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FF081465
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PLAN CONFORMANCE / NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

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A. Background

BLM Office: Arctic Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

Case File No.: FF081465

Proposed Action Title/Type: Right of Way Renewal.

Location of Proposed Action: Section 22, 23 & 27, Township 23 North, Range 18 West, Umiat Meridian. 265.65 acres.

Description of Proposed Action: The applicant, U.S. Air Force has requested to renew their ROW at Pt. Barrow Long Range Radar Site. This renewal would maintain the character of the authorization originally granted in 1986, and would not change the land use in any way. The Air Force intends to operate this former Defense Early Warning (DEW-line) station for the foreseeable future.

The Air Force is currently planning clean up activity at the site. As the ROW holder, once the ROW is renewed the NEPA responsibility would fall under the purview of the Air Force.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: The area is covered under the Northwest National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NW NPR-A) Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

Date Approved: 1/22/2004.

(Chapter III-137): Active and inactive DEW-Line installations are located within the Planning Area.

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable IAP/EIS, because it is specifically provided for in the following IAP/EIS decision: NW NPR-A IAP/EIS Record of Decision

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9; this proposed action qualifies as a BLM Categorical Exclusion E.9. Realty (BLM H-1790-1),

“Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations”.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

The proposed action will not meet any of the extraordinary circumstances listed below.

Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes	No
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
2.2 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
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E)].		X
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
2.7 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
2.8 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
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
2.11 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
2.12 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

I considered the effects of the right of way renewal so they can continue to use the site as a DEW-line Site. Any additional construction or abandonment of facilities is not considered in this CX and such action would require additional environmental review and analysis if proposed.

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: _____ Date: January 18, 2011
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