



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Conduct Additional Site Assessments on Moose, Taybo, & Bueno Mining Claims

PEPC Project Number: 85583

Description of Action (Project Description):

This project originally provided for the demolition and/or cleanup of abandoned buildings, equipment, and junk on the NPS acquired Moose, Bueno, and Taybo mining claims in Kantishna. Buildings, shacks and tent frames, deemed unsafe or unsuitable, were dismantled and old mining equipment recycled, reused, or disposed of as surplus.

The scope of this Component C of PMIS 119809 is to excavate two of the original 14 sites (5 & 13) and collect confirmation samples below the previous zone of contamination. In a meeting with ADEC on 6/27/18, they indicated they would allow closure of these sites if it could be demonstrated that the Diesel Range Organic concentrations are less than cleanup amounts at depth. Excavation work will be performed with hand tools and/or auger and the samples are to be processed and tested by a contractor.

Project Locations:

Location

County: Denali Borough
District: AKAL

State: AK
Section:

Mitigation(s):

- 106 monitor on site during digging

CE Citation: E.4 Removal of non-historic materials and structures in order to restore natural conditions.

CE Justification:

Remediation required by ADEC and is a step toward general mining reclamation in the Kantishna area.

Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Signature

Superintendent:


Don Striker

Date:

27 MAR 2019

Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
B. 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?	No	
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
G. 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?	No	
H. 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?	No	
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?	No	
L. 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)?	No	