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## **CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION /PLAN CONFORMANCE DOCUMENTATION AND DECISION FOR SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT YUKON QUEST INTERNATIONAL**

**FF095329 (293000)**

**DOI-BLM-AK-02000-2011-0001-CX**

Proposed Action: Use of Eagle Field Station in support of Yukon Quest 1000

Date of Proposed Action: on or about February 6, through February 20, annually; not to exceed 14 use days

Location: Eagle, Alaska  
T.1S., R.32E., Sec. 32, Fairbanks Meridian

Applicant: Yukon Quest International

Serial Number: FF095329

### **Description of Proposed Action:**

The proposed action would be to allow use of the Eagle Field Station in support of race activities associated with the Yukon Quest 1000. The building(s) would be use by pilots, veterinarians and other race officials awaiting clearance for Customs.

### **Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name: Fortymile MFP  
Date Approved/Amended: 09/08/1980

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP objective(s):

Objective Lands.1: Make lands available for intensive use and public purposes.

### **Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), pursuant to 516 DM 11.9 (H-1) which states, “Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impacts no more than 3 staging acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan. This CX cannot be used for commercial boating permits along Wild and Scenic Rivers. This CX cannot be used for the establishment of issuance of Special Recreation Permits for “Special Area” management (43 CFR 2932.5).”

The proposed action must be screened against the extraordinary circumstances found in 43 CFR 46.215, and listed below. Any “yes” finding requires that an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement be prepared for the Proposed Action.

**EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
1) Have significant 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 a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
10) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
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).		X
12) Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		X

**Decision for Categorical Exclusion DOI-BLM-AK-02000-2011-0001-CX  
for Yukon Quest International**

**Decision**

It is my decision to allow the use of the Eagle Field Station annually for support of the Yukon Quest 1000 by the Yukon Quest International for the period of February 6-20, not to exceed 14 days. The following stipulations shall be followed to protect cultural and natural resources and developed facilities.

**Stipulations**

The following stipulations will apply to this action:

1. No dogs shall be allowed onsite unless kenneled for transit out-of or in-to Eagle, Alaska.
2. No hay or straw shall be allowed onsite.
3. All trash generated shall be removed and properly disposed of (in an approved landfill).
4. All facilities shall be left clean.
5. There is no water available onsite and no water shall be poured down any drains.

**Rationale**

1. This action supports the Yukon Quest 1000 under Special Recreation Permit for the Yukon Quest International FF095329.
2. There are no anticipated impacts to cultural resources. See attachment #1.
3. The Proposed Action will not significantly restrict subsistence uses. See attachment #2.

**Appeal Procedures**

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4 and DOI Form 1842-1. The notice of appeal must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management Eastern Interior Field Office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. Appeals from administrative decisions issued by BLM-Alaska must be filed in writing in the office of the deciding official, either by mail or hand delivery. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

  
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Lenore Heppler, Manager  
Eastern Interior Field Office

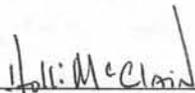
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**Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review and decision, contact Holli McClain, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Eastern Interior Field Office, at 907-474-2358.

**Recommendation**

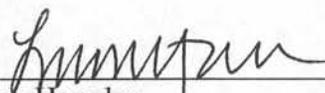
I have found that the Proposed Action is compatible with the Fortymile MFP, and is an action that can be categorically excluded. The Proposed Action does not trigger any of the Extraordinary Circumstances found in 43 CFR 46.215. I recommend that the Proposed Action be allowed and that an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement is not needed.

  
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Holli McClain, Outdoor Recreation Planner  
Eastern Interior Field Office

31 JANUARY 2011  
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Date

**Concurrence**

I concur that the above action is in conformance with the Fortymile MFP, does not meet any of the extraordinary circumstances, and qualifies as a Categorical Exclusion.

  
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Lenore Heppler  
Field Manager  
Eastern Interior Field Office

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Date

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