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PLAN CONFORMANCE / NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

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Arctic Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

Applicant: Terry Overly Jr.
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Proposed Action Title/Type: Guided Hunting Tours in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) (2930.00).

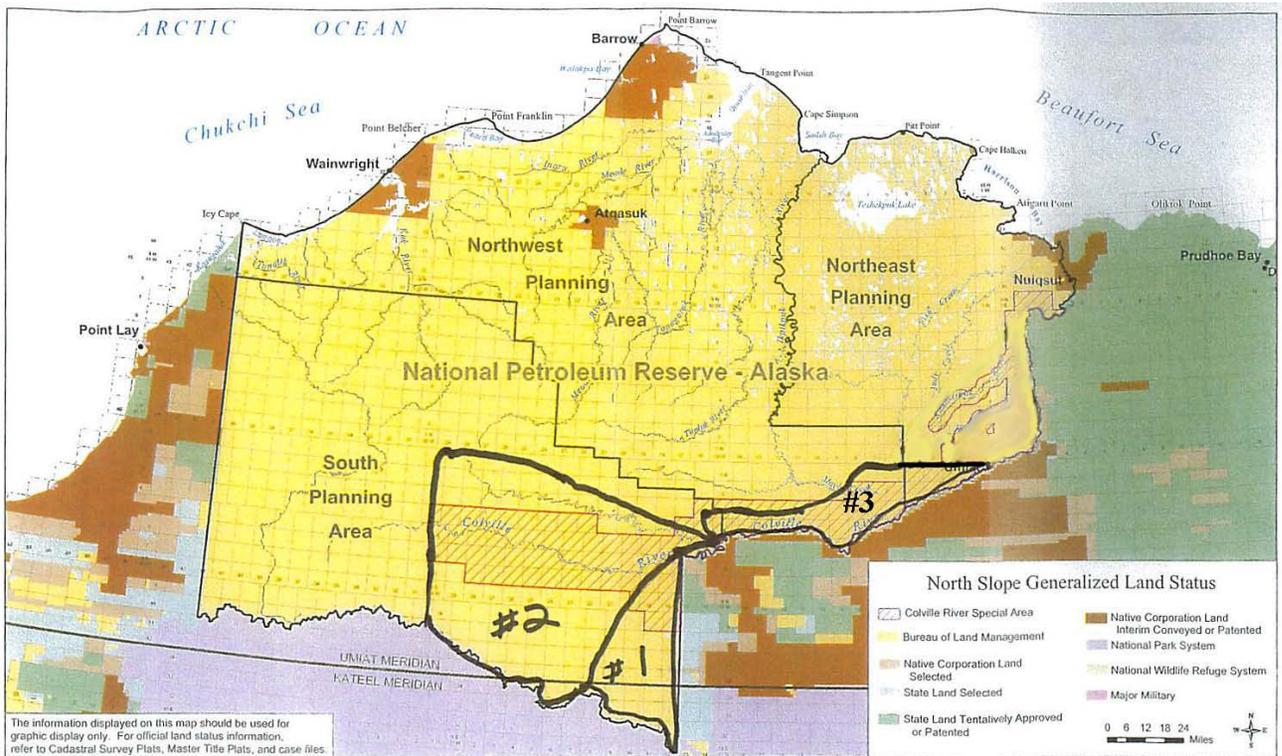
Description of Proposed Action: The applicants Gregory A. Jennen and Terry Overly Jr. DBA Alaska Arctic Adventures (AAA) have requested a renewal authorization for field activity access and landing by a fixed wing aircraft on lands within the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A) to conduct a guided hunting trips for bear and caribou. The area of proposed use is within the Northeast, Northwest and South NPR-A (Figure 1). AAA proposes to conduct trips in the drainages of the Etviluk, Nigu, Ipnarik & Colville Rivers. Their current permit expires June 11th, 2011. They have requested a one year renewal.

The proponent has a lease with the State of Alaska at Umiat where they propose to base their headquarters for hunting trips. Clients would fly to and from Umiat to Fairbanks on charter flights. They would then use two small aircraft, capable of transporting one client each, to transport clients to a spike camp. The maximum number of flights anticipated is 80. This includes flights to transport harvested game. The maximum number of hunters and guides on a particular trip would be 12. They anticipate having a total of 40 clients in the timeframe of the requested permit. Their activity would take place between June 12th and September 30, 2011.

