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USDA Forest Service
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USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region
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Re: Notice of Appeal – Revised Land and Resource Management Plan for the Chugach
National Forest

Dear Sir/Madam:

Introduction

This is a Notice of Appeal filed pursuant to 36 CFR Part 217. The appellants are Alpine Air, Inc., P.O. Box 1047, Girdwood, Alaska 99587, 907-783-2360 (Alpine) and Alyeska Dogteam Adventures (ADA), P.O. Box 1047, Girdwood, Alaska, 99587, 907-783-2360 (collectively referred to as the appellants).

The decision that is the subject of this appeal is contained in the document entitled Revised Land and Resource Management Plan for the Chugach National Forest (Revised Forest Plan). The Revised Forest Plan is based on the Preferred Alternative in the Chugach Land and Resource Management Plan Revision Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Regional Forester Dennis E. Bschor issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the Revised Forest Plan on or about May 31, 2002. Official notice of the approval of the Revised Forest Plan was published on July 26, 2002. This appeal is timely filed under 36 CFR 217.8.

The specific portion of the Revised Forest Plan to which appellants object is the designation of the area covering the Punch Bowl Glacier near Girdwood as Closed to Motorized Use Except for Subsistence on the Summer Motorized Recreation Map dated May 2002 and incorporated by reference in the Revised Forest Plan. The appellants believe that the Punch Bowl Glacier is located within unit K304. However, since the Summer Motorized Recreation Map does not have topographic detail, this appeal applies to unit K304 and that portion, if any, of units K291, K293 or other units within which the Punch Bowl Glacier is located.

The relief that the appellants seek is a change in the classification of unit K304 and any other units within which the Punch Bowl Glacier is located, from Closed to Motorized Use Except for Subsistence, to Open to Helicopters, Closed to ORVs, for purposes of Summer Motorized Recreation. The reason for the requested change is to allow Alpine to continue to use a helicopter to support ADA's guided dog sled tours on the Punch Bowl Glacier.

Discussion

The Punch Bowl Glacier is located in the mountains between Girdwood and the Twentymile River valley. It appears that the Punch Bowl Glacier is located within unit K304, but a portion of it may also be within units K291 and K293. Under the Revised Forest Plan, the management prescription for all of these units is 210-Backcountry.

On the Winter Recreation Access Map, unit K304 and the other units that are the subject of this appeal are designated as Open to All Motorized Use, with the exception of unit K291, which is Open to Helicopters, Closed to Snowmachines. Winter activities that are permitted in these units include heli-skiing.

On the Summer Recreation Access Map, unit K304 and the other units that are the subject of this appeal are designated as Closed to Motorized Use Except for Subsistence. This means that helicopter landings are not allowed on the Punch Bowl Glacier in the summer. In contrast, the unit adjacent to K304 to the northeast, unit K298, and surrounding units K299, K300, K301 and K302, are all Open to Helicopters, Closed to ORVs in the summer. These units open to helicopters in the summer include the upper Glacier Creek, Winner Creek and Twentymile River drainages. See Revised Forest Plan, Appendix A at A-3.

In the summer of 2002, the Forest Service issued ADA a one-year Special Use Permit to conduct guided dog sled mushing tours and to operate a supporting base camp. The location of the operation was to be either the Punch Bowl Glacier or Spencer Glacier on the Glacier Ranger District, Chugach National Forest. The Punch Bowl Glacier was the preferred location, with the Spencer Glacier to be used as a back up if Punch Bowl proved to be unsuitable. Alpine was to provide access to the site primarily by fixed wing aircraft. A helicopter was also to be used to help support set up and take down of the base camp facilities, and when weather conditions were not conducive to the use of fixed wing aircraft. The Special Use Permit included mitigation measures to minimize the impact of aircraft and helicopter noise on mountain goats in the mountains near the Punch Bowl, and on neighborhoods in Girdwood. Copies of the Decision Memo approving ADA's operations and the Special Use Permit are attached as Exhibits 1 and 2.

ADA successfully conducted dog sled tours on the Punch Bowl Glacier throughout the 2002 season, under the terms of the Special Use Permit. Over 300 visitors enjoyed the unique experience of dog mushing on a glacier. Photographs of the operation are attached as Exhibit 3.

For many, the experience was the high point of their trip to Alaska. For example, in a letter dated September 23, 2002, the Anderson family wrote:

“Our family can’t begin to tell you what a great time we had up on the glacier at the dog camp. It was one of those ‘out of this world’ experiences that we have told so many people about, but find it hard to describe what we saw and did because it was so awesome. The pictures came out great and we consider it the highlight of our Canada/Alaska trip”

On June 23, 2002, Griff and Laurie Siegel of Plantation, Florida wrote:

“Absolutely awesome experience! Dario was interesting and engaging, the dogs were wonderful, and the views are UNBELIEVEABLE! This was the highlight of our week in Alaska!”

On July 4, 2002, Kelli and Christopher of Moreneo Valley, California wrote:

“This was the best part of our whole trip!”

On July 9, 2002, Dr. Dawn and Toby Ewing of Houston, Texas wrote:

“The most spiritual, amazing, life-changing event. Worth twice the price!”

On July 30, 2002, Bob Honchover, an Alaska resident, wrote:

“I’m a born in Alaska resident & this was the best day & trip that I can remember – the Best!”

On August 2, 2002, Alan and Tamar Goggins of New York City wrote:

“This was the best part of our first trip to Alaska. We are contacting Holland America to let them know how outstanding this excursion was in comparison to others they have suggested!”

Also on August 2, 2002, Nina and Brooks Loftis of Waxahachie, Texas wrote:

“WOW! We just thought we had seen Alaska until today! The flight to the glacier with Keith was beautiful and words can’t describe the scenery. Keith made us very comfortable on our first helicopter flight (we were nervous until he took control!) Dario & the dogs were fabulous! We had so-o-o much fun – the experience of a lifetime!”

See letters and excerpts of ADA’s guest book, attached as Exhibit 4.

ADA intends to apply for a permit to conduct dog sled tours on the Punch Bowl Glacier during the 2003 season, and in future years.

For much of the 2002 season, weather conditions such as low ceilings, poor visibility, flat light, and unfavorable winds were not conducive to the use of a fixed wing aircraft on the Punch Bowl Glacier. As a result, Alpine frequently used the helicopter to support ADA's operations. Assuming that ADA is authorized to continue its operations on the Punch Bowl Glacier during the 2003 season and in future years, the helicopter would play an important role in providing safe and reliable access to the site. However, the use of a helicopter will not be authorized if the Punch Bowl Glacier remains Closed to Motorized Use Except for Subsistence in the summer.

In order to allow Alpine to continue to use a helicopter to support ADA's dog sled operations, the appellants request that the summer classification of unit K304 and other units, if any, in which the Punch Bowl Glacier is located be changed from Closed to Motorized Use Except for Subsistence, to Open to Helicopters, Closed to ORVs. The requested change would be consistent with the policies set out in the Revised Forest Plan, and would not adversely affect other Forest users.

The goals and objectives applied to the Kenai Peninsula under the Revised Forest Plan focus on active management.¹ The Plan anticipates an increase in recreation and tourism opportunities on the Kenai Peninsula area, particularly along the road system, where Girdwood is located. ROD at 24. In general, under the Revised Forest Plan, the entire Chugach National Forest is open for winter-motorized recreation except where specifically closed. In the summer, motorized use is generally restricted to designated open road, trails and areas and for subsistence purposes. ROD, Appendix B. In the Kenai Peninsula area, however, seasonal "time-sharing" is utilized, to provide for recreation and tourism opportunities while mitigating conflicts between motorized and nonmotorized recreation users. ROD at 5-6, and Appendix B. The major conflict or situation addressed in the alternatives for the Kenai Peninsula is the allocation of motorized and nonmotorized activities in the winter. The main issue is noise, and the perceived impact of snowmachines or helicopters on nonmotorized users who recreate in backcountry areas where natural quiet is a primary component of the recreation experience. There are fewer conflicts in the summer season. FEIS at 3-358 and 359, 3-376 and 377. Specific areas have been established for helicopter use in the winter and summer to minimize conflicts with other users. ROD at 5-6, and Appendix B.

