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Arctic Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

Applicant: Alaska Discovery Inc.
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Proposed Action: Special Recreation Permit for wildlife viewing in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A).

Description of Proposed Action: The applicant Alaska Discovery Inc., has requested authorization for a special recreation permit for wildlife viewing in the NPR-A.

The proposed action would authorize the Alaska Discovery Inc. to conduct 2 river rafting trips in the NPR-A. The first proposed trip would be a float trip on the Colville River starting at the confluence of the Etivluk River to Killik Bend. Alaska Discovery Inc. and their clients would fly from Fairbanks to Umiat, spend the night and fly from there the next day to the starting point on the Colville. This portion of the trip would take place from June 15 through June 21st. On the 21st the group would be picked up at Killik Bend by a small aircraft and flown to Teshekpuk Lake for the second trip.

The group would land and be picked up at Marty's Landing Strip. The second proposed trip involves exploring, hiking and birding along with canoeing and kayaking at Teshekpuk Lake. The dates for this portion of the trip would be June 21st through June 24th.

Alaska Discovery Inc. proposes to have 8 people on the trips from June 14th through June 25th. It will take 2 flights for each segment to transport both people and gear. The aircraft would be on wheels.

Location (All Umiat Meridian)

Colville River Segment:

Township	Range	Section	Comments (See Note)
6 South	17 West	1 to 6	Excluding Private Land
6 South	16 West	4, 5	Excluding Selected & Private Lands
5 South	16 West	12,13,24-29,31-33,35-36	Excluding Selected & Private Lands
5 South	15 West	3-7, 19-21, 28-30	Excluding Selected Lands
4 South	15 West	35, 36	Excluding Selected Lands
4 South	14 West	26-29, 35, 36	Excluding Selected Lands
4 South	13 West	23, 25-31	Excluding Selected Lands
4 South	12 West	13, 19-24, 30	Excluding Selected Lands
4 South	11 West	16, 19, 23, 24	Excluding Selected Lands
4 South	10 West	21,22,26,27,35,36	Excluding Selected Lands
5 South	10 West	1,2,12	Excluding Selected Lands
5 South	9 West	1,7,12,13,16-18,21-28	Excluding Selected Lands

Note: Selected Land Exclusion only applies to lands not in easement which allows use. (ASRC and Sohio Alaska Petroleum Company vs. United States (1984))

Teshkepuk Lake Segment:

Township	Range	Section	Comments
14 North	5 West	27-36	Excluding Private Land
13 North	5 West	1 to 36	
12 North	5 West	1 to 36	

Part I: Plan Conformance Review

The proposed action is subject to the following planning documents: Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) dated July/2008, and Northwest National Petroleum Reserve-A IAP/EIS dated 1/22/2004 and the Colville River Special Area Management Plan dated July 2008. The proposed action is not inconsistent with the purposes of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976. The applicant will be provided with stipulations entitled "FF095559 Alaska Discovery, Inc. Stipulations 2009". The authorization will also be subject to the USFWS PROGRAMMATIC BIOLOGICAL OPINION for the Bureau of Land Management Summer Activities in 2009 in Undeveloped Areas of the National petroleum Reserve-Alaska.

Date 6/10/2009

/s/ Donna L. Wixon
Natural Resource Specialist, Arctic Field Office

Part II: NEPA Review

Categorical Exclusion Review.

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, BLM H-1790-1 national Environmental Policy Act Handbook Appendix 4- H. BLM Categorical Exclusions.

“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.”

The proposed action has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Date 6/10/2009

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