

DECISION RECORD
AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

MATANUSKA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINE

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize a right-of-way (ROW) grant to Matanuska Electric Association, Inc., to bury a single phase 7.2 kV electrical distribution line along Artillery Road on Fort Richardson. The specific location is T. 14 N., R. 2 W., Section 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; Section 3, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; Section 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; and Section 11, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Seward Meridian, Alaska. This electric line is part of the Alaska railroad's Anchorage to Wasilla track realignment project and will service the automated switches and signaling devices where the new track crosses Artillery Road on Fort Richardson. The ROW will encompass 1.7 acres, (length 3,703 feet, width 20 feet).

The grant will be renewable according to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 and 43 CFR 2800. This decision incorporates the attached stipulations.

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The purpose and need of the Proposed Action is to provide electric power to operate the Alaska railroad track switches and future signaling devices for the Artillery Road railroad crossing on Fort Richardson.

The lands are within the boundary of the Alaska Southcentral Planning Area, Management Framework Plan (MFP), dated March 1980.

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.

/s/ Peter J. Ditton
Peter J. Ditton, Acting
Anchorage Field Manager

01-14-02
Date

3 Attachments

- 1-Stipulations
- 2-AK-040-02-EA-007
- 3-Map

STIPULATIONS

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

1. The site will be monitored for weeds until desirable vegetation is established and if infestations occur, they should be manually removed.
2. Equipment, gravel and other materials brought on-site must be free of weed sources.
3. All debris and trash will be removed from the site as soon as the construction project is completed.
4. Only native species shall be used for revegetation and include a mixture of the following:
 - 35% Bering Hairgrass (*Deschampsia beringensis*)
 - 35% Arctared fescue
 - 30% Greuning alpine bluegrass (*Poa alpina*)Seeded at 44 pounds per acre