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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER
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RE: Public Recreation Easement

REVIEW NOTICE

This is notification that the Southcentral Region Land Office is considering the issuance, in accordance with AS 38.05.850, authorizing: the construction and reservation of a non-motorized trail along the Maud Road Extension near Jim Lake in the Knik River Public Use Area.

<u>Casefile</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Area Plan</u>
ADL 231279 Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District	NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 16, Township 017 North, Range 003 East, Seward Meridian	Knik River Public Use Area Management Plane

You are invited to review the enclosed easement application materials and submit comments. The proposed easement is for the purpose of developing and reserving a non-motorized recreational trail leading from a point at the top of a small bluff overlooking Jim Lake to the shore of Jim Lake. This proposed easement will reserve the trail for non-motorized uses, authorizes trail construction, and provides permission for routine maintenance of the trail.

The public is invited to comment on this action. The Division of Mining, Land and Water must receive written comments regarding review of this proposed public recreation easement before 5:00 PM, November 12, 2011. You need not respond if you do not have any recommendations. The purpose of this notice is to gather input before a final decision is made to ensure that issuance of the proposed public recreation easement will be in the best interest of the State of Alaska. Comments may be received by mail, email, fax, or delivered in person.

Any questions, including how to submit comments, should be directed to Kent May, Telephone (907) 269-8546; Fax (907) 269-8913; or email: kent.may@alaska.gov

Sincerely,



Kent May
Natural Resource Specialist

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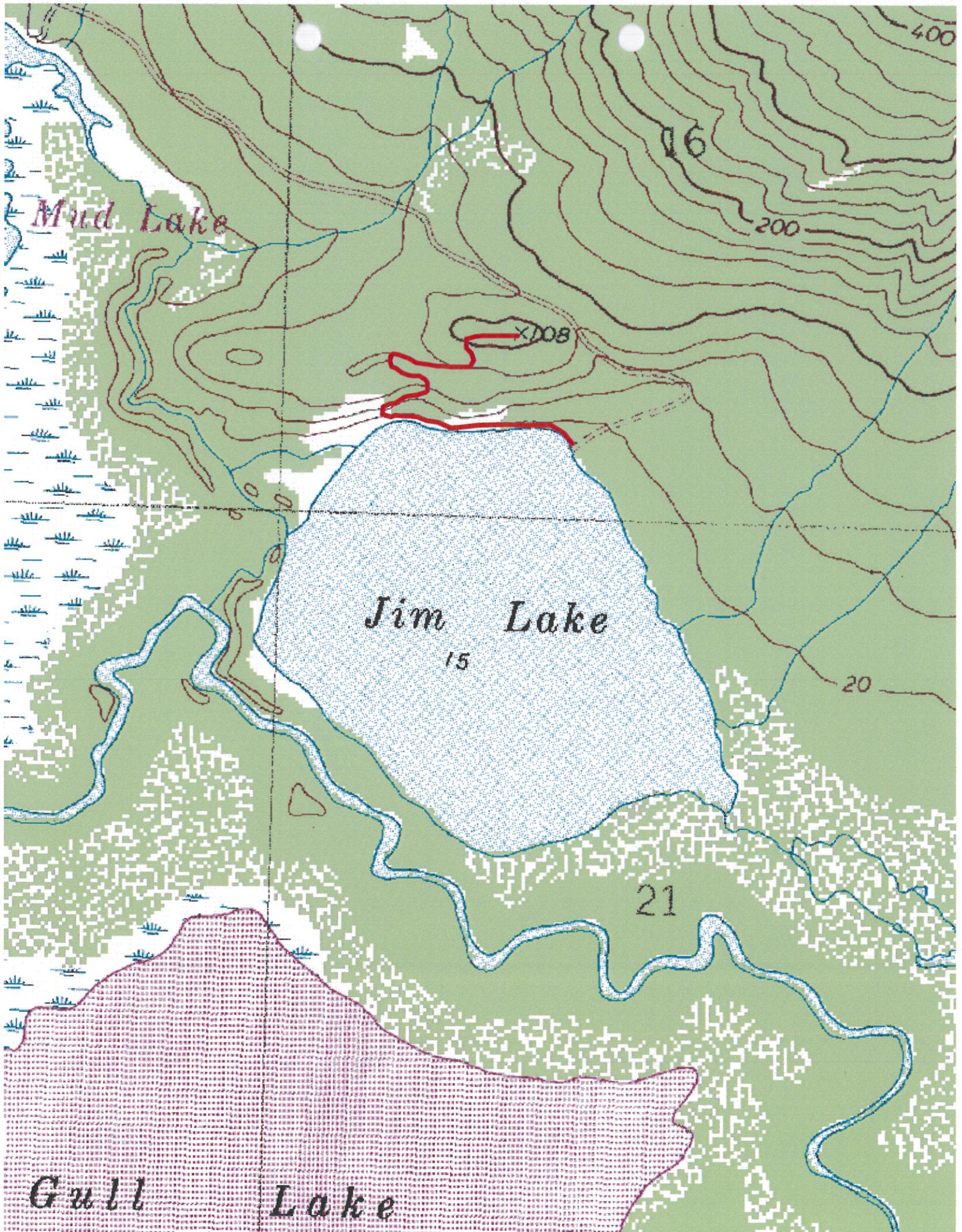
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Fairbanks, AK 99709
(907) 451-2740