The applicant has a license to conduct guided hunts in State Guide Units 26-11 & 26-12 with-in the NPR-A. Alaska Arctic Adventures anticipates the majority of the hunts would take place near Howard Pass and north of Etivluk Lake and the Nigu River. They would avoid entering lands in the upper Nigu controlled by the Park Service. The spring hunts would be conducted for grizzly bear and the fall hunts would be conducted for grizzly bear, caribou and moose.

They anticipate visiting each spike camp two times. Mr. Jennen and Mr. Overly, who are experienced guides, would also have two other guides working the hunts. Each guide would be assigned two clients. All the guides have taken 1st Aid and CPR classes. Each guide would have a satellite phone with them at all times.

Cooking propane would be the only fuel proposed to be stored on BLM managed lands. Aviation fuel would be stored or purchased at the Umiat airfield (State of Alaska permit or UIC camp). All trash would be removed from the field at the end of each hunt. Human waste would be disposed of using “leave no trace” principals. No excavating or other disturbance of vegetation/soil would occur. The applicants propose to transfer any meat not taken by clients to needy residents in the local areas of Bettles, Fairbanks or Tok using a transfer of possession form. Bear hides would be fleshed and salted, and a temporary sealing form would be completed before removal of the hide from the field.



Map 1 Generalized Land Status
Colville River Special Area
Management Plan July 2008

Figure 1: Applicant submitted map.

Legal Description:**Area 1**

Meridian	Township	Range	Section
Kateel River	31 North	12 East	1-4,9-16,23, 24(Excluding Noatak Preserve)
Kateel River	32 North	10 East	1-7, 10-15 (excluding Noatak Preserve)
Kateel River	32 North	11 East	1-16, 24 (excluding Noatak Preserve)
Kateel River	32 North	12 East	1-28,32-36 (ExcludingNoatak Preserve)
Kateel River	33 North	8 East	1, 11-14, 23-25 (ExcludingNoatak Preserve)
Kateel River	33 North	9 East	1-36 (ExcludingNoatak Preserve)
Kateel River	33 North	10 East	1-36
Kateel River	33 North	11 East	1-36
Kateel River	33 North	12 East	4-9, 16-21, 28-33
Kateel River	34 North	8 East	7-30, 32, 36 (ExcludingNoatak Preserve)
Kateel River	34 North	9 East	7 - 36
Kateel River	34 North	10 East	7 - 36
Kateel River	34 North	11 East	7 - 36
Kateel River	34 North	12 East	4-9, 16-21, 28-33
Umiat	6 South	18 West	22-27, 34-36
Umiat	7 South	18 West	1-36
Umiat	8 South	18 West	5-8, 17-20, 29- 32
Umiat	8 South	18 West	1-36
Umiat	8 South	19 West	1-36
Umiat	9 South	18 West	1-36 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	9 South	19 West	1-36
Umiat	9 South	20 West	1-36
Umiat	10 South	18 West	1-36 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	10 South	19 West	1-36
Umiat	10 South	20 West	1-36
Umiat	10 South	21 West	1-36
Umiat	10 South	22 West	1-36
Umiat	11 South	18 West	1-36 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	11 South	19 West	1-36
Umiat	11 South	20 West	1-36
Umiat	11 South	21 West	1-36
Umiat	11 South	22 West	1-36
Umiat	12 South	18 West	1-36 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	12 South	19 West	1-36
Umiat	12 South	20 West	1-36
Umiat	12 South	21 West	1-36
Umiat	12 South	22 West	1-36

