

Decision Record

Issuance of a Special Recreation Permit (2930 01) to Prescott College to conduct a commercial backcountry trip on public lands in the White Mountains National Recreation Area.

AA093276

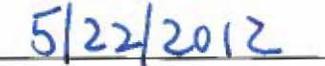
Decision: It is my decision to authorize a commercial backcountry trip on BLM-managed lands in the White Mountains National Recreation Area within the Eastern Interior Field Office area. A Special Recreation Permit will be issued to Prescott College for one pack rafting trip; in accordance with regulations found in 43 CFR 2930 and pursuant to Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

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-F020-2012-0013. This includes cultural resources and subsistence concerns (see attached National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 and ANILCA 810 findings).
3. Standard Operating Procedures for SRP AA093276 will be attached to the permit.

 For Lenore Hepler

Manager, Eastern Interior Field Office



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.

Finding of No Significant Impact

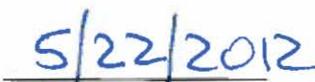
Special Recreation Permit (2930 01) application AA093276 for a commercial pack rafting trip on public lands

Finding of No Significant Impact:

I have reviewed Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-AK02000-2012-0013 and have concluded that the impacts of conducting this pack rafting trip on public lands for commercial purposes within White Mountains National Recreation Area have been adequately addressed. There are no impacts that approached 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.

 For Lenore Heppeler

Manager, Eastern Interior Field Office



Date