

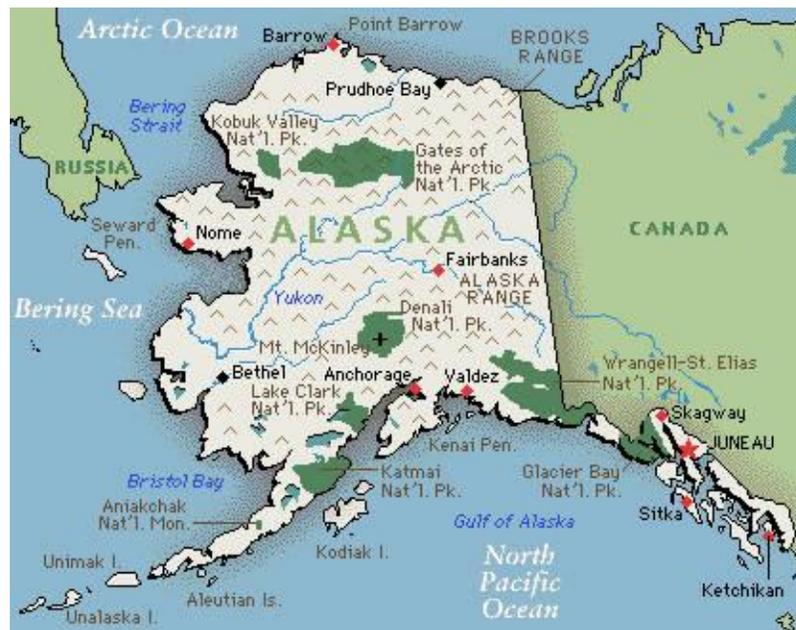


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## **Categorical Exclusion Paxson Lake and Brushkana Creek Campgrounds Host Site Waste Tank Installations**

**Applicant: Bureau of Land Management  
Case File Number: N/A  
DOI-BLM-AK-A020-2011-0020-CX**



**Location:**  
Copper River Meridian, T13N. R2W, Section 25  
Fairbanks Meridian, T19S, R3W, Section 2

**Prepared By:**  
Marcia Butorac  
Outdoor Recreation Planner  
June 15, 2011

## **A. Background**

BLM Office: Glennallen Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No: N/A

Environmental Document No: DOI-BLM-AK-A010-2011-0020-CX

Proposed Action Title/Types: Paxson Lake and Brushkana Creek Campgrounds Host Site Waste Tank Installations

Location of Proposed Action: Copper River Meridian, T13N, R2W, Section 25  
Fairbanks Meridian, T19S, R3W, Section 2

Description of Proposed Action: The Glennallen Field Office plans to provide the volunteer campground hosts at Paxson Lake and Brushkana Creek Campgrounds with an on-site 1000 gallon waste holding tank for their use during the summer season. The tanks were purchased in 2009 utilizing approved specifications from the Tangle Lakes project. The coated steel tanks are fully contained and will be pumped dry at the end of each season. Installation will be conducted by GFO staff utilizing GFO or rented equipment. Paxson installation will take place in 2011 and the Brushkana installation will be in 2012. DEC approval to construct has been obtained. No additional wetlands permit is required as the installations will take place on existing graveled surfaces within the host sites.

This action will provide the hosts with a means to safely dispose of the accumulated waste in their RV tanks throughout their summer residency at the campgrounds. This amenity is currently provided to the Sourdough Creek Campground Host and is soon to be provided to the Tangle Lakes Campground Host upon completion of the campground renovations this summer.

## **B. Land Use Plan Conformance 43 CFR 1610.5-3(a)**

Land Use Plan Name: East Alaska Resource Management Plan

Date Approved: September 7, 2007

X The proposed action is in conformance with the plan because it is specifically provided for in the following planning decisions: Page 45, Section S-2.4 “Maintain other facilities such as boat ramps, communication facilities, etc. according to Bureau standards and to meet public health and safety requirements”.