Girdwood is the location of the Alyeska Ski Resort and the Alyeska Prince Hotel, and is a tourist destination in both the winter and summer. The Revised Forest Plan specifically provides for helicopter-assisted recreation in the Girdwood area. Revised Forest Plan at Plan at 3-15 and Appendix A. Under the Revised Forest Plan, a number of areas near Girdwood are open to heli-skiing in the winter, and to other helicopter activities in the summer. The areas open to summer helicopter use include the Hope and

¹ The management goals and objectives are different in the more remote areas of the Chugach National Forest. In Prince William Sound, the focus is on wilderness and dispersed recreational values, while on the Copper River Delta, the focus is on the conservation of fish and wildlife habitat. ROD at 5.

Sunrise areas, the upper Glacier Creek, Portage Creek, the Resurrection River drainages, the Placer River drainage, the upper Twentymile River drainage, the Whittier Glacier and west Turnagain Pass. Revised Forest Plan, Appendix A at A-3.

The change requested in this appeal, opening the Punch Bowl Glacier to helicopter use in the summer, would be consistent with the goal of actively managing recreation and tourism in the Kenai Peninsula area. Adding the Punch Bowl Glacier to the areas already open to helicopter landings in the summer would be a relatively minor change in the overall context of the Revised Forest Plan. All that would be involved is extending the boundary of the units Open to Helicopters, Closed to ORVs in the Glacier Creek, Winner Creek and Twentymile River drainages (units K298, K299, K300, K301, K302, K282, K283) to the southwest, to include unit K304 and any portions of other units within which the Punch Bowl Glacier is located.

Allowing helicopter landings on the Punch Bowl Glacier in the summer will not create conflicts with other users. Currently there is little or no nonmotorized use of the Punch Bowl Glacier in the summer. During the 2002 season, the appellants did not see anyone hiking to the Punch Bowl Glacier. Unit K304 and the surrounding units are all open to heli-skiing in the winter, which as the Plan recognizes, is the season when the most user conflicts occur. There is no reason to close unit K304 to helicopter use in the summer, when there are fewer conflicts.

Opening unit K304 to helicopter use in the summer should not create any issue concerning noise from overflights. The helicopter flight path to the Punch Bowl Glacier, which follows Winner Creek, is exactly the same flight path that will be followed to the other areas already open to helicopter landings, such as the upper Twentymile River. Fixed wing aircraft also frequently use the same flight path.² Mitigation measures to reduce impacts on mountain goats and residential neighborhoods in Girdwood were developed for purposes of ADA's 2002 Special Use Permit, and could be refined in future permits. The impact of changing of allowing helicopter landings on the Punch Bowl Glacier in the summer will be negligible.

On the other hand, prohibiting the summer use of helicopters on the Punch Bowl Glacier would have a substantial, negative impact on ADA's operations. The Punch Bowl has proven to be an excellent location for summer dog mushing. It is close to Girdwood, the Alyeska Prince Hotel, and Anchorage. It is free of crevasses, and the weather and winds are more favorable than other glaciers in the area. The Punch Bowl is at a relatively low elevation, and is not obscured by clouds on days when other glaciers in the area may be obscured. Because the Punch Bowl is close to Girdwood, it is much more cost effective for ADA to operate there than it would be at other locations, such as the Spencer Glacier. As evidenced by the comments attached as Exhibit 4, ADA's operations provide a unique recreational opportunity. The helicopter provides a margin of safety and reliability when the weather is not conducive to the use of fixed wing

² The direction for motorized recreation in the Revised Forest Plan does not apply to fixed wing aircraft. ROD, Appendix B at B-1.

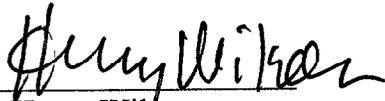
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aircraft, which is not uncommon in the Girdwood area. Allowing helicopters to land on the Punch Bowl Glacier in the summer would promote recreation and tourism in Girdwood, without creating conflicts with other users. The Punch Bowl Glacier is open to helicopter use in winter, and the adjacent units to the northeast are open to helicopter use in both the winter and summer. Under the circumstances, it is arbitrary, capricious and an abuse of discretion to close the Punch Bowl Glacier to helicopter use in the summer.

Conclusion

The Revised Forest Plan should be amended to change the classification of unit K304, and the portions of any other units within which the Punch Bowl Glacier is located, from Closed to Motorized Use Except for Subsistence, to Open to Helicopters, Closed to ORVs, for purposes of the Summer Motorized Recreation Map and Revised Forest Management Plan.

Dated October 22, 2002.



T. Henry Wilson
Attorney for Alpine Air, Inc. and Alyeska Dogteam Adventures

cc Glacier Ranger District

DECISION MEMO

Alyeska Dogteam Adventures

USDA Forest Service
Chugach National Forest
Glacier Ranger District
June 2002

I. DECISION

It is my decision to authorize the issuance of a one-year special use permit to Alyeska Dogteam Adventures to conduct commercially guided dog sled mushing tours and operating a supporting base camp on the Glacier Ranger District, Chugach National Forest.

II. PROPOSED ACTION

Alyeska Dogteam Adventures (ADA) of Girdwood, Alaska, has proposed to conduct commercially guided dog sled mushing tours and a supporting base camp either on Punch Bowl Glacier or Spencer Glacier on the Glacier Ranger District, Chugach National Forest. Initial setup will be on Punch Bowl Glacier; Spencer Glacier will be used only if Punch Bowl proves to be unsuitable. Access to Punch Bowl and Spencer Glaciers will be by fixed wing aircraft. A helicopter will be used as a safety back up for emergency purposes, to help support set up and take down of base camp facilities, and when weather conditions are not conducive to use of a fixed wing aircraft.

The size of the base camp will be no more than one acre with 30-50 sled dogs. All camp facilities will be white, to blend with the natural environment, except for colored safety flagging. Camp will consist of up to five 8' x 10' canvas wall tents with a platform for each and/or Weatherports. There will be a 2-3 mile loop trail. A solitary landing zone with wind indicator will be groomed daily by snow machines.

The tour season for 2002 will be June through mid-September, with an average of three flight operations per day, seven days a week. There will be an average of one dog mushing trip per day with two dog teams (6-12 dogs each). Client/Guide ratio will be 4:2. Total length of trip is estimated to be 1 to 1 ½ hours. Day tours and overnight tours will occur.

All food will be stored in sealed, plastic containers. Garbage will also be kept in garbage cans with tight fitting lids. Garbage, human and dog waste will be removed from the ice field frequently. Kennels will be cleaned and maintained at least four times per day, and trail will be cleaned at least once a day. All gray water, human and dog waste will be stored in sealed, leak-proof containers. Waste will be transported in tight sealing barrels and removed twice weekly. One outhouse with seat and bucket will be used. An insulated covered burn barrel will be used in order to minimize air traffic for camp maintenance, and all ashes will be removed from site. Propane will be used in all cooking and heating stoves. One gasoline-powered generator will be used to charge radio batteries and power small hand-held equipment and tools. Gasoline and oil will be stored in tight metal or plastic containers in accordance to all Federal, State, and Local laws, and oil/gas absorbent material will be made available to clean up any spills.

All buildings, supplies, gear etc. would be completely removed from the ice field at the end of the season.

III. ISSUES AND MITIGATION

A concern has been expressed regarding the potential for this activity to disturb mountain goats in the Punch Bowl and Spencer Glacier Areas. In order to reduce the impact, ADA shall be required to fly at an

elevation equal to or greater than 1,500' above ground level and land outside ½ mile of the mapped goat habitat locations. In addition, the base camp shall not be established within one mile of these same locations. Goat habitat has been defined based on survey flights conducted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game during surveys of this area over the past three years. Maps depicting the goat habitat zones will be attached to the special use permit.

Concerns were expressed regarding noise impacts of helicopter and fixed wing overflights on residential neighborhoods in Girdwood. Alpine Air, who provides the air support for the dog sled mushing operation, utilizes flight paths that are designed to avoid residential areas as much as possible. The fixed wing and helicopter flight path for Punch Bowl will, for the most part, keep to Winner Creek. For Spencer Glacier, the fixed wing flight path will travel along Glacier Creek, Turnagain Arm and Placer River drainage. The helicopter flight path for Spencer Glacier will involve hugging the west side of the Girdwood valley, as well as, traveling over Turnagain Arm and Placer River drainage. All flight paths avoid aircraft flying directly over the high-density residential area located on the east side of Girdwood valley, although some residents living on the west side may experience some noise impacts. In addition, Alpine Air follows noise abatement procedures in which they utilize partial power and reduced RPM take offs when appropriate, to reduce noise impacts in the airport area. Operating hours will be from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

IV. REASONS FOR CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDING THE PROPOSED ACTION

This activity falls within a category of actions established by the Chief of the Forest Service, which normally do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and, therefore, may be categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment. This category of actions is identified in Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Chapter 30, Section 31.1b, Category 8 as: "Approval, modification, or continuation of minor, short-term (one year or less) special uses of National Forest System lands." Based on my knowledge of the existing situation and of similar actions in the past, it has been determined the proposed action, individually or cumulatively, will not have significant effects on the quality of the human environment.