Southcentral Region
550 W 7th Ave., Suite 900C
Anchorage, AK 99501-3577
(907) 269-8552

Southeast Region
400 Willoughby
P.O. Box 111020
Juneau, AK 99811-1020
(907) 465-3400

APPLICATION FOR EASEMENT
AS 38.05.850

Non-refundable application fee: \$100*

ADL # 231279
(to be filled in by state)

Applicant's Name Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District Doing business as:
Mailing Address 259 S. Alaska St E-Mail: palmer swcd@alaska.com
City/State/Zip Palmer, AK 99645
Message Phone (907) 745-1441 Work Phone (907) 745-1647

Is applicant a nonprofit cooperative association? [] yes [] no. If yes, are you applying for an exemption under AS 38.05.850(b)? [] yes [] no. If yes, please submit proof of nonprofit status (e.g. by-laws, articles of incorporation, tax statement).

Location of activity/Legal Description: Municipality Mat-su Borough Meridian Seward
Township 17N, Range 3E, Section 16, SE 1/4, SW 1/4
Township _____, Range _____, Section _____, 1/4, _____ 1/4

(attach extra sheets as needed) 61.553 N / 148.928 W Jim Lake

Total length of applied-for easement (feet): 3,000 Total width of applied-for easement (feet): 2
Acres encompassed by easement: _____ (43,560 square feet = 1 acre)

Specific purpose of easement (e.g. electric utility, fiber-optic conduit or cable, telecommunications tower, road, bridge, airstrip/airport, driveway, trail, drainage), and type of anticipated traffic (e.g. plane, truck, heavy equipment): Explain _____
Build a trail @ 2000 extension from the Jim Lake Overlook
Trail to the Jim Lake Boat Launch.

Are you applying for the Division of Mining, Land and Water to reserve a Public Easement? Yes No . Are you applying to be granted a Private Easement? Yes No (Note: Annual rental fee required for private easement)

State briefly the standards and methods of construction: e.g. regulated standard winter trail, dirt trail, gravel road, paved road, etc.; clearing by hand, clearing/construction by mechanical equipment (state type of equipment to be used, e.g. J.D. 350, 944 F.E. loader, hydro-axe, D-8), or establishment by use only.

This trail will be non motorized. clearing and construction will be done by hand and w/ mechanical equipment by a contracted trail construction company.

