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PLAN CONFORMANCE / NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

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Arctic Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

Applicant: North Slope Science Initiative
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Proposed Action: Performance of land cover and hydrology summer studies in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. (2984.01)

Description of Proposed Action: The applicant North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) through Scott Guyer has requested authorization for field activity access and landing by a helicopter, on lands within the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A). The activities would be in support of land cover and hydrology studies.

The proposed action would authorize NSSI to conduct summer work on NPR-A lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). They propose to conduct land cover and hydrology studies at 15 sites in an area between Harrison Bay and Teshekpuk Lake. Access to the sites would be via helicopter. The number of personal involved would be 6 with 1 or 2 landings per site. NSSI would camp at Nuiqsut and store fuel at the Nuiqsut Airfield. NSSI is not requesting to store fuel on BLM managed lands.

The proposed sites are in the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. The proposed activity would take place from July 8 through July 12, 2009.

Location (All Umiat Meridian):

Site#	Township	Range	Section
0	14 N	1 W	33
1	13 N	2 W	3
2	13 N	2 W	9
3	13 N	2 W	8
4	10 N	4 W	24

5	10 N	4 W	23
6	10 N	3 W	25
7	11 N	3 W	27
8	6 N	5 W	5
9	7 N	4 W	30
10	6 N	5 W	14
11	6 N	5 W	17
12	8 N	5 W	24
13	7 N	5 W	10
14	7 N	6 W	2

Part I: Plan Conformance Review

The proposed action is subject to the following planning document: Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) dated 10/07/1998. The proposed action is not inconsistent with the purposes of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976. The applicant will be provided with stipulations entitled "FF095561 NSSI Summer Stipulations 2009". The authorization will also be subject to the USFWS PROGRAMMATIC BIOLOGICAL OPINION for the Bureau of Land Management Summer Activities in 2009 in Undeveloped Areas of the National petroleum Reserve-Alaska.

Date June 19, 2009

/s/Donna L. Wixon
Natural Resource Specialist, Arctic Field Office

Part II: NEPA Review

Categorical Exclusion Review.

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 43 CFR 46.210 and 46.215

"Nondestructive data collection, inventory (including field, aerial, and satellite surveying and mapping), study, research, and monitoring activities."

The proposed action has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 43 CFR 46.210 and 46.215, apply.

Date June 19, 2009

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