Rationale For The Decision

Decision Memos for Dogsled Tours on Norris and Taku Glaciers on the Juneau Ranger District of the Tongass National Forest, dated June 5, 1997 and June 1, 1998, and Decision Memo for Dogsled Tours on Godwin Glacier on the Seward Ranger District of Chugach National Forest, dated January 13, 1999, identifies and discusses issues related to dogsled tours on glaciers. These operations are very similar to the proposed activity. In fact one of the owners of ADA was camp manager for Godwin Glacier Dogsled Tours. These environmental analyses found no significant issues that would need evaluation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

In addition, I have reviewed the Decision Memo for Commercially Guided Helicopter Skiing on the Glacier and Seward Ranger Districts, dated September 26, 2001, and related environmental analysis documents. The results of a monitoring plan which addresses public issues and management concerns regarding the documentation of goat sightings, noise complaints, and user conflicts, have been effective in reducing adverse impacts, resulting in no significant effects.

Mitigation measures to the Special Use Permit to reduce the potential adverse impacts of the dog sled mushing proposal are listed in this document. I have reviewed the issues resulting from this scoping effort, and found no issues that lead me to think the proposed action will have significant effects on the environment.

This action is consistent with the Settlement Agreement, Resolution of Chugach Powder Guides' 1999 Activities, signed February 1999.

Extraordinary Circumstances

This action would allow helicopter and fixed wing landings to occur on snow and ice in inventoried roadless areas. These activities would not physically alter or significantly effect the environment or otherwise preclude the roadless areas from being considered for Wilderness designation.

V. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement for this 2002 proposed action included posting a public notice requesting comment in the Anchorage Daily News from April 16 through April 30, 2002. Twenty-six letters requesting comment were mailed April 19, 2002 to various members of the public and organizations who have commented or expressed interest in this type of activity in the past. In addition, Forest Service specialists were contacted for concerns and comments in January 2002.

VI. FINDINGS REQUIRED BY OTHER LAWS

Chugach Land and Resource Management Plan 1984, (Forest Plan), as amended.

This decision is consistent with the Chugach National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

ANILCA Section 810, Subsistence Evaluation and Finding.

The effects of this project have been evaluated to determine potential effects on subsistence opportunities and resources. There is no documented or reported subsistence use that would be restricted as a result of this decision. For this reason, no part of this activity would result in a significant possibility of a significant restriction of subsistence use of wildlife, fish, or other foods.

Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as Amended

The Coastal Zone Management Act requires the Forest Service, when conducting or authorizing activities or undertaking development directly affecting the coastal zone, to insure that the activities or development be consistent with the approved Alaska Coastal Management program to the maximum extent practicable. I have determined that the proposed activities are consistent with the Alaska Coastal Management Program to the maximum extent practicable.

Endangered Species Act of 1973

This activity will have no expected effect upon any Federally listed threatened, endangered or sensitive species of plants or animals.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

As activities occur on ice and snow, no significant adverse impacts to cultural resources are expected.

Floodplain Management (E.O. 11988), Protection of Wetlands (E.O. 11990)

This activity will not impact the functional value of any floodplain as defined by Executive Order 11988 and will not have negative impacts on wetlands as defined by Executive Order 11990.

Environmental Justice (E.O. 12898)

I have determined that, in accordance with Executive Order 12898, this project does not have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations.

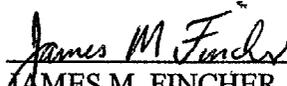
VII. APPEAL RIGHTS and IMPLEMENTATION

This action falls within a category of actions, which are not subject to appeal (36 CFR 215.8[4]). This project may be implemented immediately.

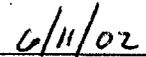
VIII. CONTACT PERSON

For further information, contact Teresa Paquet at Glacier Ranger District, Chugach National Forest, PO Box 129 Girdwood Alaska, 99587 or telephone 907-754-2314.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL



JAMES M. FINCHER
District Ranger



Date

Authorization ID: GLA215
Contact ID: ALYESKA_DOGTEAM
Expiration Date: 12/31/2002
Use Code: 153

FS-2700-4 (8/99)
OMB 0596-0082

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
SPECIAL USE PERMIT
AUTHORITY:**

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED September 3, 1964

ALYESKA DOGTEAM ADVENTURES of PO BOX 1047, GIRDWOOD, AK 99587 (hereinafter called the Holder) is hereby authorized to use or occupy National Forest System lands, to use subject to the conditions set out below, on the Chugach National Forest or Glacier Ranger District unit of the National Forest System.

This permit covers 1 acre, and/or N/A miles and is described as: areas shown on the location maps, Exhibits A and B, attached to and made a part of this permit, and is issued for the purpose of:

Conducting a commercially guided dog sled mushing tour operation and supporting basecamp at Punch Bowl Glacier and/or Spencer Glacier.

An assigned site on Punch Bowl Glacier and Spencer Glacier for the purpose of temporary camp facilities and dog houses is authorized for the 2002 operating season.

Authorized Use: 810 Temporary Use Client Days.

No Fly Zone Maps, Exhibits C and D, are attached to and made a part of this permit.

The above described or defined area shall be referred to herein as the "permit area".

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. AUTHORITY AND GENERAL TERMS OF THE PERMIT

A. Authority. This permit is issued pursuant to the authorities enumerated at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 251 Subpart B, as amended. This permit, and the activities or use authorized, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Secretary's regulations and any subsequent amendment to them.

B. Authorized Officer. The authorized officer is the Forest Supervisor or a delegated subordinate officer.

C. License. This permit is a license for the use of federally owned land and does not grant any permanent, possessory interest in real property, nor shall this permit constitute a contract for purposes of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (41 U.S.C. 611). Loss of the privileges granted by this permit by revocation, termination, or suspension is not compensable to the holder.

D. Amendment. This permit may be amended in whole or in part by the Forest Service when, at the discretion of the authorized officer, such action is deemed necessary or desirable to incorporate new terms, conditions, and stipulations as may be required by law, regulation, land management plans, or other management decisions.

E. Existing Rights. This permit is subject to all valid rights and claims of third parties. The United States is not liable to the holder for the exercise of any such right or claim.

F. Nonexclusive Use and Public Access. Unless expressly provided for in additional terms, use of the permit area is not exclusive. The Forest Service reserves the right to use or allow others to use any part of the permit area, including roads, for any purpose, provided, such use does not materially interfere with the holder's authorized use. A final determination of conflicting uses is reserved to the Forest Service.

G. Forest Service Right of Entry and Inspection. The Forest Service has the right of unrestricted access of the permitted area or facility to ensure compliance with laws, regulations, and ordinances and the terms and conditions of this permit.

H. Assignability. This permit is not assignable or transferable. If the holder through death, voluntary sale or transfer, enforcement of contract, foreclosure, or other valid legal proceeding ceases to be the owner of the improvements, this permit shall terminate.

I. Permit Limitations. Nothing in this permit allows or implies permission to build or maintain any structure or facility, or to conduct any activity unless specifically provided for in this permit. Any use not specifically identified in this permit must be approved by the authorized officer in the form of a new permit or permit amendment.

II. TENURE AND ISSUANCE OF A NEW PERMIT

A. Expiration at the End of the Authorized Period. This permit will expire at midnight on 12/31/2002. Expiration shall occur by operation of law and shall not require notice, any decision document, or any environmental analysis or other documentation.

B. Minimum Use or Occupancy of the Permit Area. Use or occupancy of the permit area shall be exercised at least 10 days each year, unless otherwise authorized in writing under additional terms of this permit.

C. Notification to Authorized Officer. If the holder desires issuance of a new permit after expiration, the holder shall notify the authorized officer in writing not less than six (6) months prior to the expiration date of this permit.

