

Cordova Ranger District

Pyramid Peak Heli-ski Area Prospectus

USDA Forest Service

Chugach National Forest

Alaska Region

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I. INTRODUCTION

This prospectus solicits proposals from private interests to analyze the feasibility of opening a new heli-ski region on the Cordova Ranger District. The results of the environmental analysis will determine the feasibility of the proposal. If the decision is to authorize a new region, the prospectus winner will be issued an authorization to develop and operate a commercial heli-ski business in the newly defined area.

The District Ranger will make the final decision after a review of the environmental document is completed. Conducting the environmental analysis does not guarantee that the decision notice will recommend that new heli-ski areas should be opened or that an authorization will be issued.

Proponents are advised to read the prospectus and sample special use permit carefully and make their own estimates of development, operation and maintenance costs.

The proponent selected is responsible for the following:

- A. Preparation and submittal of an Environmental Analysis (EA) consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is required. The analysis will analyze the affect to National Forest system lands prior to any Forest Service decision to issue an authorization for the proposed activity. The successful bidder may conduct the environmental analysis or hire a third party contractor. However, any NEPA document you prepare must meet Forest Service requirements including: Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 1909.15 Chapter 20 which describes the content requirements for an EA, and FSH 1509.12 Chapter 10 that describes the public notice and comment requirements. In addition, Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2361 provides techniques for obtaining required archaeological resource clearances, and FSM 2672.4 provides guidance on preparing biological evaluations for plant and animal species. The EA should also contain sufficient information to determine compliance with laws and regulations applicable to the decision; including, consistency with the Chugach National Historic Preservation Act, and the Endangered Species Act.
- B. Processing and monitoring of your application is subject to cost recovery under 36 CFR 251.58. The Forest Service regulations require applicants for and holders of special use authorizations to pay a fee for processing their special use applications and monitoring the potential subsequent authorization. The successful proponent's application proposal will be assessed, and a fee will be determined based upon the estimated number of hours that agency personnel typically spend in conducting activities directly related to processing the application and monitoring.

After the environmental analysis is complete and the decision notice is signed, the document will be available for review at the Cordova Ranger District, 612 2nd Street, Cordova, Alaska.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Purpose and Location

The objective is to increase and diversify heli-ski opportunities on the Chugach National Forest. Allowing additional commercial heli-ski services will provide quality downhill recreational skiing experiences to the public within a remote setting, and will expand on and complement existing heli-ski operations currently available. Heli-skiing will provide Forest visitors with the unique opportunity to experience world class skiing within a primitive and pristine area of the Chugach Mountain Range. The proposed heli-ski area is near to the community of Cordova, and Prince William Sound can be seen from many of the proposed heli-ski areas. In general visitors will expect a range of skiing

difficulty levels from intermediate to extreme in untracked snow conditions. Minimal encounters with adventurous back country skiers may occur from time to time.

The heli-ski areas to be analyzed are divided into 5 distinct zones located 10 miles north of Cordova and extending up to 25 miles to the east. Guided helicopter skiing is allowed in all 5 regions totaling 221,440 acres of the project area. The area is located in the Cordova D-4 and D-3 and Valdez A-4 and A-3 USGS quadrangles. (see page 18 for Analysis Map)

Service/Activity to be offered

The service to be provided through this prospectus is up to 800 service days for commercially guided helicopter skiing. The focus is world class skiing in primitive and pristine settings at a variety of skill levels. Prospective bidders will also need to consider the number of visitors served, a limit of up to 7 helicopters, and the fee to be charged. The season of use will be from February 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014. To mitigate public and resource concerns, such as impacts to other recreationists, wildlife, private land ownerships, and avalanche control, specific limitations will be developed based on the environmental analysis results. These limitations will be included in the decision notice.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE SETTING

Climate

The new heli-ski region is noted for its extremely mountainous and rugged terrain. Skiable terrain ranges from 1,500 – 6,000 feet in elevation. Severe weather and tremendous snow accumulations are common. Annual precipitation for the area varies from 100 – 180 inches per year. Many of the storms that come through the Copper River corridor have very strong winds. Winds of more than 100 mph are not uncommon. Temperatures are cold with the mean monthly average in January below zero degrees Fahrenheit. Related to the weather, much of the area is glaciated.

Area Management

The Chugach National Forest manages all the lands within the newly defined area; however large blocks of private lands and state lands are present within the area. Proponents must be aware of Forest Service land boundaries in order to avoid trespass or unauthorized use issues. There are two Forest Plan Management Prescriptions for the proposed area: #210 Backcountry and #214 501(b)-2. Both prescriptions allow winter motorized use. Portions of the proposed area are within Inventoried Roadless Area #14 - Sheridan Glacier.

Recreation Use

Due to the remoteness and inaccessibility of the area winter recreational use is very light. Occasional use by backcountry tour skiers, trappers or snowmobile groups has been reported. There are three recreational opportunity spectrum class characteristics (ROS) within the area.

