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PLAN CONFORMANCE / NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

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Arctic Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

Applicant: ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
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Proposed Action: Performance of summer studies in relation to winter exploration activities.
(2984.01)

Description of Proposed Action: The applicant ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (CPAI) through Senior Environmental Coordinator, Lynn DeGeorge has requested authorization for field activity access and landing by a helicopter, on lands within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A). The activities will support required summer field studies for winter oil and gas exploration.

The proposed action would authorize CPAI to conduct summer work on their NPR-A lease tracks as required by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The following are proposed: fish investigations, threatened and/or endangered species studies, caribou/large mammal studies, fox study, avian studies, ecological land surveying and mapping, geomorphic studies, air quality studies, geological studies, hydrology investigations, oil spill contingency planning, surface water studies, vegetation impact surveys, archaeological/cultural resources studies, and geophysical studies/surveys. CPAI would travel to the various sites via helicopter. On the ground activity would be performed on foot. They also propose to use inflatable boats and/or similar small watercraft for data collection on various lakes and streams. CPAI would either camp on site or stay at an existing camp facility on the north slope. They would remove all trash, and human solid wastes from the area and transport to approved disposal facilities.

The proposed sites for this season are in the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. There would be from 2 to 4 people per activity. The proposed activity would take place from June 16 through approximately September 30th. CPAI is not requesting to store fuel on BLM managed lands.

Location (All Umiat Meridian):

Name/Description	Township	Range	Section
Puviaq 1	16 North	10 West	35
Cassin 1 & 3	12 North	1 West	19-36
Survey of pad locations & ice road spurs to Cassin & Scout	12 North	1 West	Sec 19-36
Scout	11 North	1 East	4-9,16-36
Survey of pad locations & ice road spurs to Cassin & Scout	11 North	1 East	4-9,16-36
Cassin 2	11 North	1 West	19
Survey of pad locations & ice road spurs to Cassin & Scout	11 North	1 West	1 to 36
Lookout 1	11 North	2 East	26 (Selected)
Stream sampling along road to Lookout	11 North	2 East	13, 19-36 (Selected Lands)
Survey of pad locations & ice road spurs to Cassin & Scout	11 North	2 East	19-36 (Selected Lands)
Future GMT1 and GMT2 Road Routes	11 North	3 East	19-36 (Selected Lands)
Stream sampling along road to Lookout	11 North	3 East	19-36 (Selected Lands)
Future GMT1 and GMT2 Road Routes	11 North	4 East	19,20,30 (Selected Lands)
Stream sampling along road to Lookout	11 North	4 East	19,20,30 (Selected Lands)
Carbon 1	10 North	1 East	4
Mooses Tooth C	10 North	1 East	3
Future GMT1 and GMT2 Road Routes	10 North	2 East	1 to 36 (Selected Lands)
Spark 1A	10 north	2 East	8 (Selected)
Survey of pad locations & ice road spurs to Cassin & Scout	10 North	2 East	1 to 36 (Selected Lands)
Future GMT1 and GMT2 Road Routes	10 North	3 East	1 – 13
Survey of pad locations & ice road spurs to Cassin & Scout	10 North	3 East	1 – 13
CD6 (GMT1) staking and studies	10 North	3 East	6
Ice Roads from Alpine & Nuiqsut to NPR-A, to Grandview and Pioneer. Rolligon route from Pioneer to Colville River near Ocean Point.	10 North	4 East	6,7,18,19,31
Survey of pad locations & ice road spurs to Cassin &	10 North	4 East	6,7,18,19,31

Scout			
Grandview	9 North	1 East	6
Grandview and Pioneer Rolligon route	9 North	1 East	1-12
CD7 (GMT2) staking and studies	9 North	2 East	5
Future GMT1 and GMT2 Road Routes	9 North	2 East	1-18
Ice Roads from Alpine & Nuiqsut to NPR-A, to Grandview and Pioneer. Rolligon route from Pioneer to Colville River near Ocean Point.	9 North	2 East	1-18
Grandview and Pioneer Rolligon route	9 North	3 East	1-25,33-36
Pioneer	9 North	3 East	7
Grandview and Pioneer Rolligon route	9 North	4 East	5-8
Ice Roads from Alpine & Nuiqsut to NPR-A, to Grandview and Pioneer. Rolligon route from Pioneer to Colville River near Ocean Point.	8 North	3 East	1-4,10-15 Excluding Private Lands

Part I: Plan Conformance Review

The proposed action is subject to the following planning documents: Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) dated 10/07/1998, and Northwest National Petroleum Reserve-Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) dated 1/22/2004. 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 "FF095158 ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. 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.

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Date June 17, 2009

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.

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