

# **Categorical Exclusion**

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## A. Background

**BLM Office: Central Yukon Field Office**

**Lease/Serial/Case File No.:** FF095074

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

**Location of Proposed Action:** BLM lands in Guide Use Area 23–04 in the Rabbit Creek and Pick River drainages and Guide Use Area 24–01 in the Wheeler Creek, Dulbi River, Kateel River, and South Fork of the Huslia River drainages.

**Description of Proposed Action:** This is a request to renew his 2930 permit which was previously reviewed under NEPA document EA-AK-025–08–0042. The applicant proposes to continue commercial big game hunting operations during the fall season on the above described BLM lands. Up to eight (8) clients will pursue primarily caribou. In addition, moose, by tag drawing each year, and wolf will be hunted. The applicant holds a Concession in the Selawik Wildlife Refuge and this is where the base camp is located.

## 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 Kobuk/Seward Peninsula RMP — 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 Sportsman's Air Service and find that there is no potential for significant impacts to BLM lands in the location of proposed action.

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

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