Region	ROS	Maximum Party Size	Number of Encounters
1 & 2	Semi-Primitive Winter Motorized	30	< 6 parties a day
3 & 4	Semi-Primitive Motorized	30	< 6 parties a day
5	Primitive	15	< one party a day

One Party = 1 helicopter load (6 people, including the pilot)

Other Resource Information

The majority of the area is alpine vegetation with dense alder that is approximately (15 to 20 feet high), in the lower elevations. Some scattered cottonwood is found in the river bottoms.

Mountain goats winter on some of the proposed heli-ski areas. Mountain goat winter habitat areas have been surveyed and are identified on the attached Mountain Goat Winter Habitat map. Heli-skiing will not be allowed in recognized mountain goat winter habitat areas. The habitat boundaries may change as additional goat habitat areas are surveyed. See attached Mountain Goat Habitat map (Appendix D). Other wildlife that can be found in the proposed areas include a small moose population, as well as wolves and wolverine.

Cultural Resources

The Heritage Program Specialist has reviewed the undertaking and determined that there are no cultural resources within the area of potential affect. According to Appendix B of the Third Amended Programmatic Agreement among the USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer, the undertaking has no potential to affect historic properties since the project and associated activities are taking place over snow covered ground where all historic properties are subsurface, and no ground disturbing activities are occurring. Should any historic properties be discovered, the Approved Standard Mitigation Measures, as described in Appendix E of the Programmatic Agreement, will be followed to protect any discovered historic properties. The Approved Standard Mitigation Measures are as follows: avoidance of historic properties through establishing a buffer zone, protection measures to include a snow cover of at least 12 inches depth of compacted snow or ice, and monitoring by Heritage Specialists to ensure the effectiveness of protection measures. Should any cultural resources be discovered, then they should be avoided and reported immediately to the Heritage Specialist.

Access

Access to the area during winter months is by helicopter, airplane or snow machine.

IV. SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Term/Area: If the decision is to issue a permit, the term will be two years and may be extended up to 8 years if the priority use authorization by this permit is consistent with applicable law and the applicable land management and if the holder's performance is satisfactory.

Heli-ski operations will be monitored for potential impacts to resources and may be modified in subsequent years to be more, or less, restrictive. All proponents should be aware of the required clauses of Forest Service special use permits and insurance requirements. A sample heli-ski permit, including these clauses, is provided in Appendix A.

Services Authorized: The following are the only services that will be authorized under this permit:

-Commercially guided heli-ski activities.

-A fuel cache at an approved site outside of mountain goat habitat and away from drainages and potential flowing waters. The fuel cache must be equipped with fuel spill pads and surrounded by a fuel containment bib or other non-leak fuel containment.

Construction: No construction will be authorized

Inspection: The Forest Service reserves the right to inspect the permit area and the operations undertaken there at any time and upon written notice to the permit holder may suspend such operations which are not in compliance with the terms of the special use permit.

Fees: Annual minimum fees will be based on the interim flat fee schedule within R-10 Special Uses Handbook Supplement No. 2709.11-2011-1, part 37.21c-Exhibit 01 (shown in Appendix F). The 2012 fee rate under this schedule is \$10.30/NFS client day. The Regional Forester will annually adjust the amounts within the Flat fee schedule using the Implicit Price Deflator-Gross National product index. The Regional Forester may also make periodic adjustments to fee schedules based on updated appraisals.

V. EVALUATION CRITERIA, ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL AND AWARD

Proposals will be evaluated by the Forest Service on the following criteria and those items discussed in Sections IV thru VII of the prospectus:

- A proposed annual operation and safety plan
- Minimization or minimizing negative impacts to the National Forest, other Forest users, wildlife, private or other agency lands.
- A business plan, business experience, and references
- Other Partners/subleases
- Community Connections/Relations
- Financial resources

Within 30 days after the closing date for receipt of proposals the Forest Service will determine the most qualified proponent. If clarification of the proposal is required, such persons, partnerships, or corporations will then be notified that they may be required to submit, within 10 days of the date of notification, clarifying evidence, satisfactory to the Forest Service, that verifies the proponent's ability to complete the development and operation as proposed.

Final acceptance for the proposal will not be made until such evidence is presented and is satisfactory to the Forest Service.

At that time, a special use permit covering the development, operation and service to be provided will be issued to the successful proponent. A sample copy of a heli-ski special use permit is attached to this prospectus (Appendix A). Proponents should read this sample special use permit very carefully.

