

## RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

**TITLE: Modified Firing Regime for the Eagle River Flats Impact Area, Fort Richardson, Alaska**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The proposed action will afford the USARAK command more flexibility for conducting necessary firing activities within the Eagle River Flats (ERF) Impact Area. The following is a list of restrictions as they pertain to specific types of ammunition fired into the ERF Impact Area:

**a. Helicopter Door Gunnery (Small Arms)**

1. No firing activities will be conducted while any waterfowl are present in the ERF (normally November through April).
2. No Wildlife will be purposely killed, injured or targeted.

**b. High Explosive Proximity Fuse (VT) Rounds**

1. No firing activities will be conducted during ERF Clean-up and monitoring operations when equipment and personnel are actively deployed (normally from April to mid October).
2. No firing activities will be conducted in the spring once waterfowl begin arriving (as determined by DPW Environmental Department and Range Control). This normally occurs in early April.
3. No firing activities will be conducted in the fall until the majority of waterfowl have departed (normally from mid to late October) as determined by DPW Environmental Department and Range Control. This determination will be made when no more than 25 swans and 100 ducks are sighted in the ERF for three consecutive days.

**c. Illumination Rounds**

No firing activities will be conducted during ERF Clean-up operations when equipment and personnel are actively deployed for the **remediation phase** (normally May through September).

**d. High Explosive Point Detonated Rounds**

**Mortar (60mm & 80mm)**

No firing activities will be conducted when there is less than two inches of ice cover on water bodies within the ERF.

**Artillery (105mm)**

No firing activities will be conducted when there is less than five inches of ice cover on water bodies within the ERF

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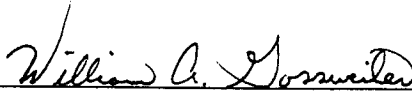
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**ANTICIPATED DATE AND / OR DURATION OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The new firing regime for the ERF Impact Area is anticipated to begin Fall 2001 and remain in place until the situation or changing conditions dictate.

**MITIGATION AND / OR SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** The aforementioned stipulations for this modified firing regime are based on conditions and activities normally associated with the ERF Impact Area. In the event that such conditions change, firing activities will conform to whatever schedules may be necessary to insure safety, regulatory compliance and environmental protection.

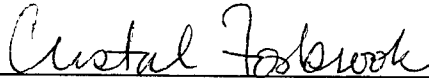
**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION:** This action is determined to be adequately covered in an Environmental Assessment entitled: Resumption of Firing in the Eagle River Flats Impact Area, Fort Richardson, Alaska, December 1991.

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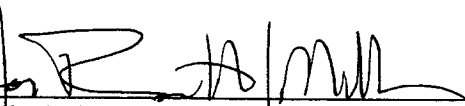
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