D. Conditions for Issuance of a New Permit. At the expiration or termination of an existing permit, a new permit may be issued to the holder of the previous permit or to a new holder subject to the following conditions:

1. The authorized use is compatible with the land use allocation in the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.
2. The permit area is being used for the purposes previously authorized.
3. The permit area is being operated and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the permit.
4. The holder has shown previous good faith compliance with the terms and conditions of all prior or other existing permits, and has not engaged in any activity or transaction contrary to Federal contracts, permits laws, or regulations.

E. Discretion of Forest Service. Notwithstanding any provisions of any prior or other permit, the authorized officer may prescribe new terms, conditions, and stipulations when a new permit is issued. The decision whether to issue a new permit to a holder or successor in interest is at the absolute discretion of the Forest Service.

F. Construction. Any construction authorized by this permit may commence by N/A and shall be completed by N/A. If construction is not completed within the prescribed time, this permit may be revoked or suspended.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOLDER

A. Compliance with Laws, Regulations, and other Legal Requirements. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and standards, including but not limited to, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq., the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Control, and Liability Act, 42 U.S. C. 9601 et seq., and other relevant environmental laws, as well as public health and safety laws and other laws relating to the siting, construction, operation, and maintenance of any facility, improvement, or equipment on the property.

B. Plans. Plans for development, layout, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of improvements on the permit area, as well as revisions of such plans, must be prepared by a qualified individual acceptable to the authorized officer and shall be approved in writing prior to commencement of work. The holder may be required to furnish as-built plans, maps, or surveys, or other similar information, upon completion of construction.

C. Maintenance. The holder shall maintain the improvements and permit area to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer and consistent with other provisions of this

authorization. If requested, the holder shall comply with inspection requirements deemed appropriate by the authorized officer.

D. Hazard Analysis. The holder has a continuing responsibility to identify all hazardous conditions on the permit area which would affect the improvements, resources, or pose a risk of injury to individuals. Any non-emergency actions to abate such hazards shall be performed after consultation with the authorized officer. In emergency situations, the holder shall notify the authorized officer of its actions as soon as possible, but not more than 48 hours, after such actions have been taken.

E. Change of Address. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of a change in address.

F. Change in Ownership. This permit is not assignable and terminates upon change of ownership of the improvements or control of the business entity. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer when a change in ownership or control of business entity is pending. Notification by the present holder and potential owner shall be executed using Form SF-299 Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities of Federal Lands, or Form FS-2700-3a, Holder Initiated Revocation of Existing Authorization, Request for a Special Use Permit. Upon receipt of the proper documentation, the authorized officer may issue a permit to the party who acquires ownership of, or a controlling interest in, the improvements or business entity.

IV. LIABILITY

For purposes of this section, "holder" includes the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, and contractors.

A. The holder assumes all risk of loss to the authorized improvements.

B. The holder shall indemnify, defend, and hold the United States harmless for any violations incurred under any such laws and regulations or for judgments, claims, or demands assessed against the United States in connection with the holder's use or occupancy of the property. The holder's indemnification of the United States shall include any loss by personal injury, loss of life or damage to property in connection with the occupancy or use of the property during the term of this permit. Indemnification shall include, but is not limited to, the value of resources damaged or destroyed; the costs of restoration, cleanup, or other mitigation; fire suppression or other types of abatement costs; third party claims and judgments; and all administrative, interest, and other legal costs. This paragraph shall survive the termination or revocation of this authorization, regardless of cause.

C. The holder has an affirmative duty to protect from damage the land, property, and interests of the United States.

The holder shall maintain \$300,000 CSL worth of insurance coverage, naming the United States additionally insured on the policy(ies), to partially fund the indemnification obligations of the holder for any and all losses due to personal injury, loss of life, or property damage, including fire suppression and hazardous waste costs. The holder shall furnish proof of insurance (such as a surety bond, or certificate of insurance) to the authorized officer prior to execution of this permit and verify annually, and in writing, the insurance obligation to the authorized officer. The authorized officer may allow the holder to replace, repair, restore, or otherwise undertake necessary curative actions, to the satisfaction of the authorized officer, in order to mitigate damages in addition to or as an alternative to monetary indemnification.

D. In the event of any breach of the conditions of this authorization by the holder, the authorized officer may, on reasonable notice, cure the breach for the account at the expense of the holder. If the Forest Service at any time pays any sum of money or does any act which will require payment of money, or incurs any expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, in instituting, prosecuting, and/or defending any action or proceeding to enforce the United States rights hereunder, the sum or sums so paid by the United States, with all interests, costs and damages shall, at the election of the Forest Service, be deemed to be additional fees hereunder and shall be due from the holder to the Forest Service on the first day of the month following such election.

E. With respect to roads, the holder shall be proportionally liable for damages to all roads and trails of the United States open to public use caused by the holder's use to the same extent as provided above, except that liability shall not include reasonable and ordinary wear and tear.

F. The Forest Service has no duty to inspect the permit area or to warn of hazards and, if the Forest Service does inspect the permit area, it shall incur no additional duty nor liability for identified or non-identified hazards. This covenant may be enforced by the United States in a court of competent jurisdiction.

V. TERMINATION, REVOCATION, AND SUSPENSION

A. General. For purposes of this permit, "termination", "revocation", and "suspension" refer to the cessation of uses and privileges under the permit.

"Termination" refers to the cessation of the permit under its own terms without the necessity for any decision or action by the authorized officer. Termination occurs automatically when, by the terms of the permit, a fixed or agreed upon condition, event, or time occurs. For example, the permit terminates at expiration. Terminations are not appealable.

"Revocation" refers to an action by the authorized officer to end the permit because of noncompliance with any of the prescribed terms, or for reasons in the public interest. Revocations are appealable.

"Suspension" refers to a revocation which is temporary and the privileges may be restored upon the occurrence of prescribed actions or conditions. Suspensions are appealable.

B. Revocation or Suspension. The Forest Service may suspend or revoke this permit in whole or part for:

1. Noncompliance with Federal, State, or local laws and regulations.
2. Noncompliance with the terms and conditions of this permit.
3. Reasons in the public interest.
4. Abandonment or other failure of the holder to otherwise exercise the privileges granted.

C. Opportunity to Take Corrective Action. Prior to revocation or suspension for cause pursuant to Section V (B), the authorized officer shall give the holder written notice of the grounds for each action and a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days, to complete the corrective action prescribed by the authorized officer.

D. Removal of Improvements. Prior to abandonment of the improvements or within a reasonable time following revocation or termination of this authorization, the holder shall prepare, for approval by the authorized officer, an abandonment plan for the permit area. The abandonment plan shall address removal of improvements and restoration of the permit area and prescribed time frames for these actions. If the holder fails to remove the improvements or restore the site within the prescribed time period, they become the property of the United States and may be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of without any liability to the United States. However, the holder shall remain liable for all cost associated with their removal, including costs of sale and impoundment, cleanup, and restoration of the site.

VI. FEES

A. Termination for Nonpayment. This permit shall automatically terminate without the necessity of prior notice when land use rental fees are 90 calendar days from the due date in arrears.

B. The holder shall pay an assigned site fee of One Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$160.00) and an annual fee based on the Alaska Region flat fee schedule, for the period from 06/10/2002 to 12/31/2002 and thereafter annually on date on Bill for Collection, One Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$160) and a fee based on the Alaska Region flat fee schedule.: Provided, charges for this use shall be made or readjusted whenever necessary to place the charges on a basis commensurate with the fair market value of the authorized use.

C. Payment Due Date. The payment due date shall be the close of business on date on Bill for Collection of each calendar year payment is due. Payments due the United States for this use shall be deposited at USDA Forest Service. File 71652, PO Box 60000, San Francisco, CA 94160-1652, in the form of a check, draft, or money order payable to "Forest Service, USDA." Payments shall be credited on the date received by the designated Forest Service collection officer or deposit location. If the due date for the fee or fee calculation statement falls on a non-workday, the charges shall not apply until the close of business on the next workday.

D. Late Payment Interest, Administrative Costs and Penalties Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3717, et seq., interest shall be charged on any fee amount not paid within 30 days from the date the fee or fee calculation financial statement specified in this authorization becomes due. The rate of interest assessed shall be the higher of the rate of the current value of funds to the U.S. Treasury (i.e., Treasury tax and loan account rate), as prescribed and published by the Secretary of the Treasury in the Federal Register and the Treasury Fiscal Requirements Manual Bulletins annually or quarterly or at the Prompt Payment Act rate. Interest on the principal shall accrue from the date the fee or fee calculation financial statement is due.

