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October 8, 2002

Ms. Maureen McCrea  
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Dear Ms. McCrea:

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kenneth Sims at 256-955-1113.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. McIntosh:

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Anchorage, AK 99501-3579

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Mr. Ross Oliver  
Ms. Hillary Schaefer  
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company  
1835 South Bragaw Street  
Pump Station 09  
Anchorage, AK 99512

Dear Mr. Oliver/Ms. Schaefer:

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From: Oliver, Ross C.  
Sent: Friday, November 08, 2002 8:41 PM  
To: Kenneth Sims  
Cc: Badger, Phil C.; Schaefer, Hillary; Richey, Alan C  
Subject: Ft. Greeley NMDS Fencing Environmental Review

We at Alyeska Pump Station 9 have reviewed the Supplemental Environmental Assessment regarding the construction of security fences, among other items around the new National Missile Defense Site.

We have had some discussion on this and basically find no problem with the proposed fencing paralleling our right of way. One possible issue which we discussed would be in the event that we needed to dig up our pipe in this area. Sometimes a temporary land use permit from the adjacent land owner is required because of the large size of the excavation limits needed to access our buried pipe. There is a remote possibility that in this event we would need to coordinate with the Army in this area to temporarily take down the fence in a limited local area and erect temporary fencing which would allow the required access for heavy equipment to excavate our pipe. Since the pipe is shallow burial in this area we feel that we can probably perform the required excavations without disturbing the proposed fence, although this possibility does exist.

Therefore, the bottom line is we feel that this fence would have no impact on our operation although there is a remote possibility of some coordinated effort in the future to work with the Army to temporarily accommodate a pipe excavation. Does this sound like something that could be accommodated if need be?

Thank you very much,  
Ross Oliver

-----Original Message-----

From: Nagel, Peter C.  
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2002 2:26 PM  
To: 'Sims, Kenneth R Mr USASMDC'

Ken:

Thank you for your note below and your recent efforts to coordinate with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company on the subject matter. On behalf of its owner companies, this email response indicates Alyeska's concurrence with your proposal to construct a fence as described in the Supplemental Environmental Assessment of 10/9/02 which will be situated parallel to and easterly of and setback approximately twelve (12) feet from the easterly TAPS right-of-way boundary at the referenced location.

This concurrence, which includes the performance of brushing as needed by USDOD within the easterly portion of the TAPS right-of-way, is subject to:

1. USDOD's agreement to coordinate "in-TAPS-ROW" brushing with the TAPS Pump Station 9 Maintenance Coordinator, and
2. Alyeska's right, as needed and with case-by-case USDOD and USBLM permission, to temporarily relocate portions of the fence in order to conduct TAPS excavations necessary for maintenance of the buried pipeline.

Please call me if you have any questions on this important matter.

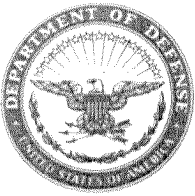
Peter Nagel, SR/WA  
Land and Right-Of-Way  
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, Agent

-----Original Message-----

From: Sims, Kenneth R Mr USASMDC  
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2002 8:22 AM  
To: Nagel, Peter C.  
Subject: VOC SEA

Peter:

I have discussed your set-back proposal here and we will design the fences to be 12 feet east from the existing pipeline right-of-way. Please concur with this and the fact that we may also have to do a little extra clearing of vegetation from your right-of-way. Also, please give me your mailing address and phone number again. -- Ken



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-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Ihlenfeldt-Mcnay  
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2002 1:38 PM  
To: Kenneth Sims

Dear Mr. Sims:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Habitat and Restoration Division (Fairbanks, AK) and Wildlife Conservation Division (Delta Junction, AK) have reviewed the Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Validation of Operational Concept at Fort Greely, AK and have the following comments:

Page 2-13, Lines 11-15. Depending on the type and placement of the platforms constructed for the approach lights in or over Jarvis Creek, a Fish Habitat Permit (A.S. 16.05.840) may be required from the ADF&G. Jarvis Creek is known to support resident fish (e.g., Arctic grayling) so fish passage up and downstream must be maintained at all water levels.

Page 3-9, Lines 30-31. Other big game species possibly occurring within the Fort Greely area includes black bear, grizzly bear, and wolf. These species are listed as predators (Page 3-11, Lines 1-2), but are considered big game by ADF&G regulations, which has economic implications in addition to wildlife implications.

Page 3-9, Lines 36-37. The actual 2001 moose population estimate for Unit 20D is 4,956-6,704 rather than the estimate of 9,012-14,082 listed in text. The discrepancy occurs due to variations in habitat quality and thus density of moose, with Ft. Greely having higher than average quality and densities.

Page 3-11, Lines 2-3. Lynx and wolf should also be added to the list of species trapped for fur.

Page 3-11, Line 3-5. The implication is that most of the Ft. Greely area is "developed" and thus has low wildlife importance. In fact, much of the developed area still provides habitat for a wide variety of species other than those species listed, including resident moose.

Page 4-7, Line 20-21. I concur that removing large mammals from the fenced area will be important and will take a coordinated effort between ADF&G and the US Army. The Army should be prepared to provide potentially large numbers of personnel and equipment to herd animals from the enclosures before they are permanently closed.

Page 4-9, Lines 29-34. I agree that the proposed action will have little impact on the overall moose population in the area. However, the loss of habitat can be mitigated by rejuvenating habitat near Ft. Greely. The area to be fenced is approximately 3,521 acres. If 1/3 of the area is moose habitat (~1,173 acres), this loss of habitat could be mitigated by hydro-axing comparable acres in the 1987 Granite Creek burn along 33-mile Loop Road. Moose habitat quality in this burn is starting to decline in

quality.

If you have any questions regarding the comments above, please call me at 907-459-7287 or Steve Dubois at 907-895-4484.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Nancy Ihlenfeldt

Habitat Biologist

ADF&G



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Sent: Monday, November 04, 2002 5:38 PM

To: Kenneth Sims

Subject: Environmental Assessment Review

Mr. Sims,

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