Re-vegetation Project

Location of Proposed Action: Bureau of Land Management's Campbell Tract, Anchorage, AK

Description of Proposed Action

**Proposed Project/What:**

One fenced vegetation enclosure/moose enclosure would be constructed and eventually re-vegetated using native plant materials and weed-free topsoil to improve Campbell Tract species diversity and the natural visual experience for recreation users. The project would be completed immediately adjacent to a similar enclosure. The eventual result would be approximately 250 feet in perimeter and 8 feet tall (2 feet of the posts will be underground). The compound will be constructed of 5 foot high sheep wire mounted on posts to a height of 8 feet. Two single strands of wire will be strung below the fence material to exclude small moose. The corners of the compound will be constructed of 6" square treated wood posts set in with two adjacent 4" square wood post supporting diagonal braces. All sites will be monitored for invasive weeds throughout the growing season. Vegetation height will be monitored annually and all moose enclosure fences and posts will be removed when the vegetation in each compound can thrive without direct moose protection.

**Location/Where:**

The site is located adjacent to the P-38 Lightning Trail, across from an existing, similar, vegetation enclosure (refer to CX Casefile # AK-010-08-CX-013, Campbell Tract Trail and Roadside Re-vegetation). The proposed vegetation enclosure is in front of what is believed to be an old coal storage facility. The enclosure location would be northwest of the black-colored soil in the area.

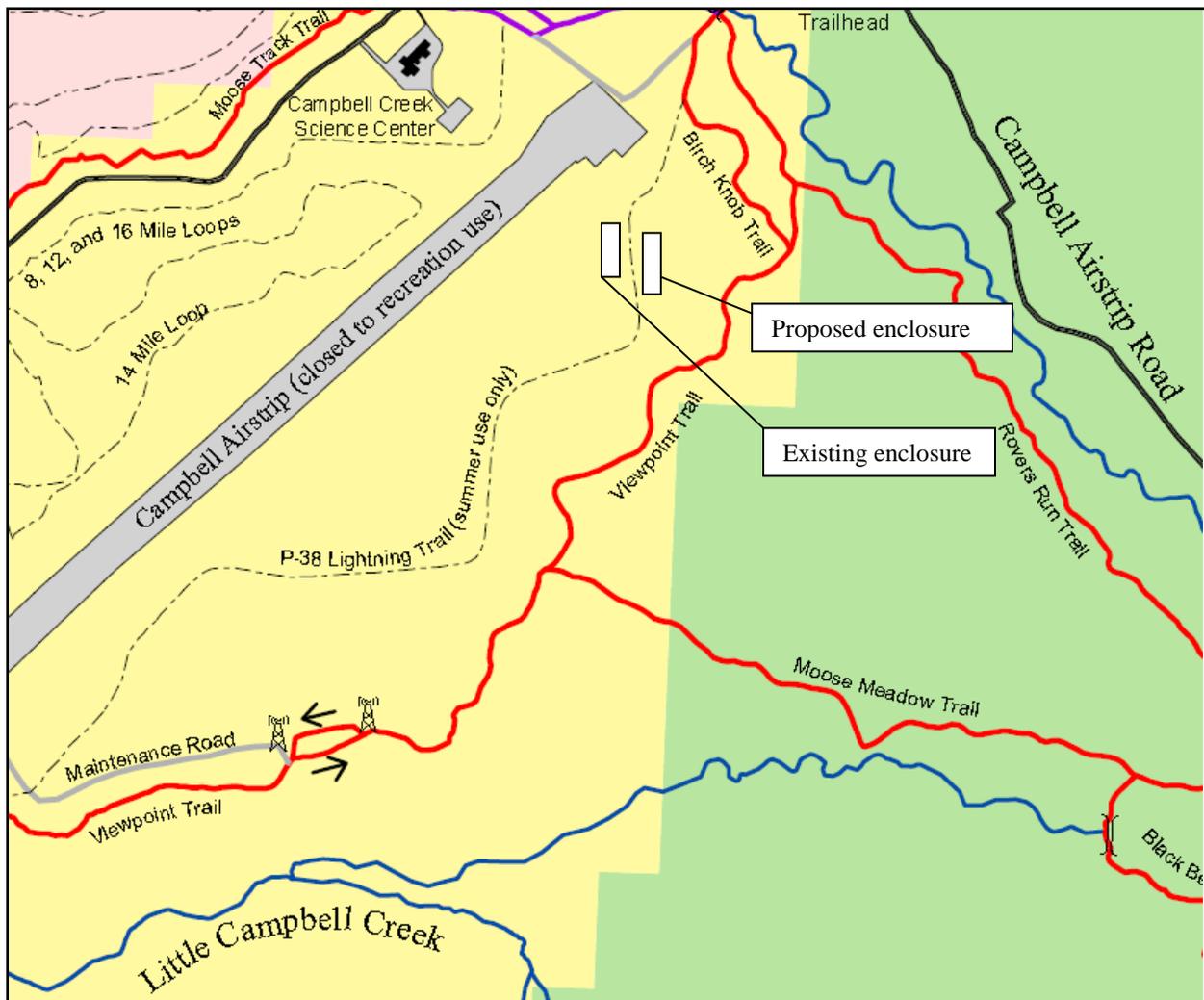
**Timing/When:**

The construction of the fenced enclosure would occur in August, 2009. Future planting and revegetation within this constructed enclosure, as well as other previously reviewed enclosures, would occur as individual Eagle Scouts come forward searching for projects. Construction of the fence enclosure is a large enough project for one Eagle Scout, as is re-vegetation of one enclosure.

**Resource Benefits/Why:**

Such vegetation enclosures restrain moose from browsing certain diverse species that are lacking across the forested Campbell Tract. Recreation resource benefits include a more natural setting, improved trail corridor experience, and decrease in the formation of user-created trails.

Vegetation and Wildlife resource benefits include an increase in species diversity over time, providing future forage, cover, and habitat diversity. Species planted will include moose tolerant alder, white spruce, native grasses, shrubs, and other species that match those found throughout the Campbell Tract and tend to suffer from over-browsing by moose.



Approximate location of CT vegetation maintenance project.

**PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW**

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*. Grounds maintenance is consistent with the Total Area Objectives described in Part III: Section B 2. which states:

“Protect and interpret other resource values, including wildlife, wetlands and cultural resources, consistent with administrative requirements and maintenance of natural setting on appropriate portions of the CTF. Enhance these values where it is cost effective and appropriate.”

Date Plan Approved: June, 1988

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5-3(a)).

**PART II - NEPA REVIEW**

A. Categorical Exclusion Review.

This Proposed Actions qualify as categorical exclusions under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1. Part A, 1.7:

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

and 516 DM 11.9, D. (10):

“Vegetation management activities, such as seeding, planting, invasive plant removal, installation of erosion control devices...when the activity is necessary for the management of vegetation on public lands.”

**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 significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	_____	_____ X
9.	Violate Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	_____	_____ X

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| 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):   Jorjena Daly   Date:   08-03-2009  

**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 actions are within categories 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.

Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks:

Authorized Official:   James M. Fisher   Date:   8/7/2009