

Categorical Exclusion

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**Chapter 1. Dan Suprak, dba Three Bears
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A. Background

This is a new application for use of BLM lands for commercial hunting and outfitting activities.

BLM Office: Central Yukon Field Office

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Lease/Serial/Case File No.: FF096553

Proposed Action Title/Type: 2930 Special Recreation Permit

Location of Proposed Action: BLM lands north of the Selawik Hills on the Upper Kauk and Mangoak Rivers, drainages, and uplands in Guide Use Area23–05.

Description of Proposed Action: The applicant has applied to use BLM lands for commercial purposes in support of his hunting and outfitting business. Operation would be for hunts up to 10 days for two clients in pursuit of grizzly/black bears and moose..

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Kobuk-Seward Peninsula RMP

Date Approved/Amended: September 4, 2008

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 in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): M-1: Goal Approved RMP page 31: “On BLM-managed lands, improve access to appropriate recreation opportunities, ensure a quality outdoor experience and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources, and provide for and receive fair value in recreation.”

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.”

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 Three Bears Outfitters, and find that there is no potential for significant impacts to BLM lands.

D. Approval and Contact Information

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