

DECISION RECORD  
AND  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

KETCHIKAN PUBLIC UTILITIES  
UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION LINES

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize a right-of-way (ROW) grant to Ketchikan Public Utilities (KPU) for an underground electric/telephone line replacing an existing overhead power line authorized by the Bureau of Land Management on August 10, 1987. The amendment of this ROW will not go beyond August 10, 2037, as set forth in the original ROW grant. The option to renew is pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 and 43 CFR 2800.

This ROW is located in Lot 13 of U.S. Survey No. 2990, T. 75 S., R. 90 E., Copper River Meridian, Alaska, situated on the north end of Pennock Island across from the Tongass Narrows and the city of Ketchikan, Alaska.

This decision incorporates the attached stipulations.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The underground line will resolve the conflict with the overhead line and provide electrical service to the area.

No land use plan exists for this area. However, the environmental analysis assesses the impacts of the Proposed Action and provides a basis for a decision on the proposal (43 CFR 1610.8(b)(1)).

III. Finding of No Significant Impact:

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:

No significant restrictions of subsistence uses under Section 810 of ANILCA have been found.

Peter Ditton, Acting  
Anchorage Field Manager

10-30-01  
Date

STIPULATIONS

The following stipulations will be a part of the right-of-way grant:

1. Natural woody debris, such as leaves, should be scattered over the backfill for rehabilitation.
2. All debris and trash should be removed from the site as soon as the construction project is completed.