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PLAN CONFORMANCE / NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

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Arctic Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

Applicant: Art Mortvedt
DBA: Peace of Selby Wilderness
Selby Lake
Manley Hot Springs, Alaska 99756

Proposed Action: Special Recreation Permit to conduct guided hunts in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A).

Description of Proposed Action: The applicant, Art Mortvedt, of Peace of Selby Wilderness, has requested to renew his authorization for a special recreation permit (SRP) to conduct guide hunting operations on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands within NPR-A.

The proposed action would renew and authorize Peace of Selby to conduct guiding operations on BLM lands within the NPR-A.

The dates of the proposed authorization are June 1, 2010 to June 1, 2015. Clients would use commercial airlines to fly to Fairbanks, Alaska where Mr. Mortvedt would pick them up with his personal plane and transport them to the Peace of Selby Wilderness Camp, at Selby Lake. Mr. Mortvedt's staging site is not located on BLM managed lands. From Selby Lake, Mr. Mortvedt would fly clients by float plane to spike camps in the NPR-A. From there, transportation would be by foot or boat (canoe or inflatable boat). No more than seven clients would be using the area at any time. The big game hunting in the fall would be for fall moose, bear and caribou. Mr. Mortvedt proposes to continue to use the drainages of the Nigu, Etivlik and Colville Rivers in Game Management Unit 26. Use of the spike camps would be from three to ten days in duration. Currently the anticipated trips would take place in September and consist of four clients per trip.

All camps would be completely removed at the end of each season. All trash would be burned or flown out. Cat holes would be used for human waste and will be located 200 feet away from water sources.

Location: Guide Management Unit 26-12

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) 2008.

Northwest National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (IAP/EIS)2004.

Colville River Special Area Management Plan (CRSAMP) approved July 2008

Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan (RMP) approved 1/11/1991

Utility Corridor Final Environmental Impact Statement approved 9/27/1989

Final Environmental Impact Statement on Oil and Gas Leasing in The National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska and Record of Decision approved 5/1983

The National Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976

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 “FF090596 Peace of Selby Special Recreation Stipulations 2010” and “United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Commercial Land Based Special Recreation Permit Stipulations.”

Date June 7, 2010

/s/Donna L. Wixon

Natural Resource Specialist, Arctic Field Office

Part II: NEPA Review

Categorical Exclusion Review.

This proposed action meets the criteria for 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 extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.210 and 46.215, apply.

Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes	No
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		X
2.2 Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic		X

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.		
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 cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
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

Date June 7, 2010

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