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BLM Alaska invites public input on Ocean Raft Alaska proposal

GLENNALLEN, Alaska – The Bureau of Land Management Glennallen Field Office today announced a 30-day scoping period, seeking public input on issues and concerns related to a proposal by Ocean Raft Alaska.

Ocean Raft Alaska is a commercial tourism business operating from Skagway, providing sightseeing trips by boat. Ocean Raft Alaska is seeking a Special Recreation Permit and land lease to establish a new land-based site within a cove along the western edge of Taiya Inlet, between Skagway and Haines. The new site would include a boat dock, stairs, suspension bridge and handrails. All improvements would be temporary in nature and removable if necessary.

The BLM strives to be a good neighbor in the communities we serve and welcomes public input for this proposal, as well as stakeholder and agency review, including National Environmental Policy Act analysis. The public scoping period begins Thursday, October 5 and ends Friday, November 3. To review this proposal and submit comments, please visit the BLM's National NEPA register. <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office>. Using an "Advanced Search," enter NEPA number: **DOI-BLM-AK-020-2017-0028-EA**. Comments may also be submitted to the BLM Glennallen Field Office, P.O. Box 147, Glennallen, AK 99588.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identification information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal indemnifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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