

**DECISION RECORD
and
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
for the
SULLIVAN CREEK BRIDGE**

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize construction and installation of a new bridge on the Iditarod National Historic Trail at Sullivan Creek bridge site that will reduce the hazard of the open water crossing. The bridge will be transported to the site via helicopter. If this is not possible due to weather conditions, the contractor is authorized to use Alternative #1 which provides for the bridge to be ground transported from the Farewell landing strip to the bridge site. The location of the bridge is Section 24, T. 31 N., R. 27 W., Seward Meridian (Lat. 62° 46.539, Long. 154° 16.30).

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The decision to authorize the construction of the Sullivan Creek Bridge will reduce the hazard of open water crossing at Sullivan Creek. This decision does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

The lands are within the boundaries of the Southwest Management Framework Plan (MFP), dated October 1981. Recreation Activity Objective, R-3, of the MFP states BLM will “Maintain the integrity of the Iditarod National Historic Trail and associated historic and cultural sites in compliance with the National Trails Systems Act and the Iditarod National Historic Comprehensive Management Plan.” Cultural Resources Activity Objective, CR-1, states that BLM will “Protect and preserve cultural sites from damage or destruction.”

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 Hanson, Acting
Anchorage Field Manager

10-31-03
Date