

DECISION RECORD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

DOI-BLM-AK-02000-2010-0005-EA and

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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(Ultra-Marathon Race in the White Mountains National Recreation Area)

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I have reviewed Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-AK-02000-2010-0005-EA, and have concluded that the impacts of allowing this competitive race event to be held in the White Mountains National Recreation Area have been adequately addressed. There were no impacts that approached the threshold of significance, therefore I have determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate and an environmental impact statement is not required.

/s/ Larry Jackson acting for
Lenore Heppler
Field Manager
Eastern Interior Field Office

1/25/2010
Date

DECISION RECORD

Decision:

It is my decision to approve the White Mountains 100 competitive race event as described in the Week Day Alternative of Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-AK-02000-2010-0005-EA. The mitigation measures developed in the EA were used to formulate the attached stipulations that the approved activities will be subject to.

Rationale:

- 1) BLM has chosen the Week Day Alternative to minimize issues identified during public scoping. Moving the race back one day will greatly reduce impacts on cabin availability and on the chances of trailhead or trail conflict.
- 2) The White Mountains National Recreation Area is managed for multiple use recreational activities. Actions proposed, such as skiing, biking, running, and cabin usage, are considered standard and common practices during this time of season.
- 3) The proposed action is consistent with the approved White Mountains National Recreation Area Resource Management Plan.
- 4) There will be no restriction to subsistence uses (See attached ANILCA 810 documentation).

5) With the attached stipulations there will be no adverse affects to historic values (See attached National Historic Preservation Act Sec. 106 documentation).

6) There will be no affect on Essential Fish Habitat (See attached EFH determination)

/s/ Larry Jackson acting for
Lenore Heppler
Field Manager
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Appeal Provisions

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals ,in accordance with 43 CFR Part 4 and DOI Form 1842-1. The notice of appeal must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management Eastern Interior Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709 within 30 days from receipt of this decision.

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this decision, contact Collin Cogley, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at Eastern Interior Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709 or by telephone at 907-474-2382.