

Categorical Exclusion

Preston Kelley, dba — Arctic Alaska Outfitters

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A. Background

BLM Office:Central Yukon Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: FF093930

Proposed Action Title/Type: Special Recreation Permit 2930

Location of Proposed Action: BLM lands in Guide Use Area 23–01 in the Kivalina watershed

Description of Proposed Action: Mr. Preston Kelley has requested to renew his Special Recreation Permit to conduct commercial big game hunting activities on BLM lands in the Kivalina River watershed in Guide Use Area 23-01. He request to guide from 4-6 hunters per year. Access into the area is through regulated commercial air transporters. Game species to be hunted include moose, caribou, and brown bear. Hunting regulations and number of species taken per year are set by the State of Alaska for Game Management Unit 23.

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): 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 Arctic Alaska Outfitters, and find that there is no potential for significant impacts to BLM lands in the Kivalina River area.

D. Approval and Contact Information

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