Area 2

Meridian	Township	Range	Section
Kateel River	33 North	5 East	1-2, 11-12 (Excluding Noatak Preserve)
Kateel River	33 North	6 East	1-22 (Excluding Noatak Preserve)
Kateel River	33 North	7 East	4-8, 18 (Excluding Noatak Preserve)
Kateel River	34 North	4 East	10-15 (Excluding Noatak Preserve)
Kateel River	34 North	5 East	7-26, 28, 29, 35, 36 (Excluding Noatak Preserve)
Kateel River	34 North	6 East	7-36
Kateel River	34 North	7 East	7-34 (Excluding Noatak Preserve)
Umiat	1 South	22 – 28 West	1-36
Umiat	2 South	19 – 29 West	1-36
Umiat	3 South	17 – 24 West	1-36
Umiat	3 South	25 West	1-36
Umiat	3 South	26 – 29 West	1-36
Umiat	4 South	16 – 29 West	1-36
Umiat	5 South	16 West	3-9, 17, 18
Umiat	5 South	17 West	3-10, 16-20
Umiat	5 South	18 – 29 West	1-36
Umiat	5 South	30 West	1-3, 10-15, 22-27, 34-36
Umiat	6 South	18 – 29 West	1 - 36
Umiat	6 South	30 West	1-3, 10-15, 22-27, 34-36
Umiat	7 South	18 – 29 West	1 - 36
Umiat	7 South	30 West	1-3, 10-15, 22-27, 34-36
Umiat	8 South	19 – 29 West	1 - 36
Umiat	8 South	30 West	1-3, 10-15, 22-27, 34-36
Umiat	9 South	20 – 30 West	1 - 36
Umiat	10 South	21 – 28 West	1 - 36
Umiat	10 South	29 West	1 – 36 (Excluding Private Land)
Umiat	10 South	30 West	1-5, 8-17, 21-28, 34-36 (Excluding Noatak Preserve)
Umiat	11 South	22 – 27 West	1 - 36
Umiat	11 South	28 West	1-29, 34-36 (Excluding Noatak Preserve)
Umiat	11 South	29 West	1-5, 8-15, 22-24 (Excluding Noatak Preserve)
Umiat	12 South	23 – 26 West	1 - 36
Umiat	12 South	27 West	1-4, 9-14 (Excluding Noatak Preserve)

Area 3

Meridian	Township	Range	Section
Umiat	2 North	2 East	25-26, 34 – 36 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	1 North	1 East	31 – 34 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	1 North	2 East	1 – 11, 14-23 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	1 North	1 West	25 – 36
Umiat	1 North	2 West	31 - 36

Umiat	1 North	3 West	31 - 36
Umiat	1 North	4 West	31 - 36
Umiat	1 North	5 West	19 - 36
Umiat	1 North	6 West	1 - 36
Umiat	1 South	1 East	5,6 (Excluding Public Lands)
Umiat	1 South	1 West	1-10, 15-19 (Excluding Private Lands)(Umiat)
Umiat	1 South	2 West	1-24, 27-33(Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	1 South	3 West	1-36
Umiat	1 South	4 West	1 – 36
Umiat	1 South	5 West	1 - 36
Umiat	1 South	6 West	1 – 36
Umiat	2 South	3 West	1-12,15-18 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	2 South	4 West	1-24, 27-32 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	2 South	5 – 7 West	1 - 36
Umiat	3 South	5 West	2-10, 18 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	3 South	6 West	1-35(Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	3 South	7 West	1 - 36
Umiat	3 South	8 West	10-36
Umiat	3 South	9 West	25-36
Umiat	3 South	10 West	25-36
Umiat	3 South	11 West	31-36
Umiat	3 South	12 West	25-36
Umiat	3 South	13 West	25-36
Umiat	3 South	14 West	25-36
Umiat	3 South	15 West	25-28, 33-36
Umiat	4 South	6 West	2 – 6 (Excluding Private Land)
Umiat	4 South	7 West	1-12, 15-19 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	4 South	8 West	1-24,27-32 (Excluding Private Lands)
Umiat	4 South	9 West	1 – 36
Umiat	4 South	10 West	1-29,34-36 (Excluding Reg Sel)
Umiat	4 South	11 West	1-24 (Excluding Reg Sel)
Umiat	4 South	12 West	1-30 (Excluding Reg Sel)
Umiat	4 South	13 West	1-30 (Excluding Reg Sel)
Umiat	4 South	14 West	1 – 34 (Excluding Reg Sel)
Umiat	4 South	15 West	1 – 36 (Excluding Regional Selection)

Part I: Plan Conformance Review

The proposed action is subject to the following planning documents: Northwest National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NW NPR-A) Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Northwest NPR-A Final IAP/EIS 2004), Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Northeast NPR-A Final IAP/EIS 2008), Oil and Gas Leasing in the National Petroleum Reserve In Alaska Final EIS (1983). 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 “FF095664 Alaska Arctic Adventures SRP 2011

Stipulations”, “ US Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Commercial Land-Based Special Recreation Permit Stipulations, and “Required Conduct near Possible Nests of Raptors (Eagles, Hawks and Falcons) in the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska.”

Date: June 7, 2011

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

Part II: NEPA Review and Decision

Categorical Exclusion Review

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9; this proposed action qualifies as a BLM Categorical Exclusion E.9. Realty (BLM H-1790-1),

“Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations”.

The proposed action has been reviewed to determine if any extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.210 and 46.215, apply.

The proposed action will not meet any of the extraordinary circumstances listed below.

Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes	No
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
2.2 Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E)].		X
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but		X

cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.		X
2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		X
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		X
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		X

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