VI. APPLICATION PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS

Application must be in writing and must include or address the following:

- A proposed annual operation and safety plan
- A business plan, business experience, and references
- Financial resources
- Ability to partner with the Forest Service
- \$200.00 Initial processing fee (must be submitted with initial application)

1. Proposed Annual Operation and Safety Plan

Applicants must submit a proposed Operation and Safety Plan that addresses all the required components below:

A. Aircraft Operations

- Operations
- Flight Following (Automated Flight Following)
- Lost persons or aircraft protocol
- Aircraft orientation and briefing
- Protocol for landing zones
- Fueling procedures
- Noise mitigation (eg. Community avoidance approach and departure flight paths, elevations, etc.)
- Conflict mediation (eg. with the Cordova community or with other backcountry users)
- Wildlife avoidance
- Aircraft operators experience and qualifications
- Communications
- Dispatching

B. Field Operations

- Guides and experience/certifications
- Avalanche safety
 - difficulty levels
 - Trips per day
 - Landing zones

- Group distributions
- Ski group/ship ratios
- Communications
 - Communication Plan & Procedures
 - Radio and Dispatch Organization and location
- Hazards evaluation and forecasting (eg. Avalanches, ground conditions, weather, rock slides, glacier monitoring etc.)
- Gathering/Recording meteorological data (eg. Snow pack data, weather forecasts, web pages, etc.)
 - Evaluation procedures
 - Hazards activity record (eg avalanche history, weather patterns, ground stability)
 - Hazard mitigation (“go/no go” protocols)

C. Emergency Procedures/Mobilization Plan

- Emergency classifications
- Injury protocols
 - Accident or incident protocols;
 - No missing personnel
 - Missing personnel
 - Overdue/missing aircraft
 - Aircraft/boat breakdown
 - Other emergencies

-Emergency, first aid & Rescue Equipment

- Equipment locations
- Equipment contents
- specialized equipment

-Emergency phone number appendix

-Accident reporting

D. Operational Requirements for helicopters: Proponents should list the number and types of aircraft used and why they use them. They should list their capacities, load capabilities and safe loading procedures.

E. Oil/Fuel Spills: Provide containment and cleanup plan for oil or fuel spills on land and water.

F. Operating Season: The season of use will be from February 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014.

G. Human & Solid Waste: Bidders shall describe how they intend to handle both human and solid waste.

2. Business Plan, Business Experience, and References

Proponents must submit a business plan. This part of the proposal must be a separate document. The business plan provides a thorough analysis of an applicant’s vision of the proposed business.

Business Plan

- Business organization
- Business Experience
- Financial statement

3. Other Partners/sublease

Sublease: Proponents shall state if any of the development, facilities, arrangements, or operation are to be subleased and if so, provide details. The Forest Service must approve all subleases and the permit holder is responsible for their compliance with the terms of the special use permit.

4. Community Connections/Relations

The Forest Service is looking for a permit holder that will be a good partner with the Forest Service to provide snow related educational opportunities or other events to the public. Submit your background, abilities, or experience in community relations as part of this prospectus.

5. Safety Records

Proponents shall disclose safety records for the past 5 years.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the specific requirements described previously, there are several general requirements that will apply to any proposal and special use permit.

Publicity materials shall indicate that this operation is located on National Forest System Lands of the Chugach National Forest, and is operated under a special use permit from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service.

Insurance: The holder shall have in force public liability insurance covering: (1) property damage in the amount of \$25,000 and (2) damage to persons in the minimum amount of \$500,000 in the event of death or injury to one individual and the minimum amount of \$2,000,000 in the event of death or injury to more than one individual.

The coverage shall extend to property damage, bodily injury, or death arising out of the holder's activities under the permit including, but not limited to, the occupancy or use of the land or operations authorized by this permit. Such insurance shall also name the United States as additional insured and provide for specific coverage of the holder's contractually assumed obligation to indemnify the United States.

The policy shall also contain a specific provision or rider to the effect that the policy will not be cancelled or its provisions changed or deleted before thirty (30) days written notice to the Forest

Supervisor, 161 E 1st Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-1639, by the insurance company. Upon issuance of the special use permit, the successful proponent must be able to provide proof of liability insurance.

Nondiscrimination: - The permit holder will be required to comply with all nondiscrimination provisions set forth in the special use permit. These regulations assure that the permit holder will not discriminate against any bidder, must consider all qualified bidders, and will treat all employees without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. It also assures that the permit holder shall send a representative of the workers to each labor union with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or understanding. The permit holder shall include and require compliance with the nondiscrimination provisions in any subcontracts made with respect to operation under this permit. The permit holder is required to post in a conspicuous place as directed by the Forest Service, notices setting forth the provisions advising workers of the commitments or understandings he has with these labor unions.

The permit holder shall not discriminate in the services offered the public in accord with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

In the event of the permit holder's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clause of this permit or any such rules, regulations or orders, this permit may be cancelled in whole or part and the permit holder may be declared ineligible for any further government contracts.

