

**Decision for Categorical Exclusion
DOI-BLM-AK-F020-2013-0014-CX
Alaska Sports Car Club, Tanacross**

Decision

It is my decision to approve the renewal of Alaska Sports Car Club for up to three annual events as listed in the proposed action of Categorical Exclusion (CX) DOI-BLM-AK-F020-2013-0014-CX. The following Standard Operating Procedures developed in prior National Environmental Policy Act documents will be carried forward as part of this decision.

The Permittee must notify the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Forestry in Tok, Alaska of the use of the Airstrip. Any use for aircraft takes president over racing activities and the runway(s) must be cleared of all activity with the approach of or use by any aircraft. In case of fire activity, Tok Division of Forestry use of the Airstrip takes priority.

Northway Flight Service will issue a Notice to Airman (NOTAM) on behalf of the Permittee, however, aircraft landings and take-offs take priority over race activities.

The Airstrip is an uncontrolled aircraft facility. One individual will be assigned the authority to halt and clear the runway(s) of all race related activities and will be present on site while conducting race activities. All race participants will be informed of this person and their authority.

No trees shall be cut within 200 feet of the runways or taxi ways. Only dead and downed wood may be collected as firewood. Any fire rings must be cleaned and rocks scattered before departing.

Portable toilets will be maintained while on site and pumped after each use period with contents disposed of at approved sites in accordance with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation regulations.

All activities must be conducted so as to cause minimal disturbance to ground cover. No surface disturbing activities are authorized under this permit.

Fuel Handling: No fuel transfer or refueling operation will be allowed within 100 feet of surface waters. All petroleum products or hazardous material spills shall be cleaned up and reported to Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) at 1-800-478-9300 and BLM at 907-474-2371. All fuel drums and cans shall be marked with the owners name

and content. Secondary containment is recommended for all petroleum products and hazardous materials.

All equipment, including vehicles and camping gear, must be cleaned before travelling to the airstrip and camping area so that they are free of mud and debris that would harbor non-native, invasive plant seeds or parts. Clothing and footwear must be cleaned to be free of seeds and plant parts. Vehicles and people should avoid areas where invasive, non-native seeds can be picked up by tire tread, clothing, footwear, and equipment and transported to areas outside their natural range.

Rationale

1. The Alaska Sports Car Club has been permitted for these activities for the past ten years and received “good” to “superior” ratings on their annual end-of-year evaluations. No violations of stipulations or negative observations have been documented.
2. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands are managed for multiple use recreational activities.
3. This authorization is for five years. Annual post use reports will be reviewed and stipulations added if necessary to protect health, safety, and critical resource values.
4. The proposed action is consistent with the approved Fortymile Management Framework Plan.
5. The proposed action would not impact salmon or habitat known to support salmon and therefore the proposed action was assigned the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Determination: *No effect*, and no further EFH consultation is required.
6. There are no anticipated impacts to cultural resources by the proposed action. An “Assessment of Archaeological and Historic Resources” has been completed for this project.
7. The evaluation and finding done to comply with Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act found no significant restrictions to subsistence use.

Appeal Procedures

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4 and DOI Form 1842-1. The notice of appeal must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management Eastern Interior Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99709 within 30 days from receipt of this decision. Appeals from administrative decisions issued by BLM-Alaska must be filed in writing in the office of the deciding official, either by mail or hand delivery. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted as timely filed.

/s/ Lenore Heppler

Lenore Heppler, Manager
Eastern Interior Field Office

3/29/2013

Date

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