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## **ZWERNEMAN SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT** Categorical Exclusion, DOI-BLM-AK-A010-2015-0007-CX

Case File, AA-93930

### **DECISION RECORD**

#### **Decision**

It is my decision to implement the proposed action on BLM-managed lands as described in the attached Categorical Exclusion documentation, DOI-BLM-AK-A010-2015-0007-CX.

The SRP would be valid for an initial period from August 1, 2015 to July 30, 2016 and pending satisfactory post-use reporting and permit compliance, the BLM may reissue (renew) the permit for a term not to exceed 10 years (through July 30, 2025). The application was filed under the authority of Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA) of October 21, 1976, as amended (90 Stat. 2762; 43 U.S.C. 1732).

#### **Rationale for the Decision**

This SRP will allow for improved recreation opportunities and support commercial guide outfitters on BLM-managed lands in northwest Alaska.

The proposed action is in conformance with Kobuk-Seward Peninsula Resource Management Plan, September 2008. The proposed action will not significantly restrict Federal subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of Federal subsistence resources, alter the distribution of Federal subsistence resources, or limit Federal subsistence user access from currently existing conditions. The proposed action has been reviewed by Anchorage Field Office staff and appropriate project Design Features, as specified, will be incorporated into the project. Based on the NEPA Categorical Exclusion Review, I have determined that the proposed action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further analysis is required.

#### **Appeal Opportunities**

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR § 4. To appeal you must file a notice of appeal at the BLM Anchorage Field Office, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appeal must be in writing and delivered in person, via the United States Postal Service mail system, or other common carrier, to the Anchorage Field

Office as noted above. *The BLM does not accept appeals by facsimile or email.* The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulation 43 CFR § 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards: (a) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied, (b) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits, (c) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and (d) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR § 4.413); Office of the Regional Solicitor, Alaska Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 4230 University Drive, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99508; at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

/s/ Alan Bittner

8/6/2015

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Alan Bittner  
Anchorage Field Manager

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Date

**Attachments**

1. Zwerneman, Special Recreation Permit Categorical Exclusion, DOI-BLM-AK-A010-2015-0007-CX, including permit stipulations