VIII. APPLICATION PROPOSAL FEE

Cost Recovery

Proposals submitted in response to this prospectus are subject to cost recovery pursuant to 36 CFR 251.58(c)(1)(ii) and (c)(3)(iii). Proponents must submit a processing fee of \$200 to cover the cost of the prospectus and review of the proposal. Payments due the United States for this application must be paid in the form of a bank draft, money order, or cashier's check payable to the USDA-Forest Service. Payments will be credited on the date received by the designated Forest Service collection officer or deposit location. Additionally, the selected proponent will be responsible for the costs of preparing and issuing the permit and conducting a Financial Ability Determination (FAD), unless the Forest Service has conducted a FAD for the applicant within the past year. If a FAD has been completed for the applicant within the last 12 months, the applicant will be responsible for the cost of adjusting it to reflect any change this selection will have on the applicant's financial ability.

IX. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

All proposals must be submitted in writing or e-mailed to:

Cordova Ranger District
Attn: Dede Srb
P.O. Box 280
Cordova, Ak. 99574
or
dsrb@fs.fed.us

Proposals must be received by mail or email by 5:00 p.m. on **July, 27, 2012**. Proposals received after that deadline will not be accepted. Proponents must submit a minimum of eight copies of their proposal. Incomplete proposals will not be returned to the proponent for more information. Material submitted with proposals, with the exception of financial information, will not be returned to the bidder.

X. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Consideration of Bids: The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Verbal Modification: Any oral statement made by a representative of the Government modifying or changing any condition of this prospectus is an expression of opinion only and confers no rights upon any proponent.

Profitability: The Forest Service cannot ensure a profitable operation to the successful proponent. Therefore, each proponent is encouraged to make his or her own economic appraisal of the opportunity offered through this prospectus.

The Forest Service reserves the right to rescind the prospectus at any time before a special use permit is issued. If the Forest Service rescinds the prospectus, the application fee will be returned.

Appendix A

Sample Special Use permit

(Note: this is a sample only and does not confer any obligation upon the Forest Service)

Use Code: _____
Authorization ID: _____
Contact Name: _____
Expiration Date: _____

FS-2700-4i (v. 10/11)
OMB No. 0596-0082

SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR OUTFITTING AND GUIDING

Authority: Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 16 U.S.C. 6802(h)

This permit authorizes priority use outfitting and guiding for 2 years.

_____ (hereinafter "the holder"), is hereby authorized to use and occupy National Forest System lands, subject to the terms and conditions of this permit, to provide outfitting and guiding services within the Cordova of Ranger District of the Chugach National Forest, described as and as shown on the map of the authorized area, attached as Appendix A. The above-described area shall be referred to as the "permit area."

The purpose of this permit is to authorize the following outfitting and guiding activities:

Conducting commercial outfitted and guided helicopter supported skiing (heli-skiing) as shown on the location map labeled Appendix A.

This permit covers approximately _____ acres, and is described as: township/range within regions _____ as shown on the location map attached to and made a part of this permit.

and assign use as follows:

#days priority use service days for if appropriate, designate activity or district.

N/A assigned sites

N/A grazing use (in head months (HMs))

This use will be exercised as described in the annual operating plan.

The following appendices are attached to and made a part of this permit:

APPENDIX A - Map of Authorized Area

APPENDIX B - annual Operating Plan, dated and approved annually

APPENDIX C - Trip Itinerary

APPENDIX D - Estimated Fee Determination Sheet, approved annually

APPENDIX E - Actual Use Report Format

APPENDIX F - Authorized Officer's Outfitter and Guide Performance Evaluation Criteria

APPENDIX G - Other Mitigations

I. AUTHORITY AND GENERAL TERMS OF THE PERMIT

A. AUTHORITY. This permit is issued pursuant to Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 16 U.S.C. 6802(h), and 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, as amended, and is subject to their provisions.

B. AUTHORIZED OFFICER. The authorized officer is the Forest Supervisor or a subordinate officer with delegated authority.

C. TERM. This permit shall expire at midnight on _____. Expiration of this permit shall not require notice, a decision document, or any environmental analysis or other documentation.

D. RENEWAL. This permit is not renewable. Upon expiration, this permit may be extended for up to 8 years if the priority use authorized by this permit is consistent with applicable law and the applicable land management plan and if the holder's performance is satisfactory.

