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§ 36.1 Applicability and scope.

(a) The regulations in this part apply to any application for access in the following forms within any conservation system unit (CSU), national recreation area or national conservation area within the State of Alaska which is administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) or National Park Service (NPS):

(1) A transportation or utility system (TUS) is any portion of the route of the system within any of the aforementioned areas and the system is not one which the Department or agency having jurisdiction over the unit or area is establishing incident to its management of the unit or area;

(2) Access to inholdings within these areas, as well as within public lands administered by the BLM designated as wilderness study areas;

(3) Special access within these areas, as well as within public lands administered by the BLM designated as wilderness study areas;

(4) Temporary access within the aforementioned areas, as well as the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska and public lands administered by the BLM designated as wilderness study areas or managed to maintain the wilderness character or potential thereof.

(b) Except as specifically provided in this part, applicable law shall apply with respect to the authorization and administration of TUSs.

§ 36.2 Definitions.

As used in this part, the term:

(a) *ANILCA* means the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (94 Stat. 2371; Pub. L. 96-487).

(b) *Applicable law* means a law or regulation of general applicability, other

than title XI of ANILCA, under which a Federal department or agency has jurisdiction to grant an authorization (including but not limited to, a right-of-way permit, license, lease or certificate) without which a TUS cannot, in whole or in part, be established or operated.

(c) *Applicant* means an individual, partnership, corporation, association or other business entity, and a Federal, State or local government entity including a municipal corporation submitting an application under this part.

(d) *Appropriate Federal agency* means a Federal agency (or the agency official to whom the authority has been delegated) that has jurisdiction to grant any authorization without which a TUS cannot, in whole or in part, be established or operated.

(e) *Area* means a CSU, National Recreation Area, or National Conservation Area in Alaska administered by the NPS, the FWS or the BLM.

(f) *Compatible with the purposes for which the unit was established* means that the system will not significantly interfere with or detract from the purposes for which the area was established.

(g) *Conservation System Unit* (CSU) means any unit in Alaska of the National Park System, National Wildlife Refuge System, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, National Trails System or the National Wilderness Preservation System administered by the NPS, the FWS or the BLM.

(h) *Economically feasible and prudent alternative route* means a route either within or outside an area that is based on sound engineering practices and is economically practicable, but does not necessarily mean the least costly alternative route.

(i) *Improved right-of-ways* means routes which are of a permanent nature and would involve substantial alteration of the terrain or vegetation such as grading and graveling of surfaces or other such construction. Trail right-of-ways which are annually or periodically marked, brushed, or broken for off-road vehicles are excluded.

(j) *Incident to its management of the unit or area* means a type of TUS which is used directly or indirectly in support of authorized activities, and which is