In the event the account becomes delinquent, administrative costs to cover processing and handling of the delinquency will be assessed.

A penalty of 6 percent per annum shall be assessed on the total amount delinquent in excess of 90 days and shall accrue from the same date on which interest charges begin to accrue.

Payments will be credited on the date received by the designated collection officer or deposit location. If the due date for the fee or fee calculation statement falls on a non-workday, the charges shall not apply until the close of business on the next workday.

Disputed fees are due and payable by the due date. No appeal of fees will be considered by the Forest Service without full payment of the disputed amount. Adjustments, if necessary, will be made in accordance with settlement terms or the appeal decision.

If the fees become delinquent, the Forest Service will:

Liquidate any security or collateral provided by the authorization.

If no security or collateral is provided, the authorization will terminate and the holder will be responsible for delinquent fees as well as any other costs of restoring the site to its original condition including hazardous waste cleanup.

Upon termination or revocation of the authorization, delinquent fees and other charges associated with the authorization will be subject to all rights and remedies afforded the United States pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3711 et seq. Delinquencies may be subject to any or all of the following conditions:

Administrative offset of payments due the holder from the Forest Service.

Delinquencies in excess of 60 days shall be referred to United States Department of Treasury for appropriate collection action as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3711 (g), (1).

The Secretary of the Treasury may offset an amount due the debtor for any delinquency as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3720, et seq.)

VII. OTHER PROVISIONS

A. Members of Congress. No Member of or Delegate to Congress or Resident Commissioner shall benefit from this permit either directly or indirectly, except when the authorized use provides a general benefit to a corporation.

B. Appeals and Remedies. Any discretionary decisions or determinations by the authorized officer are subject to the appeal regulations at 36 CFR 251, Subpart C, or revisions thereto.

C. Superior Clauses. In the event of any conflict between any of the preceding printed clauses or any provision thereof and any of the following clauses or any provision thereof, the preceding printed clauses shall control.

D. State or Native Claims Selection (R10-X98). Should this permit fall within the boundaries of a present or future State or Native claims selection area, this permit shall terminate 2 days prior to the selection receiving tentative approval, interim conveyance, or patent to the State of Alaska, a Native, or a Native corporation.

E. Archaeological-Paleontological Discoveries (R10-X17) Items of historic, prehistoric, or paleontological value are protected under various Federal laws, including the Antiquities Act of 1906 (16 U.S.C. 433), the Archaeological Resource Protection Act of 1979 (16 U.S.C. 47033) as amended, and Federal regulations. If historic, prehistoric, or paleontological objects or sites are discovered during activities under this permit, the holder is responsible for assuring that those objects or sites are not disturbed during the course of the activities of the holder or the holder's clients. The holder must notify the Forest Service of such discovery at the earliest opportunity. Failure to comply with this clause may result in criminal prosecution of the holder for violation of a Federal law or regulation.

F. Advertising (X30). The holder, in advertisements, signs, circulars, brochures, letterheads, and like materials, as well as orally, shall not misrepresent in any way, either the accommodations provided, the status of the authorization, or the area covered by it or the vicinity. The fact that the permitted area is located on the National Forest shall be made readily apparent in all of the holder's brochures and print advertising regarding use and management of the area and authorized facilities.

G. Regulating Services and Rates (X22). The Forest Service shall have the authority to check and regulate the adequacy and type of services provided the public and to require that such services conform to satisfactory standards. The holder may be required to furnish a schedule of prices for sales and services permitted by the authorization. Such prices and services may be regulated by the Forest Service: Provided, that the holder shall not be required to charge prices lower than those charged by comparable or competing enterprises.

H. Operating Plan (C8). The holder shall provide an Operating Plan and revise the plan every year. The plan shall be prepared in consultation with the authorized officer or designated representative and cover operation and maintenance of facilities, dates or season of operations, and other information required by the authorized officer to manage and evaluate the occupation and/or use of National Forest System lands. The provisions of the Operating Plan and the annual revisions shall become a part of this authorization and shall be submitted by the holder and approved by the authorized officer or their designated representative(s). This Operating Plan is hereby made a part of the authorization.

I. Nondiscrimination in Employment and Services (B1). During the performance of this authorization, the holder agrees:

1. In connection with the performance of work under this authorization, including construction, maintenance, and operation of the facility, the holder shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability. (Ref. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended).

2. The holder and employees shall not discriminate by segregation or otherwise against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex national origin, age, or disability, by curtailing or refusing to furnish accommodations, facilities, services, or use privileges offered to the public generally. (Ref. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Title IX of the Education Amendments, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975).

3. The holder shall include and require compliance with the above nondiscrimination provisions in any subcontract made with respect to the operations under this authorization.

4. When furnished by the Forest Service, signs setting forth this policy of nondiscrimination will be conspicuously displayed at the public entrance to the premises, and at other exterior or interior locations as directed by the Forest Service.

5. The Forest Service shall have the right to enforce the foregoing nondiscrimination provisions by suit for specific performance or by any other available remedy under the laws of the United States of the State in which the breach or violation occurs.

J. Access to Records (A7). For the purpose of administering this authorization (including ascertaining that fees paid were correct and evaluating the propriety of the fee base), the holder agrees to make all of the accounting books and supporting records to the business activities, as well as those of sublessees operating within the authority of this authorization, available for analysis by qualified representatives of the Forest Service or other

Federal agencies authorized to review the Forest Service activities. Review of accounting books and supporting records shall be made at dates convenient to the holder and reviewers. Financial information so obtained shall be treated as confidential as provided in regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The holder shall retain the above records and keep them available for review for 5 years after the end of the year involved, unless disposition is otherwise approved by the authorized officer in writing.

K. **Bonding (C3).** As a further guarantee of the faithful performance of the provisions of terms and conditions of this authorization, the holder agrees to deliver and maintain a surety bond or other acceptable security in the amount of \$ 3,600.00. Should the sureties or the bonds delivered under this authorization become unsatisfactory to the Forest Service, the holder shall, within thirty (30) days of demand, furnish a new bond with surety, solvent and satisfactory to the Forest Service. In lieu of surety bond, the holder may deposit into a Federal depository, as directed by the Forest Service, and maintain therein, cash in the amounts provided for above, or negotiable securities of the United States having a market value at time of deposit of not less than the dollar amounts provided above.

The holder's surety bond shall be released, or deposits in lieu of bond, shall be returned thirty (30) days after certification by the Forest Service that priority installations under the development plan are complete, and upon furnishing by the holder of proof satisfactory to the Forest Service that all claim for labor and material on said installations have been paid or released and satisfied. The holder agrees that all moneys deposited under this authorization may, upon failure on his or her part to fulfill all and singular the requirements herein set forth or made a part hereof, be retained by United States to be applied to satisfy obligations assumed here under, without prejudice whatever to any rights and remedies of the United States.

Prior to undertaking additional construction or alteration work not provided for in the terms and conditions or when the improvements are to be removed and the area restored, the holder shall deliver and maintain a surety bond in an amount set by the Forest Service, which amount shall not be in excess of the estimated loss which the Government would suffer upon default in performance of this work.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0082.

This information is needed by the Forest Service to evaluate requests to use National Forest System lands and manage those lands to protect natural resources, administer the use, and ensure public health and safety. This information is required to obtain or retain a benefit. The authority for that requirement is provided by the Organic Act of 1897 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, which authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations for authorizing and managing National Forest System lands. These statutes, along with the Term Permit Act, National Forest Ski Area Permit Act, Granger-Thye Act, Mineral Leasing Act, Alaska Term Permit Act, Act of September 3, 1954, Wilderness Act, National Forest Roads and Trails Act, Act of November 16, 1973, Archaeological Resources Protection Act, and Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue authorizations for the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands. The Secretary of Agriculture's regulations at 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, establish procedures for issuing those authorizations.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) govern the confidentiality to be provided for information received by the Forest Service. Public reporting burden for collection of information, if requested, is estimated to average 1 hour per response for annual financial information; average 1 hour per response to prepare or update operation and/or maintenance plan; average 1 hour per response for inspection reports; and an average of 1 hour for each request that may include such things as reports, logs, facility and user information, sublease information, and other similar miscellaneous information requests. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

This permit is accepted subject to the conditions set out above.