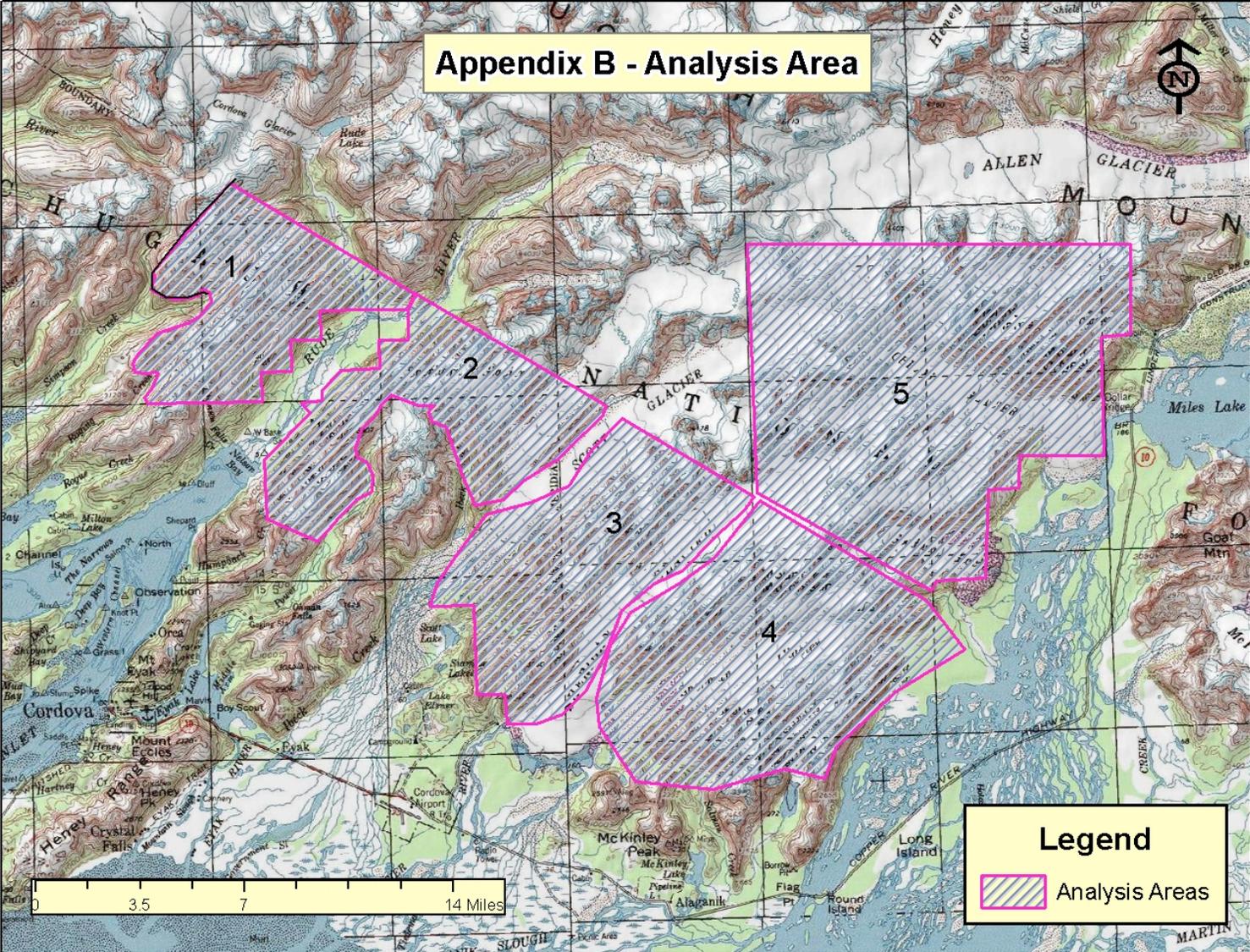
E. AMENDMENT. This permit may be amended in whole or in part by the Forest Service when, at the discretion of the authorized officer, such action is deemed necessary or desirable to incorporate new terms that may be required by law,

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not 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. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 1 hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

