

DECISION RECORD AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
NORTHSTAR EXPLORATION - YANKEE CREEK PROJECT

- I. Decision:
It is my decision to authorize the proposed mineral exploration for North Star Exploration, Inc. near Yankee Creek at T. 33 N., R. 37 W., Sec. 6, SM and T. 33 N., R. 38 W., Sec. 14, SM. This decision incorporates, by reference, the attached stipulations. This authorization is for a two year period.
- II. Rationale for the Decision:
The Proposed Action is needed for Doyon Corporation and MTNT Limited to explore and evaluate native selected lands for hard rock mineral potential. They need to assess the land for mineral value to assure the best information possible to prioritize lands they have selected for conveyance. The Proposed Action will not result in any undue or unnecessary degradation. The Proposed Action is in compliance with the Southwest Planning Area MFP which was signed in November 1981.
- 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 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 the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) have been found.
- V. Compliance and Monitoring Plan:
Final reclamation will be inspected to determine adequacy and conformance with reclamation standards established in the Proposed Action and imposed stipulations.

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

05-12-00
Date

STIPULATIONS

- 1) The proposed mineral exploration activity will minimize ground disturbance as much as possible. The equipment and crew will establish and follow the same routes to and from drill sites.
- 2) The Federal government will not be held responsible for protection of the applicant's structures or personal property from wild-land fires. Fire protection for the area will be consistent with the approved fire management plan. Spark arresters will be used as necessary on motorized equipment to reduce fire hazard.
- 3) The exploration sites and surrounding area will be kept reasonably clean and litter free. All waste will be removed from the site and properly disposed of. Hazardous waste, fuels, and lubricants will be disposed of according to State laws and regulations at an approved disposal facility.
- 4) Pit privies or portable toilets will be provided for workers at the site. Pit privies will be located a minimum of 100 feet from water bodies and shall not be constructed within areas subject to flooding.
- 5) To avoid food waste becoming an attractant to bears, all such waste shall be burned or removed from the site on a daily basis.
- 6) There will be no interference with public use of the area. The applicant is allowed to restrict public access from exploration areas as to prevent interference with their exploration activities and prevent public contact with potential safety hazards.
- 7) No fuels or other hazardous materials will be stored onsite during seasonal shutdowns or periods of inactivity extending beyond 30 days.
- 8) Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by North Star or any person working on their behalf, on public lands shall be immediately reported to the BLM. Operations shall be suspended in the immediate area of such a discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the BLM.
- 9) A reclamation plan will be submitted and approved prior to initiating ground disturbing activities which shall specify: 1) site specific erosion control measures, and 2) native seed mixtures and seeding procedures. Drill holes shall be reclaimed following the ADEC recommended standards.