HOLDER NAME: ALYESKA DOGTEAM
ADVENTURES

By: *Dora [Signature]*
(Holder Signature)

By: Dario Martinez
(Print Name)

Date: June 11, 02

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

By: *James M. Fincher*
(Authorized Officer Signature)

JAMES M. FINCHER - District Ranger
(Name and Title)

Date: 6/11/02

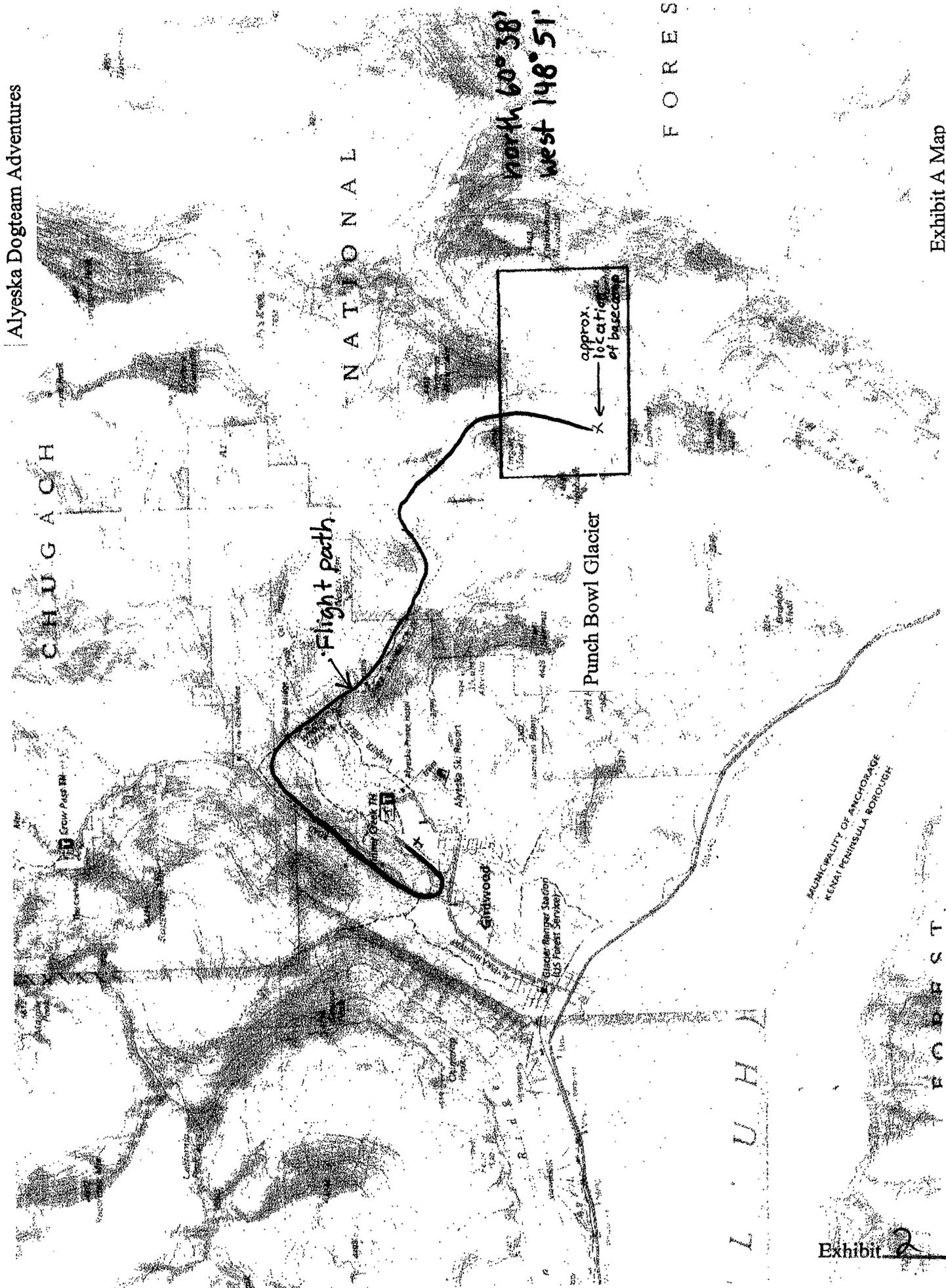


Exhibit A Map
 Alyeska Dogteam Adventures
 Special Use Permit #GLA215
 Punch Bowl Glacier

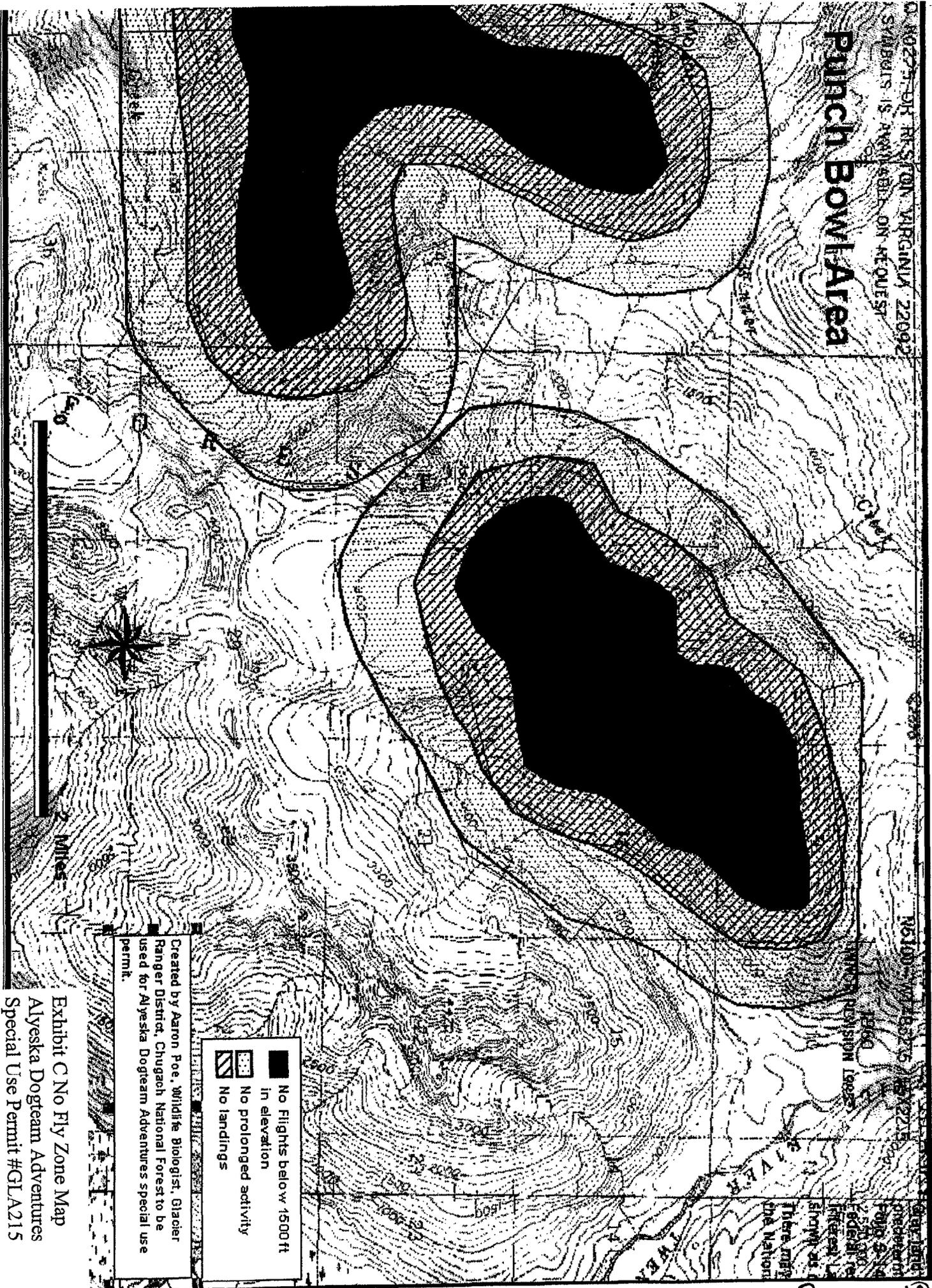
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Exhibit B Map
 Alyeska Dogteam Adventures
 Special Use Permit #GLA215
 Spencer Glacier