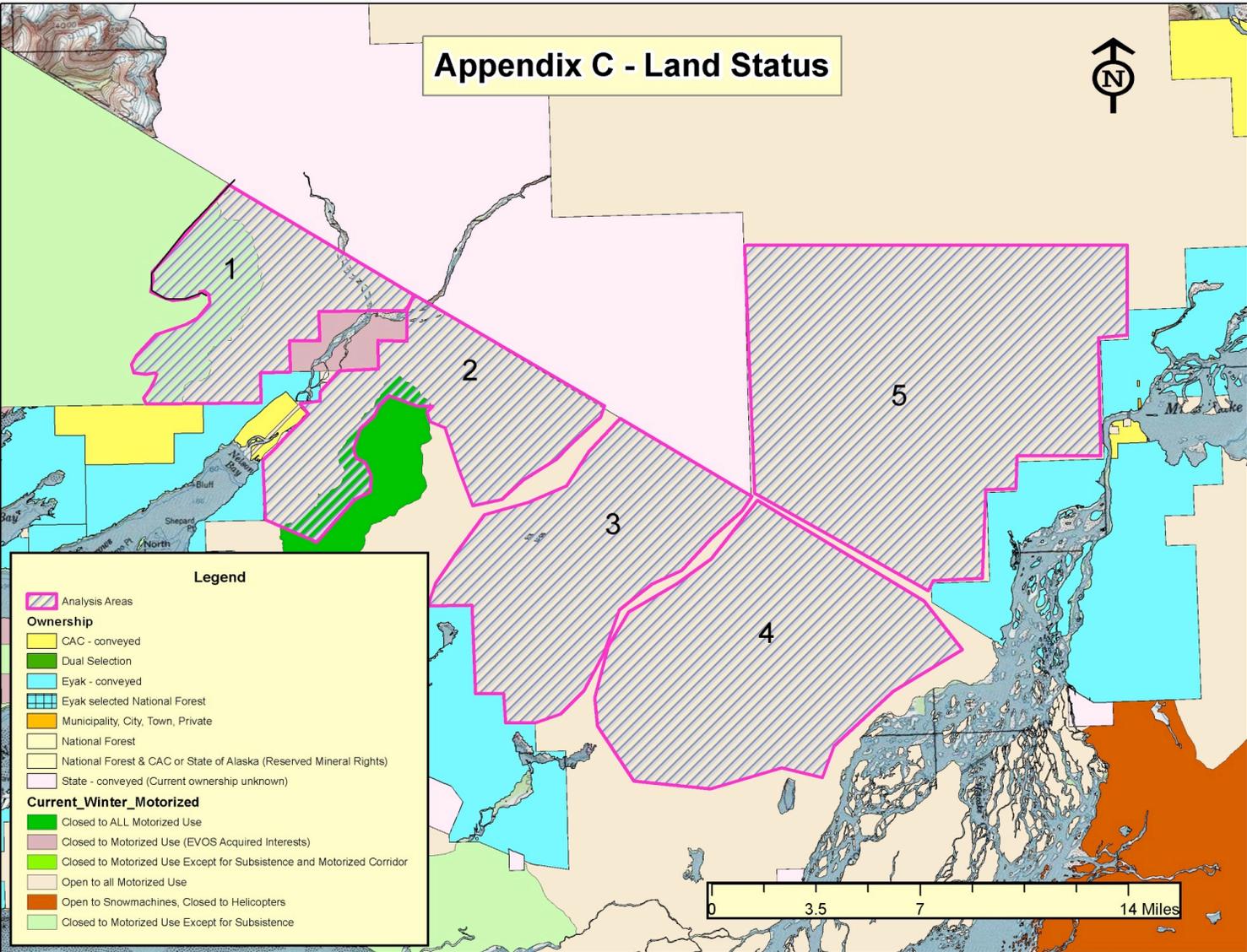
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Appendix B - Analysis Area



