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**Nome Kennel Club, Nome to Council Special Recreation Permit
(Competitive dog sled race)
DOI-BLM-AK-A010-2016-0011-DNA**

Case File, AA-94186

DECISION RECORD

Decision

It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action described in the attached Determination of NEPA Adequacy worksheet, DOI-BLM-AK-A010-2016-0011-DNA. Specifically, it is my decision to reauthorize a Special Recreation Permit to the Nome Kennel Club for a one year term with the right to renew for a period of up to ten years for a competitive dog sled race from Nome to Council and return along the Iditarod National Historic Trail.

Rationale for the Decision

The Proposed Action has been reviewed by Anchorage Field Office staff and based upon Environmental Assessment AK-010-08-EA-12 (2008 EA) prepared for the Tesoro Iron Dog snowmobile race as well as previous authorization for this event by BLM, I have determined that the Proposed Action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further analysis is required. The Proposed Action is identical to Alternative A in the 2008 EA and contains no direct, indirect, or cumulative effects that have not already been analyzed within that document. The Nome to Council dog sled race occurs on a well-traveled portion of the contemporary Iditarod Trail and traverses only a small portion of BLM managed lands between Nome and White Mountain. The Nome to Council race increases public recreational opportunities and supports local commerce in connection with the race.

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

3/4/2016

Alan Bittner
Anchorage Field Manager

Date

Attachments

1. Determination of NEPA Adequacy, DOI-BLM-AK-A010-2016-0011-DNA
2. Stipulations for Special Recreation Permit AA-94186, Nome Kennel Club