

DECISION RECORD
BLM Fairbanks District - Central Yukon Field Office
2930 – Special Recreation Permit
Case File #FF095719 – Eric Salitan – dba: Bushwhack Alaska Guiding and Outfitting
DOI-BLM-AK-03000-2012-0042-CX

Decision:

It is my decision to approve a 2930 Special Recreation Permits for use of BLM lands for commercial big game guiding activities within the Dalton Highway Recreation Management Area in Guide Use Area 24-03. The permit is subject to the attached general terms and stipulations. The total of eight (8) clients is inclusive of the four (4) clients previously permitted for Dall sheep hunts on BLM lands (see DOI-BLM-AK-03000-2012-0013-EA); your guided Dall sheep hunters are able to pursue big game on BLM lands in GUA 24-03 outside of the approved sheep hunt area. It is understood that periods of operation for big game hunting are determined by the State of Alaska and set annually and will be adhered to by the applicant. The dates authorized for use are August 1, 2012 – December 31, 2014.

Rationale:

1. Authorizing the permit is specifically provided for in the Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan.
2. There will not be a significant restriction to subsistence use (See attached ANILCA 810 documentation).
3. There will be no adverse impacts to cultural resources (See attached Assessment of Archaeological and Historic Resources Sec. 106 documentation).
4. There will be no impact on Essential Fish Habitat (see attached EFH determination).
5. The Analysis documents no impact on Wilderness Characteristics (see attached report).

Protest and Appeal Procedures

Process for Protest

This decision may be protested. Protests shall be filed with the authorized officer at the Fairbanks, Alaska Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office. Protests must be received by the authorized officer within 15 calendar days of the receipt of the proposed decision by the affected party. Protests received more than 15 calendar days after notification of the decision will not be considered.

Protests must be in writing. E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted. The protest letter must be postmarked by the close of the protest period.

The protest must include:

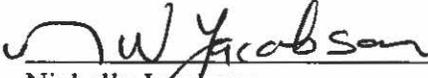
1. The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
2. A statement of the issue being protested.
3. A concise statement explaining why the Authorized Officer's proposed decision is believed to be incorrect. This is a critical part of your protest. Document all relevant facts.
4. The serial number or other identification of the case.

Upon filing of a protest, the authorized officer shall reconsider the decision in light of the evidence submitted by the protestor, and in view of other information pertinent to the case. At the conclusion of the review of the protest, the authorized officer shall prepare a recommended decision on the protest, and it shall be reviewed by the next higher level authority. If the authorized officer is the Field Manager, the higher level authority is the District Manager. If the authorized officer is subordinate to the Field Manager, the higher level authority is the Field Manager. The decision of the higher level authority shall be the final decision of the BLM. Final decisions on protests will be made within 15 calendar days of receipt of protests.

Process for Appeals

An appeal is an opportunity for a qualified party to obtain a review of a BLM decision by an independent board of Administrative judges within the Department of Interior's Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). The IBLA determines whether the BLM followed applicable laws and regulations, adhered to established policies and procedures, and considered relevant information in reaching a decision.

Individuals, who believe they are adversely affected by a BLM decision to deny, modify or cancel a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) may appeal the decision. Appeals are made to the IBLA under Title 43 C.F.R. Part 4. Pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 4.411, a person who wishes to appeal to the IBLA must file in the office of the officer who made the decision a notice that he wishes to appeal. We have enclosed Form 1842-1, Information on Taking Appeals to the Interior Board of Lands Appeals, for your convenience.



Nichelle Jacobson
Manager, Central Yukon Field Office

8/8/12
Date

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this EA review and decision, contact Kelly Egger, Natural Resource Specialist, Central Yukon Field Office, at 907-474-2242 or email kegger@blm.gov.