

Finding of No Significant Impact

Special Recreation Permit (2930 01) application FF096025 for commercial guided hunting trips on public lands

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I have reviewed Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-AK02000-2012-0007 and have concluded that the impacts of conducting guided hunting trips on public lands for commercial purposes on BLM managed lands in the Fortymile area have been adequately addressed. By following the stipulations generated in the EA, there are no impacts that approach the threshold of significance. Therefore, I have determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate and an environmental impact statement is not required.

/s/Lenore Heppler
Manager, Eastern Interior Field Office

6/7/2012
Date

Decision Record

Issuance of a Special Recreation Permit (2930 01) to Alaska Peak Air to conduct a commercial guided hunting trips on public lands in the Glacier Mountain Area SW of Eagle Alaska.

FF096025

Decision: It is my decision to authorize commercially guided hunting trips on BLM-managed lands in the Glacier Mountain area, southwest of Eagle, Alaska, within the Eastern Interior Field Office with the following revisions to the proposed action. A Special Recreation Permit will be issued to Alaska Peak Air Services to outfit up to six hunters in this area for the 2012 season. Of the six possible hunters only one sheep will be harvested within the Glacier Mountain Controlled Use Area (CUA). Up to two additional sheep may be harvested outside the CUA on lands identified in the permit. The remaining hunts will be focused on bear or caribou. Sheep hunts will not be allowed until August 15th, five days after the season opens. In accordance with the measures of the CUA, no motorized use will be allowed during the stated period including aircraft except in the case of an emergency when all action will be coordinated with the Alaska State Troopers. In addition, the permittee will need to comply with the attached Standard Operating Procedures and Stipulations (Attachment 5).

Rationale:

1. The proposed action is consistent with the use of public lands under the authority of Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act and the regulations found in 43 CFR 2930.

2. All concerns are appropriately addressed in EA DOI-BLM-AK-F020-2012-0007, including cultural resources and subsistence concerns (see attached National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 and ANILCA 810 findings). My decision modifies the proposed action to address concerns regarding the level of Dall sheep harvest, use of aircraft, and user conflicts.
3. Standard Operating Procedures and Stipulations for SRP FF096025 will be attached to the permit. These address the issue of nonnative invasive plants.

/s/ Lenore Heppler
Manager, Eastern Interior Field Office

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Date

Appeal Provisions:

This decision shall take effect immediately upon the date it is signed by the authorized officer and shall remain in effect while any appeal is pending unless the Interior Board of Land Appeals issues a stay (43 CFR 2801.10(b)).

Any appeal of this decision must follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 4. Within 30 days of the decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the authorized officer at Eastern Interior Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks Alaska 99709. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed with the authorized officer. If you wish to file a petition for stay of the effectiveness of this decision pursuant to 43 CFR Part 4.21(b), the petition for stay should accompany your notice of appeal and must show sufficient justification based on the following standards: (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied, (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits, (3) The likelihood of irreparable harm to the appellant or resources if the stay is not granted, and (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay. If a petition for stay is submitted with the notice of appeal, a copy of the notice of appeal and petition for stay must be served on each party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken, and with the IBLA at the same time it is filed with the authorized officer. A copy of the notice of appeal, any statement of reasons and all pertinent documents must be served on each adverse party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken and on the Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 4230 University Drive Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99508, not later than 15 days after filing the document with the authorized officer and/or IBLA.

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this decision, contact Collin Cogley at the Eastern Interior Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709, or by telephone at 907-474-2382.