

DECISION RECORD AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
for
Trailside Discovery

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize a Special Recreation Permit (SRP), AA-085091, to Trailside Discovery to conduct outdoor environmental education on the Bureau of Land Management Campbell Tract (CT) for a period of five years, subject to annual authorization. Mitigation measures identified for the Proposed Action in the environmental consequences section of the attached environmental assessment have been formulated into the stipulations. The standard stipulations for special recreation permits and the special stipulations for CT and the Campbell Creek Science Center (CCSC) are attached to the Decision Record and the authorizing permit.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The rationale for this decision is to support opportunities for environmental education on CT as described in Part II of the Management Plan for Public Use and Resource Management on the Campbell Tract (1988).

The lands described in the application are included in the Alaska Southcentral Planning Area Management Framework Plan (MFP), dated March 1980 and the 1988 Management Plan for Public Use and Resource Management on the CT. The Proposed Action is in conformance with both plans.

The Decision to authorize an SRP does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

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

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The Decision 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.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

VI. Monitoring:

Pre- and post season inspection of the training sites, as well as random spot checks during environmental education field exercises, will be conducted by the Authorized Officer to insure compliance with the attached stipulations. An annual inspection and compliance report will be prepared at the conclusion of each summer season and reviewed previous to the issuance of each subsequent annual Special Recreation Permit renewal request.

/s/ June Bailey
Anchorage Field Manager

July 3, 2003
Date

3 Attachments:

Standard Special Recreation Permit Stipulations (2 pp)
Stipulations for Campbell Tract (3 pp)
Environmental Assessment (AK-040-03-EA-011) (10 pp)