### C. NEPA Compliance

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with United States Department of the Interior 43 CFR §46.210 (f) or United States Department of Interior Manual, Part 516, Chapter 11 which provides:

**Routine and continuing government business, including such things as supervision, administration, operations, maintenance, renovations, and replacement activities having limited context and intensity (e.g., limited size and magnitude or short-term effects).**

### D. Extraordinary Circumstances

The following Departmental List of Extraordinary Circumstances apply to individual actions. Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents must be prepared for actions which may:

1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  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.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X
  
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X
  
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X
  
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  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.
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  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.
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X
9. Violate Federal law or a State, local or Tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  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 site (Executive Order 13007).
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X
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).
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

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 in 43 CFR §46.215 are pertinent.

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 action is within a category 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).

**E. Signature**

I considered that the Glennallen Field Office Recreation staff working under required permits, within existing graveled host campsites conforms well to the EARMP by utilizing an already disturbed area, and have decided that there is no potential for significant impacts.

Authorizing Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/15/2011  
Name: Beth Maclean  
Title: Glennallen Filed Office Manager

**Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Marcia Butorac, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Glennallen Field Office, P.O. Box 147, Glennallen , Alaska 99588, (907) 822-7322.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
*Glennallen Field Office*

DECISION RECORD  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW  
DOI-BLM-AK-A020-2011-0020-CX

Proposed Action: The Glennallen Field Office plans to provide the volunteer campground hosts at Paxson Lake and Brushkana Creek Campgrounds with an on-site 1000 gallon waste holding tank for their use during the summer season. The tanks were purchased in 2009 utilizing approved specifications from the Tangle Lakes project. The coated steel tanks are fully contained and will be pumped dry at the end of each season. Installation will be conducted by GFO staff utilizing GFO or rented equipment. Paxson installation will take place in 2011 and the Brushkana installation will be in 2012. DEC approval to construct has been obtained. No additional wetlands permit is required as the installations will take place on existing graveled surfaces within the host sites.

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Decision: It is my decision to approve the Proposed Action to install campground host sewage holding tanks within the Paxson Lake and Brushkana Creek Campgrounds.

Rationale: The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with United States Department of the Interior 43 CFR §46.210 (f) or United States Department of Interior Manual, Part 516, Chapter 11 which provides:

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

None of the "extraordinary circumstances" in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Plan Conformance: The proposed action is in conformance with the East Alaska Resource Management Plan dated September 7, 2007 because it is specifically provided for in the following planning decisions: Page 45, Section S-2.4 "Maintain other facilities such as boat ramps, communication facilities, etc. according to Bureau standards and to meet public health and safety requirements".

Prepared By: /s/ Marcia Butorac Date: 06/15/2011

Reviewed By: /s/ Elijah Waters ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR Date: 7/15/2011

Approved By: /s/ Beth Maclean, FIELD MANAGER Date: 7/15/2011

# Compliance with ANILCA Section 810

**E.A No.:** DOI-BLM-AK-A020-2011-0020-CX

**Applicant(s):** Bureau of Land Management Glennallen Field Office

**Proposed Action:** The BLM proposes to install a 1000 gal. waste holding tank at Paxson Lake campground in 2011 and at Brushkana Creek campground in 2012. Installation plans are approved by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and no additional wetlands permits are required since the installations will be on existing graveled surfaces within the campground host sites.

**Location:** Paxson Lake and Brushkana Creek campgrounds

**Township/Range:** Copper River Meridian, T. 13N. R. 2W, Sec. 25 and Fairbanks Meridian, T. 19S, R. 3W, Sec. 2

**Map:** please see application

**Evaluation by:** Merben R. Cebrian

**Discretionary Action?:** Yes

**Categorical Exclusion?:** Yes

**Type of Assessment / Sources:** Review of application materials, subsistence database, local knowledge, and interviews with staff knowledgeable of the area and the proposed action.

## **Effect of the proposal on subsistence uses and needs:**

Fisheries: The installation of waste tanks in the campgrounds are approved by the DEC and are self-contained in placements on existing graveled surfaces within the host sites. The installation hermetically separates sewage in the tank from the surrounding environment and is pumped out on a regular basis, avoiding contamination of the water table. Therefore, the proposed action has no significant impact on subsistence uses and needs.