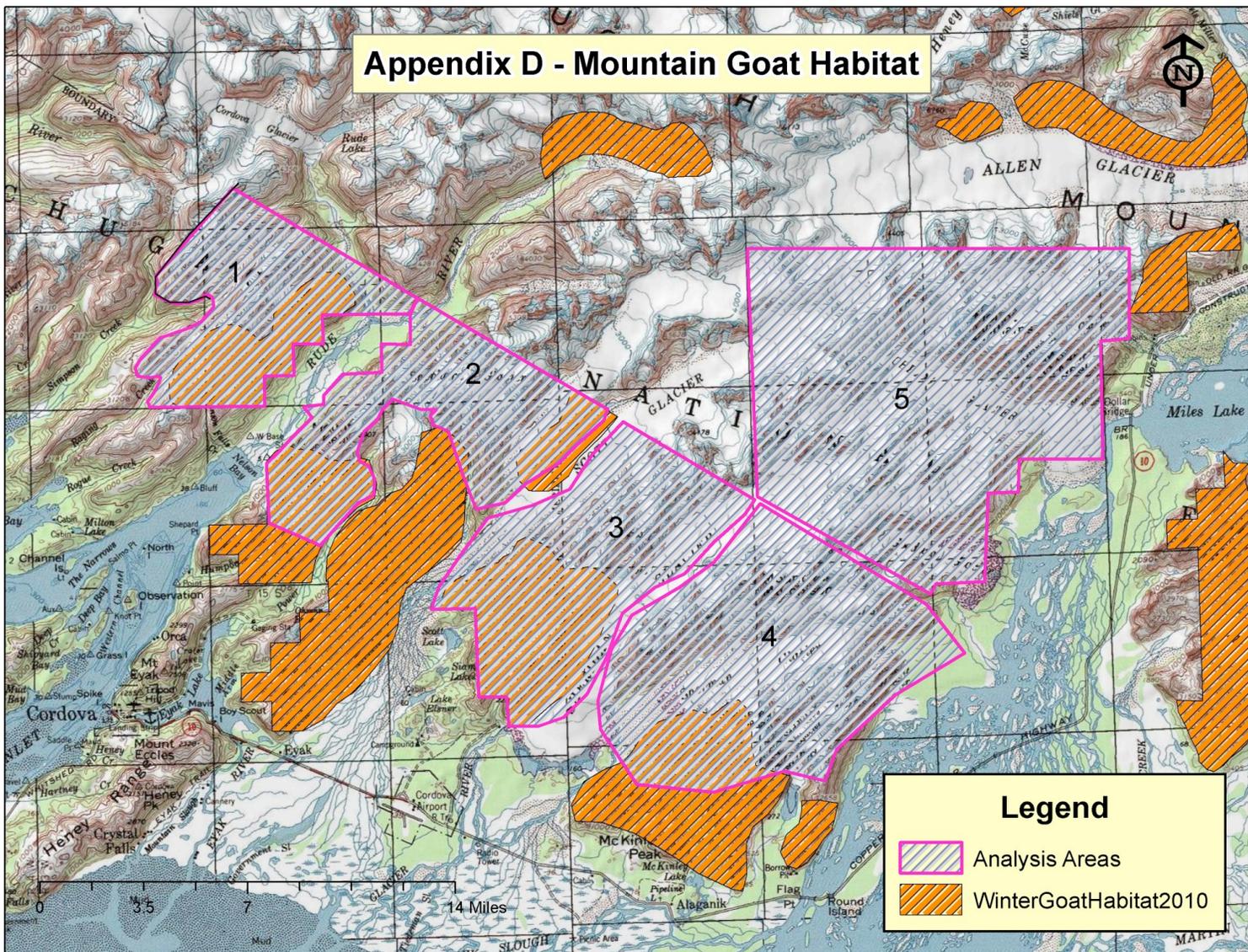
Appendix C - Land Status



Legend

- Analysis Areas
- Ownership**
- CAC - conveyed
- Dual Selection
- Eyak - conveyed
- Eyak selected National Forest
- Municipality, City, Town, Private
- National Forest
- National Forest & CAC or State of Alaska (Reserved Mineral Rights)
- State - conveyed (Current ownership unknown)
- Current_Winter_Motorized**
- Closed to ALL Motorized Use
- Closed to Motorized Use (EVOS Acquired Interests)
- Closed to Motorized Use Except for Subsistence and Motorized Corridor
- Open to all Motorized Use
- Open to Snowmachines, Closed to Helicopters
- Closed to Motorized Use Except for Subsistence

Appendix D - Mountain Goat Habitat



(10/31/2012)

PART A. BALANCE SHEET			
	CURRENT YEAR (MO/DA/YR)	PAST YEAR (MO/DA/YR)	THIRD YEAR (MO/DA/
YEAR ENDED			
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS:			
CASH			
RECEIVABLES-TRADE			
LESS ALLOWANCES FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS	< >	< >	< >
INVENTORIES (LIST MAJOR CATEGORIES):			
SUPPLIES AND MISCELLANEOUS			
MARKETABLE SECURITIES			
PREPAID EXPENSES			
SUPPLIES INVENTORY			
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS:			
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			
FIXED ASSETS:			
LAND			
BUILDINGS			
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT			
PLANT			
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS			
OTHER			
LESS ALLOWANCE FOR DEPRECIATION	< >	< >	< >
BOOK VALUE-FIXED ASSETS			
OTHER ASSETS:			
DEPOSITS-CASH			
DEPOSITS-SECURITIES			
TOTAL-OTHER ASSETS			
TOTAL ASSETS			

LIABILITIES AND OWNER EQUITY	CURRENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	THIRD YEAR
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-TRADE			
ACCRUED PAYROLL			
ACCRUED PAYROLL TAXES AND INSURANCE			
NOTES PAYABLE			
INCOME TAXES-CURRENT			
OTHER TAXES			
CURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM DEBT			
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES (SPECIFY):			
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			
OTHER LIABILITIES:			
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES			
LOANS FROM OFFICERS/PARTNERS			
LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS-LESS CURRENT AMOUNT			
TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES			
TOTAL LIABILITIES			
OWNER EQUITY:			
CAPITAL STOCK OUTSTANDING			
RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT)			
PARTNERS' INVESTMENT (DEFICIT)			
TOTAL OWNER EQUITY			
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNER EQUITY			
PART B. SUPPLEMENTAL DATA			
THIS STATEMENT IS ON THE-CASH BASIS _____ ACCRUAL BASIS _____			
INVENTORIES ARE-LIFO _____ FIFO _____ COST OR MARKET WHICHEVER IS LOWER			

NAMES OF CONTRACTORS OR SUB-CONTRACTORS USED (IF ANY):

PART C. INCOME STATEMENT	CURRENT YEAR	PAST YEAR	THIRD
GROSS SALES			
LESS-RETURNS AND ALLOWANCES	< >	< >	< >
NET SALES			
LESS-COST OF GOODS SOLD	< >	< >	< >
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES			
LESS-SELLING EXPENSE	< >	< >	< >
NET PROFIT (LOSS) ON SALES			
GENERAL EXPENSE:			
OFFICERS SALERIES			
LEGAL AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE			
OFFICE EXPENSE			
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSE			
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)			
ADD-OTHER INCOME			
LESS-INTEREST EXPENSE			
INCOME TAXES	< >	< >	< >
OTHER EXPENSE	< >	< >	< >
NET AMOUNT OF OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE	< >	< >	< >

NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR YEAR

NOTE: Offers must set forth full, accurate, and complete information as required in this Financial Statement (including any attachments). The penalty for making false statements in this Financial Statement is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001

PART D (1). CERTIFICATION FOR CORPORATIONS OR PARTNERSHIPS

We, the undersigned, general officers (or members) of _____
 (Name of corporation or partnership) being severally sworn, each declares that the above or attached financial statements are true and correct, and that it covers all of the financial affairs of said company (or) firm up to and including the date of ____ 2 ____.

CERTIFYING OFFICIAL'S NAME AND TITLE	SIGNATURE (Sign in ink)	DATE
CERTIFYING OFFICIAL'S NAME AND TITLE	SIGNATURE (Sign in ink)	DATE

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this ____ day of ____ (Month/Year).
 SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____ (Affix Notary Seal)

PART D (2). CERTIFICATION FOR INDIVIDUALS

I swear (or affirm) that the above or attached financial statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND TITLE	SIGNATURE (Sign in ink)	DATE
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this ____ day of ____ (Month/Year)		(Affix Notary Seal)

SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____

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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.

**US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE
REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION
(Reference FSH 6509.18)**

FS-6500-25 (v.05/09)
OMB No. 0596-0082
Exp. (10/31/2012)

Instructions: Applicant - Complete items 1 thru 5. Forward directly to bank or lending institution.
 Lender - Please complete Items 6 thru 15. Return directly to National Forest, ATTN:
 National Forest, ATTN:

PART I - REQUEST

1. TO: Name and Address of Bank or other Lending institutions	2. FROM: (Name and Address of Applicant)
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3. STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

TYPE OF ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT		
OTHER		

I have applied for a timber sale contract or concessionaire permit (please cross one out) with the National Forest and state that my balance with the bank or lending institution named in Item 1 are as shown in Item 3. My signature below authorizes verification of the information. Your response is solely a matter of courtesy for which no responsibility is attached to your institution or any of your officers.

4. Signature of Applicant	5. Date / /
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PART II - VERIFICATION

6. Does applicant have any outstanding loans? Yes No If yes, fill Item 7.			10. Is the account less than 2 months old? Yes No If Yes, fill in Item 11.		
TYPES OF LOANS	MONTHLY PYMT.	PRESENT BALANCE	11. Date account was opened:		
Secured					
Unsecured			12. Payment Experience: Favorable Unfavorable If unfavorable, please explain in remarks.		
8. Is applicant's statement in Item 3 correct? Yes No If no, fill Item 9.					
9. CURRENT BALANCES					
CHECKING	SAVINGS				

13. REMARKS:

THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS CONFIDENTIAL. IT IS TO BE TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY, WITHOUT PASSING THOROUGH THE HANDS OF THE APPLICANT OR ANY OTHER PARTY.

14. Signature of bank or lending official.

15. Date

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Appendix F - Fee Schedule

Beginning January 1, 2001, the Regional Forester will annually adjust the amounts in the interim flat fee schedule in 37.21c - Exhibit 01, using the Implicit Price Deflator-Gross National Product index.

37.21c - EXHIBIT 01

2012 Interim Flat Fee Schedule - Alaska Region

I. Fees For Guiding Activities Other Than Big Game Hunting

Permitted Activity	Activity Definition	Fee Per NFS Client Day
Road-Based Nature Tours	Day uses such as hiking, biking, sightseeing, photography, wildlife and nature viewing, and vehicle tours that use or originate from road systems	\$5.15
Remote-Setting Nature Tours	Day uses such as hiking, sightseeing, photography wildlife and nature viewing, heli-hiking, mountaineering, and exploring	5.15
Flight-Seeing Landing Tours	Day-use landing tours on freshwater or land using a fixed-wing aircraft	5.15
Helicopter Landing Tours	Day use landing tours on freshwater or land using a helicopter	5.15
Nonmotorized Freshwater Boat Trips	Day uses such as rafting, canoeing, and kayaking on freshwater lakes and streams	5.15
Dog-sled Tours	Day-use guided tours	5.15

Camping	All multi-day activities that include overnight stays on NFS lands	5.15
Road-Based Wildlife Viewing	Hyder/Fish Creek	5.15
Remote Wildlife Viewing	Anan and Pack Creek	5.15
Visitor Center	Begich, Boggs Visitor Center	1.55
Over-Snow Vehicle Tours	Day-use guided tours	10.30
Heli-skiing Tours	Day-use guided tours	10.30
Freshwater Fishing	Day-use freshwater fishing	10.30
Hunting	Waterfowl and small game	10.30