

**DECISION RECORD
and
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
for
ALASKA EARTH SCIENCES**

- I. Decision:
It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action. My decision includes the attached stipulations developed from the mitigation measures. This action will allow Alaska Earth Sciences, Inc., to conduct a geophysical survey on behalf of Geocom, a Canadian Exploration Company, on public lands in the Lake Iliamna area.
- II. Rationale for the Decision:
There is a need for future development of minerals and economic growth both locally and nationally. Determination of whether the area has mineral potential will help determine future management direction in the area. The Proposed Action will not cause appreciable damage or disturbance to the public lands and will not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation and is in conformance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR 2920.2-2.
- 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 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.

/s/ Clinton E. Hanson, Acting
Anchorage Field Manager

03-25-04
Date

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3 Attachments

1-AK-040-04-EA-017

2-Maps

3-Stipulations