

# **Ralf Dobrovolny, dba – 1st Alaska Outdoor School**

## **A. Background**

**BLM Office: Central Yukon Field Office**

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**Case File No.: FF095281**

**Proposed Action Title/Type: Special Recreation Permit — 2930**

**Location of Proposed Action: Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA)**

**Description of Proposed Action:** The commercial tour operator proposes to provide guided tours of the Dalton Highway using recreation areas, public lands and facilities for business and financial gain. The applicant proposes to transport tourists in the DHRMA by passenger van with travel beginning and ending in Fairbanks. The operator provides tours throughout the year and specific activities are dependent on the season and weather conditions. Advertised activities include sightseeing tours, aurora viewing, wildlife viewing, photography (non-commercial), interpretation of natural and living history, and stops at BLM designated and managed waysides. The dates of the proposed action are from January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2017 for a term of five (5) years.

## **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

**Land Use Plan Name:** Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan

**Date Approved/Amended:** January 11, 1991

**The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):**

Chapter 2 of the Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan (pages 2-26 and 2-27) Proposed Action #28 Recreation Management Areas and Recreation Program Objective 2 found in Appendix N (page N-19). Additional guidance is provided in the Recreation Area Management Plan Dalton Highway.

## **C. Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, or 516 DM 11.9 H; which states, “Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights; that impacts no more than 3 staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan.”

The proposed action must be screened against the extraordinary circumstances found in 43 CFR 46.215 and listed below. Any “yes” finding requires that an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement be prepared for the Proposed Action.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

I considered the proposed action of providing access for Ralf Dobrovoly and his associates dba 1st Alaska Outdoor School and find that there is no potential for significant impacts to BLM lands in the Dalton Highway Corridor.

#### **D. Approval and Contact Information**

/s/ Nichelle Jacobson

4/23/2013

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