Wildlife: The installation of the waste tanks will be on existing graveled surfaces within the host sites. These locations are in disturbed areas connected to major roads. Wildlife in the vicinity may already be habituated to human disturbance seasonally. Big game like moose and caribou may be transient in the vicinity of the campsites and will not be adversely affected by the installations of the tanks. Therefore, the proposed action has no significant impact on subsistence uses and needs.

Other resources: None. There are no harvestable resources such as berries, willows, and spruce roots in the disturbed area within the parking lots that the proposed actions are to occur. Therefore, the proposed action does not have a significant effect on subsistence uses and needs.

**Expected reduction, if any, in the availability of resources due to alteration in resource distribution, migration, or location:** None. The proposed action would not significantly alter the distribution, migration, or location of the subsistence resources. The locations are existing disturbed areas where wildlife is likely to traverse freely or avoid completely. The disturbed areas have been in existence for several years and moose and caribou are likely habituated to their existence.

**Expected limitation, if any, in the access of subsistence users resulting from the proposal:** None. Access to subsistence resources will not be hampered by the proposed action. The proposed action does not create a permanent obstruction to subsistence users.

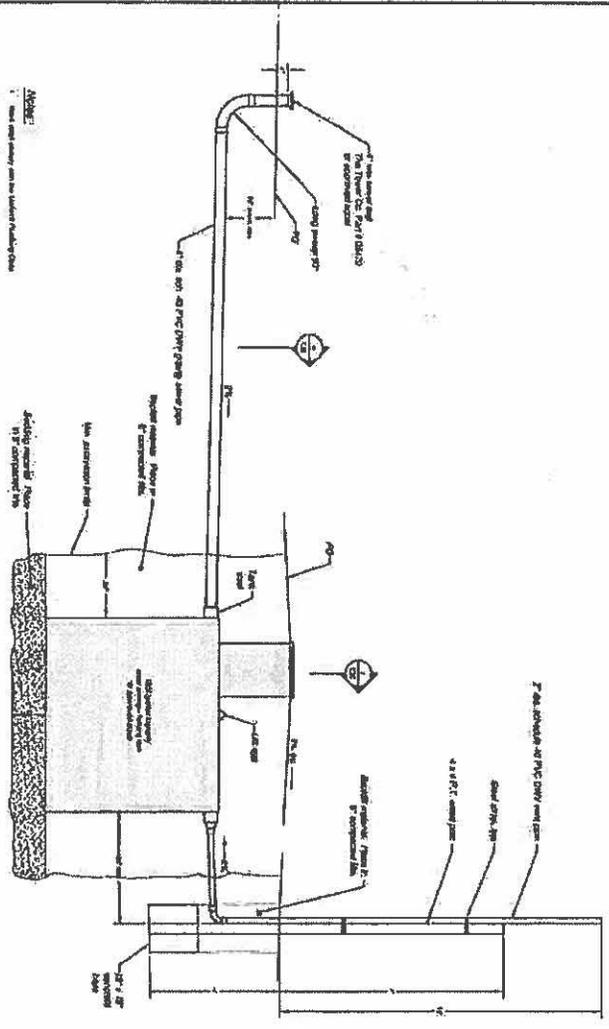
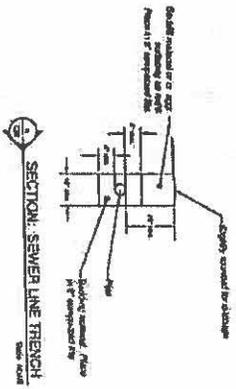
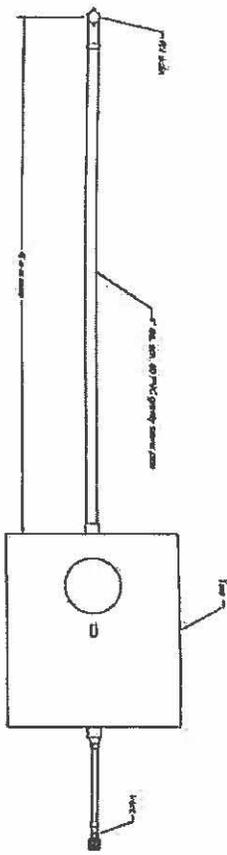
**Availability of other lands, if any, for the purpose sought to be achieved:** Other lands are not available because the proposed actions are specific to the campgrounds where tanks are to be installed.