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20509
SYMBOLS IN PARENTS ARE ON REQUEST

Punch Bowl Area

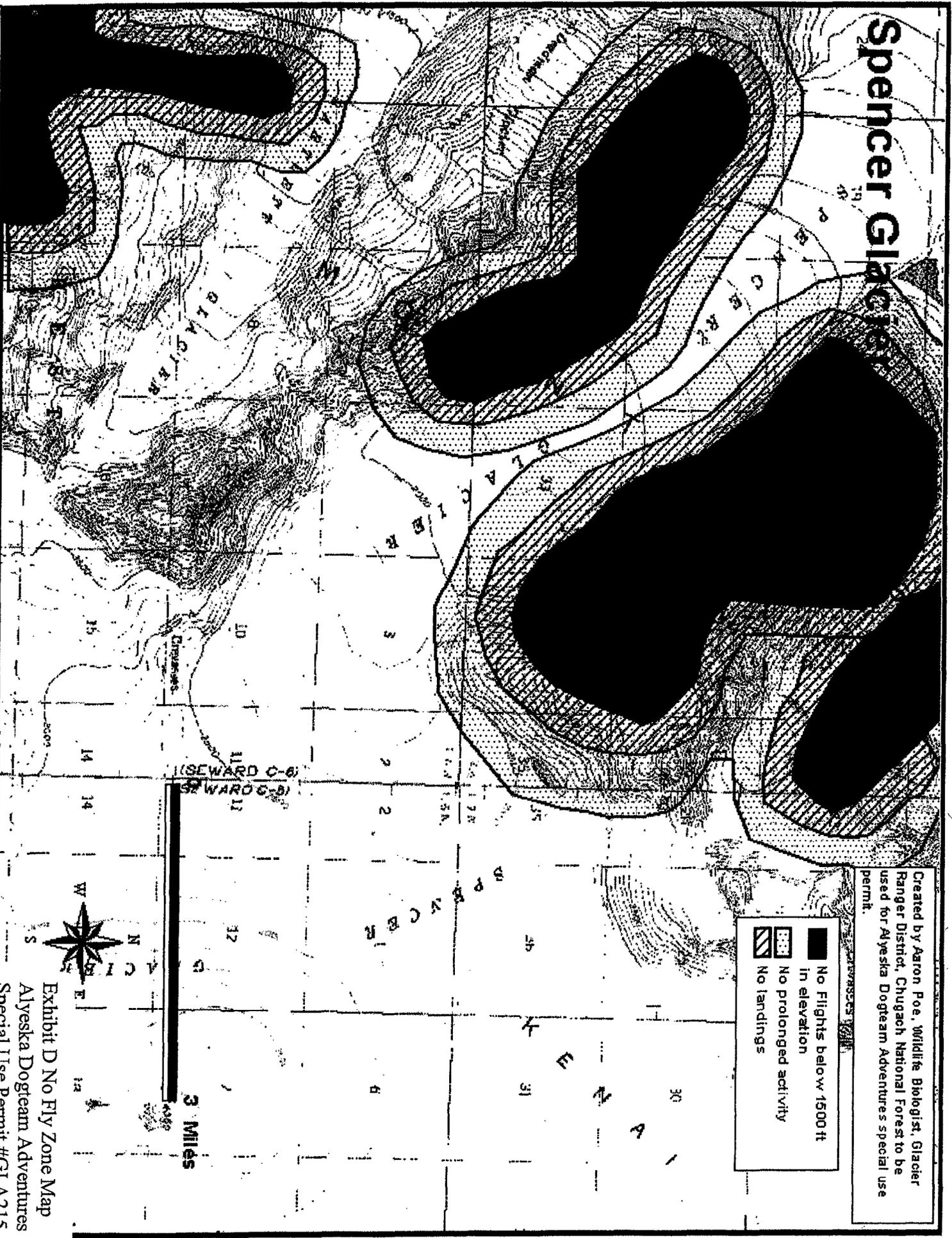


Created by Aaron Poe, Wildlife Biologist, Glacier Ranger District, Chugach National Forest to be used for Alyeska Dogteam Adventures special use permit.

- No flights below 1500 ft in elevation
- No prolonged activity
- ▨ No landings

Exhibit C No Fly Zone Map
Alyeska Dogteam Adventures
Special Use Permit #GLA215
Punch Bowl Glacier

Spencer Glacier



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-  No flights below 15000 ft in elevation
-  No prolonged activity
-  No landings

(SEWARD C-8)
SEWARD C-8

3 Miles



Exhibit D No Fly Zone Map
Alyeska Dogteam Adventures
Special Use Permit #GLA215
Spencer Glacier





Dario...Keith...Chugach-Summer Express:

September 23, 2002

Our family can't begin to tell you what a great time we had up on the glacier at the dog camp. It was one of those "out of this world experiences" that we have told so many people about, but find it hard to describe what we saw and did because it was so awesome. The pictures came out great and we consider it the highlight of our Canada/Alaska trip. Dario, your love and passion for your dogs speaks volumes about a philosophy about life in general .

Thanks so much for the opportunity to experience.....

The Andersons, Jay, Marsha, Billy , Johnny and Addie

Jay Billy Addie
Johnny Marsha

Date - Name & Address - Comment

Wm Borham - #H-18th Ave S.F. CA 94121

Wonderful service! Dario has a magnificent obsession.

Christopher Address WRE to drive the dog sled.
CH Christopher

Louise Borham - Magnificent views, tranquility + peaceful. Dario is the best!

Karen Stiver 6/23 Boston, Mass.
What an amazing experience - truly unique!

Donna Can 6/23 Jupiter FL
Wonderful!! A once in a life time experience!!

6/23
Wow - 1st time in a 'copter and 1st time on a glacier and 1st time on a dog sled - T-riffic T.Y. ☺
Ginje Siegel Sunrise Fl.

June 23, 2002
Absolutely Awesome Experience! Dario was interesting & engaging, the dogs were wonderful, & the views are UNBELIEVABLE!
This was the highlight of our week in Alaska!
GRIFF & LAURIE SIEGEL / Plantation, FL

Date	Name & Address	Comment
7/3/02	Troy Fuller 805 Pioneer Dr. #1303 Anchorage, AK 99504	That was so AWESOME. DARIO I will spread the word, Thanks A lot!!!
7/3/02	YAN ZHI SUN / IVY LIN 1040 LOGANRITA AVE ARCADIA CA 91006	這樣的景色真是美極了。 我超喜歡這裡。Thank you.
7/3/02	Accin = CATHY STANTON NATE THE SKATE BARRINGTON Hills IL KAUSAS CITY, MO.	"MUSH!! MUSH!!" A GREAT EXPERIENCE! A MUSH DO!!
7/3/02	Erin Myers Anchorage	I think I had more fun than my out-of-state family members!
7-3	Elizabeth Short MONCIE, IN	It's my first time to ALASKA, and this WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE. DARIO WAS NICE" AND THE RIDE WAS BEAUTIFUL.
7/3/02	Jessica Thomas Indiana	The helicopter ride was fantastic and the dog sled ride was awesome! I had a great time.

Date	Name & Address	Comment
7/3/02	Jeremy Goldman 2218 Allen Dallas, TX 75204	very friendly & fun Great time was had by all
7/3/02	Neena & Rajesh Kansas	people are very friendly and god blessed was the good and we would like to come back again
7/4/02	Kelli & Christopher Kimberly 25660 Laurelwood Moreno Valley, CA 92557	This was the best part of our whole trip!
7/04/2002	CHRIS & RONDA SANICUS 19 WINDMILL RD POTWICK, BEDS MK45 1AT ENGLAND	FANTASTIC!
7/5/02		

Date	Name & Address	Comment
7/8/02	Sukumar Desai, 126 Kings Grant Rd, Weston, MA	Just Great!
7/9/02	Dr Dawn & Toby Ewing, 20743 DEERVILLE HOUSTON, TX 77090	the most SPIRITUAL, Amazing, life changing EVENT! Worth twice the price!

WOW!!!

7/11/2002 Martha, Dave + Amanda Courtney Virginia
 Most excellent! Unbelievable country, great dogs + the best host. Most definitely worth the trip! BREATH TAKING AND MOST DO.
 THANKS!

7/11/2002 A very unusual experience - The best thing we had in Alaska. Davio is absolutely wonderful person and the pilot is excellent!

