

Categorical Exclusion

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**Chapter 1. Jonah Stewart, dba
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A. Background

BLM Office:

Fairbanks District Office/Central Yukon Field Office LLAKF3000

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: FF095660

Proposed Action Title/Type: Special Recreation Permit — 2930

Location of Proposed Action: Dalton Highway. BLM lands within Guide Use Area 24–03

Description of Proposed Action: This is a renewal of a commercial hunting guide permit operating on BLM lands in Guide Use Area 24–03. A base camp is located at Mile Post 222 of the Dalton Highway and sheep hunting activities take place on the east side of the highway and are designated on a map provided to the applicant. Brown bear hunting is allowed in the entire Guide Use Area. Hunting activities include bow hunting for up to four (4) clients on BLM lands for sheep, brown bear, and black bear.

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): 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.”

C. Compliance with NEPA:

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.

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I considered: the proposed action of providing access for Jonahs Alaskan Outfitters and find that there is no potential for significant impacts to BLM lands in the Dalton Highway Corridor.

D. Approval and Contact Information

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