**Other alternatives, if any, which would reduce or eliminate the use, occupancy, or disposition of public lands needed for subsistence purposes:** The only other alternative that would reduce or eliminate the use, occupancy, or disposition of public lands needed for subsistence purposes is to not allow or permit any activities that conflict with subsistence uses. However, such an alternative is not viable because the BLM manages public lands for multiple uses.

**Finding:** The proposed action will not significantly restrict subsistence uses and needs in or near the area of the proposed action. Access to subsistence resources will not be hampered by the proposed action. There is no reasonable foreseeable significant decrease in abundance in harvestable resources and in the distribution of harvestable resources due to the proposed action.

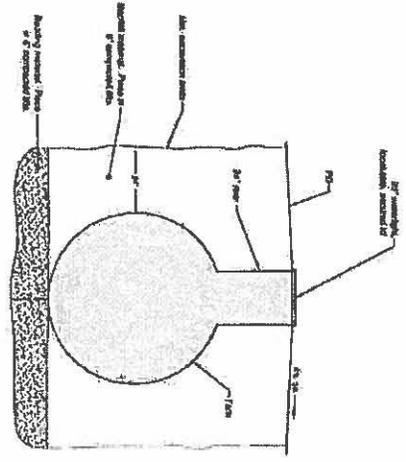
/s/ Merben R Cebrian  
Merben R. Cebrian  
Wildlife Biologist  
BLM, Glennallen Field Office

5 July 2011  
Date



- Notes:**
1. See notes on sheet 111 for tank details.
  2. See notes on sheet 112 for manhole details.
  3. See notes on sheet 113 for vent pipe details.
  4. See notes on sheet 114 for trench details.

1000 GALLON SEWAGE HOLDING TANK



SECTION: HOLDING TANK

11" X 17" SHEETS ARE HALF SIZE

TANGLE LAKES CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

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NEPA Interdisciplinary Review

Project Name: Paxson Lake and Brushkana Creek Campgrounds Host Site Waste Tank Installations

Casefile Number:

NEPA Document Number: DOI-BLM-AKA-020-2011-0020-CX

NEPA Preparer: Marcia Butorac

Please return to preparer by: July 1, 2011

Staff Specialist	Resource Area	Comments Provided Yes / No	Date Reviewed
Brenda Becker	Lands and Realty	No	6/16/11
Marcia Butorac	Recreation and Facilities	Preparer	
Merben Cebrian	ANILCA, Section 810	Yes	7/5/2011
Merben Cebrian	T&E Animals	No	7/5/2011
Merben Cebrian	T&E Plants	No	7/5/2011
Merben Cebriarn	Wildlife	Yes	7/5/2011
Heath Emmons	Wild and Scenic Rivers	No	6/16/11
Marnie Graham	Public Affairs	No	6/16/11
Denton Hamby	Special Recreation Use	No	6/23/11
Denton Hamby	Visual Resources	No	6/23/11
Brad Honerlaw	Law Enforcement		
Alysia White	Law Enforcement		
John Jangala	Cultural Heritage		
John Jangala	Paleontology		
Cory Larson	Travel Management	No	6/16/11
James Whitlock	Minerals		
Ben Seifert	Fire Management	No	6/16/11
Ben Seifert	Forestry	No	6/16/11
Ben Seifert	Invasive Weeds	No	6/16/11
Ben Seifert	Soils	No	6/16/11
Tim Sundlov	Air Quality		
Tim Sundlov	Riparian & Wetlands		
Tim Sundlov	Water Quality		
Tim Sundlov	Fish Biology		
Joseph Hart	Hazardous Materials	No	6/16/11
Elijah Waters	Branch Chief - Resources		

Authorized Officer Review: s/s Beth Maclean

Date: 7/15/11