I join in saying WOW!!!
 The Cream of the pudding - especially with Davio
 Sara & Laurion Hiltzer
 Tel-Aviv Resto

44 IABOTINSKY
 TEL AVIV ISRAEL 62287.
 Tel: 972-3-523439

Date Name & Address Comment

7/13 Alex
It was really fun and awesome!
I wish I could come again

7/14 Nico
It was fun noone could have this
much fun I want to come back again
105 Hazel Court
Norwood NJ 07648

7/13/02 Courtney 105 Hazel Ct Norwood
NJ 07648
It ~~was~~ was sooo much fun.
I wish I could come back again
with my friends instead of my
family.

7/13/02 This was the greatest experience of our lives!!
Thanks

7/13/02 I really have the most amazing time - Thank-you!
A perfect date completely. Jx

7/13/02 Absolutely amazing!!! Definitely a must!! Tops
everything else!! - Chris -

Date	Name & Address	Comment
7/27/02	Jackie, Vinnie Courtney Klein 36 Haley's Drive Gardiner NY 12528	This was fantastic. Dario was wonderful and my class and I are looking forward to following his race next year.

Thanked Dario and everyone else that
works here. You are all great. Dario I'm
getting a hotel if you when I want a dog.
Thank you Courtney

7/27	John & Lou Ann Moss 10829 W. Adam Ave Sun City AZ 85373	Thanks for a FABULOUS time and wonderful memories. THE BEST of our 11 day trip!!!
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7/29	Steve & Arden Fitzgerald 5490 Tamarack Circle Minnetonka, MN 55345	Thanks, Dario. We really enjoyed our time with you + will tell all our friends! Good luck.
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Date Name & Address Comment

7/30 Gwen Horehoyer
Alaska Unusual
Awesome!
The Best EVER!

7/30 Bob Horehoyer Crowley Alaska
I'm a Born in Alaska resident & This was the Best
day & Trip that I can remember - the Best!

7/30 Susie Kiger (Alaska Railroad)
10000 Fairpoint Cir
Anch AK 99507
Outstanding - Fabulous
Alaska Experience - one of
the best for day tours from
Anch or Girdwood.

7/30 Scott & Nevin Earles
Janne & Sahrha Stronach

Wow... defined
grandeur
THX - i

7/30 Catherine Glazebrook
& Joe Paraiso

Wonderful trip
and a perfect day -
from seeing the
moose crossing a river
from helicopter to
driving a sled - in
a pristine area -
with awesome views!

FUN FUN FUN
in the SUN
SUN SUN

Date Name & Address Comment

8/2 ALAN & TAMARA GOGGINS
158 E. 61 ST. NY, NY 10021

THIS WAS THE BEST PART OF OUR FIRST TRIP TO ALASKA. WE ARE CONTACTING HOLLAND AMERICA TO LET THEM KNOW HOW OUTSTANDING THIS EXCURSION WAS IN COMPARISON TO OTHERS THEY HAVE SUGGESTED!

8/2/02 DARIO WAS SUCH A WARM AND FRIENDLY PERSON. NO WONDER HE HAS SUCH LOVING DOGS. I LEFT MY PURSE AS ADVISED BUT REALLY WISH I COULD HAVE TIPPED. I BORROWED MONEY FOR THE TIP. THIS IS A TRIP I WILL RECOMMEND TO EVERYONE! AS YOU SAID, NO ONE LEAVES UNHAPPY!! DON'T TELL PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR PURSE (TIP MONEY) BEHIND--MY OPINION.

SHARLE L. BLACKFORD
9999 E. YALE AVE #B306
DENVER, CO 80231

8/2/02 Perfect Day -
Joan Thompson
Sabota, IN 52077

8/2/02 What a beautiful place! a perfect ending to a wonderful week in Alaska. Next summer I will definitely be back!! Brodie Loft's Waxahachie, TX

P.S. the dogs were great!

Date
8/2/02

Name & Address Comment

Wow!! We just thought we had seen Alaska until today! The flight to the glacier with Keith was beautiful and words can't describe the scenery. Keith made us very comfortable on our first helicopter flight (we were nervous until he took control!) Dario & the dogs were fabulous! We had so-o-o much fun - the experience of a lifetime! I'm glad I lived long enough to be there! We were impressed how well behaved and how friendly the dogs are. The sled ride and customer participation is especially wonderful. Thanks guys! We'll tell everyone! Love from Texas,
Nina and Brooke Loftis
Waxahachie, Tx

P.S. Carlo was so helpful with our gear and made us relaxed + comfortable. Thanks!

Date Name & Address Comment
8/3 Sternberg family - 835 Springbank Ln., Wayne PA 19087
We enjoyed it very much. Absolutely fantastic!
I was amazed how much the dogs enjoyed themselves. Thanks! Small

8/3 C'est la 1^{ère} fois que je monte en Hélicoptère, c'est très
beau, la première impression est la surprise
de la force de Dario, très sympathique dans
ses explications en français. Merci beaucoup.

8/3/02 Fremonts - from East Berlin,
PA. A superb day, blue sky &
totally clear, added to our visit
with Dario & his team... I can't
wait to learn more about the
dogs & the Ididerod - what a
challenge! Good luck, Dario!
Hope Fremont

8/3/02 Willens family - 31 Northern Drive, Short Hills, NJ 07078
This was an experience of a lifetime.
One of our most memorable experiences in Alaska.
Dario was extremely nice and knowledgeable.
He taught us a lot about the Ididerod and Alaska.
Thanks again Dario! We will be watching for you in
the Ididerod next March. Good luck!

Date	Name & Address	Comment
8/6/02	Jeff and Maurreen Crist 1129 Juniper Road Marysville, KS 66508	An absolutely incredible experience. Something we will never forget. Thank you to all of you. We loved it!!!

8/6/02 I had an incredible time today.

8-6-02 It was wonderful out there with
 dog sled and to see many nice people

Ahmad Ahmadian

8/7/02 I so appreciate the help
 you gave us in fulfilling
 our dream of dogsledding!
 Daris, thanks for your
 patience!

Pam (+ Andrew) Ward
 1307 Barlow Ln.
 Sebastopol Ca 95472
 pward@sonic.net

Name & Address

Comment

Bill & Marie Gorman

115 CARMELITE DR
WEST SEAFIELD NY 14224

Great-great-great
Fantastic

Jodie, Mark & Kayla Gross
16 Crane Rd
E Hampstead, NH

03826

Great! Best time of
whole trip! Wonderful
experience! Thanks!

8/22 LAURA Ruben

Incredibly Awesome Experience!
Thank you!

8-24 MAUREEN LaGrango

77 SUNSET TER
CRANSTON RI 02905

Absolutely Wonderful!
😊

8-24

Gal Munkelberg
88 Watsons Dr
Warwick, RI 02888

It was wonderful, wonderful
Wonderful!!!

8/24

Jane Neuland Arla
56 A Collette Rd
Fairhaven MA
02719

Awesome!
The Best!!

8/24

PATRICIA PAUSEK
38 SWANSON RD

SWANSETT MA 02777

Corgeous
Lots of fun!

Name & Address

Comment

Jill Hunter & Matt Fienberg
14 Vanessa Drive
Northborough, MA 01532

Matt proposed to me
on the Punch Bowl
Glacier.
She said "YES"!!!

Arshi & Rimpay Singh
2870 Marcie Ln.
Rockwall TX 75082

flying was awesome!
Mushing was a
great experience.
Tour Guide was
the best. Best time!

Ina! →

Alan, Pina, Daniel + Doris Weiss
545 Wagon Trail
Orange, CT 06477

Beyond our
expectations! Definitely
the highlight of our
Alaska trip!!

Name & Address

Comment

Andrew Morrison &
Michael Short - UK.

A really great experience
- one of the highlights of
our Alaskan trip - we
will recommend to everyone!!

Thanks

Linda Bell
656 Raintree Ln
Coppell, TX 75019

It was so wonderful
More than I could have
expected. Thanks
for a once in a life
time experience
Thanks

9-10 Curt & Susan
Irving, TX 75063

9-13 Mike & Kim Swain
402 Cliff Nelson Rd
Taylorsville GA 30178

Awesome scenery!
One of the best
times of our life!
Definitely will
recommend to others!

9-14 Mark & Becky Waller
10 Pensyre Retreat
Savannah, GA 31411

Incredible! I loved it
We would do it
again in a heartbeat.
Becky