

DECISION RECORD AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
RICHARD C. WILMARTH
OVERLAND MOVE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Decision:

It is my decision to approve Mr. Richard C. Wilmarth's (Applicant) request to move heavy equipment as identified in the Proposed Action (East Route). There are two possible routes for moving the equipment. If the Proposed Action route is unusable due to weather conditions, the applicant is authorized to use Alternative 1, the West Route.

The surface protection procedures and conditions of operation are attached and are a part of the permit. They are formulated into stipulations. These procedures will provide a high level of environmental protection during the move.

Rationale for the Decision:

The Proposed Action will not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation and is in conformance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR 3809.2. The lands are within the boundary of the Alaska Southwest Planning Area, Management Framework Plan (MFP), dated November 1981. The permit will only cover lands under BLM jurisdiction.

Finding of No Significant Impact:

Based on the analysis of potential impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The Proposed Action will not significantly restrict subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of subsistence resources, alter the distribution of subsistence resources, or limit subsistence user access from currently existing conditions. No further analysis is necessary at this time.

(Signed Nick Douglas)

Anchorage Field Manager

(02-16-00)

Date

GENERAL STIPULATION

The heavy equipment move will be conducted under the requirements of State and Federal laws and regulations pertaining, but not limited to: waste management, fuel storage and handling, anadromous fish streams and fish and game utilization. In addition, the Permittee and his assistant will comply with all conditions attached to the permit.

SPECIFIC STIPULATIONS

1. Minimum snow depth requirements are 18 inches with a frost depth of six inches. Temperature must be below 25° F.
2. No blading of soils or vegetation is permitted. Blading of snow drifts is permitted only when blades remain a minimum of 18 inches above the ground surface.
3. Snow ramps may be constructed at stream crossings. No blading of cut banks will be permitted. Any ramps which may cause stream blockages during breakup will be removed after crossings are completed.
4. The move will be conducted, as closely as possible, on existing trails. In areas where the trail is heavily overgrown and significant vegetation disturbance would be caused by following the trail, the Permittee may travel immediately adjacent to the trail, preferably on the up slope side.
5. All motorized equipment shall travel under its own power or be towed on an appropriate size sled. Any inoperative equipment will be repaired on-site and not towed unless a break down occurs while crossing a river, lake or pond.
6. No fuel handling will be permitted within 300 hundred feet of creeks, rivers, wetlands or other water bodies. Fueling will be conducted in a manner to minimize spills. Materials will be available to clean up any spills which might occur.
7. New segments of trails will be routed to avoid heavy stands of tall shrub or timber vegetation.

8. No fuel barrels, waste oil, garbage or equipment are to be abandoned along the trail.
9. Trap lines and their sets are to be avoided to the extent possible. No restrictions on subsistence use will be permitted.
10. The permittee will notify the BLM when he starts the overland move and when he completes the overland move.
11. Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the Permittee, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. The Permittee shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The Permittee will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the Permittee.