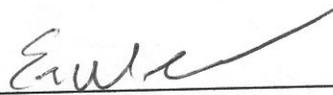
Is this an existing use? Yes No . If yes, provide documentation verifying existing use, such as easement atlas, affidavits attesting to use and existence, pictures, etc.

Construction to begin: June 2012

Construction to be completed by: September 2013

Other permits or authorizations applied for in conjunction with this proposed project: N/A

If this authorization is granted, I agree to construct and maintain the improvements authorized in a workmanlike manner, and to keep the area in a neat and sanitary condition; to comply with all the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining thereto; and provided further that upon termination of the easement for which application is being made, I agree to remove or relocate the improvements and restore the area without cost to the state and to the satisfaction of the Director of the Division of Mining, Land and Water.


Applicant's Signature

10-5-2011
Date

INSTRUCTIONS: Attach a USGS map (scale of 1:63,360) or a state status plat showing the location of the proposed easement, and an environmental risk assessment questionnaire (form 102-4008A).

The final granting of a private easement or reservation of a public easement will be contingent upon our receipt of a plat depicting the post-construction location of the improvements. If your application is approved, instructions for the completion of the plat will be provided to you, or can be picked up at any of our offices.

AS 38.05.035(a) authorizes the director to decide what information is needed to process an application for the sale or use of state land and resources. This information is made a part of the state public land records and becomes public information under AS 40.25.110 and 40.25.120 (unless the information qualifies for confidentiality under AS 38.05.035(a)(9) and confidentiality is requested). Public information is open to inspection by you or any member of the public. A person who is the subject of the information may challenge its accuracy or completeness under AS 44.99.310, by giving a written description of the challenged information, the changes needed to correct it, and a name and address where the person can be reached. False statements made in an application for a benefit are punishable under AS 11.56.210.

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DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER**

LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION
AS 38.05.850

Applicants must complete all sections of this application. In addition, applicants proposing:

- the use of the uplands and non marine waters must also complete the Supplemental Questionnaire for Use of Uplands and Non Marine Waters accompanying this application;
- off-road travel must also complete the Supplemental Questionnaire for Off-Road Travel accompanying this application; and/or
- the use of tide and submerged lands must also complete the Supplemental Questionnaire for Use of Marine Waters accompanying this application.

Other items that must accompany the completed application are:

- a **(non-refundable) \$100 application filing fee;**
- a 1:250,000 or 1:63,360 scale USGS map showing the location of the proposed activity;
- additional items identified and required in any supplemental questionnaire(s) to this application;
- an Alaska Coastal Management Questionnaire if the proposed use is within the Coastal Zone; and
- additional pages if more space is necessary to answer the questions completely.

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Completed Land Use Permit Applications should be mailed to one of the following offices:

Public Information Center
550 W. 7th Ave, Suite 1260
Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 269-8400

Public Information Center
3700 Airport Way
Fairbanks, AK 99709
(907) 451-2705

MLW Information Office
P.O. Box 111020
Juneau, AK 99811-1020
(907) 465-3400

LAS # _____

Applicant Information:			
Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District			
Applicant Name		Date of Birth	
Eric Wade		920131671	
Doing Business As		Contact Person	
259 S. Alaska Street Palmer, AK 99645		palmerswcd@alaska.com	
Mailing Address with City, State and Zip		Email Address	
()	(907) 745-1441	()	(907) 745-1443
Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone	FAX
If you are applying for a corporation, give the following information:			
Name, address and place of incorporation: Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District 259 S. Alaska St Palmer, AK 99645			
Is the corporation qualified to do business in Alaska? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> . If yes, provide name, address and phone number of resident agent: _____			
Type of User, Select one: <input type="checkbox"/> Private non-commercial (personal use) <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Recreation or Tourism			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Non-profit including Federal, State, Municipal Government Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Other commercial or industrial			

Duration of Project: The proposed activity will require the use of state land for: (Check one)

a single term of less than one year. Beginning month: _____ Ending month: _____

a multi year term for up to 5 years. Beginning year: 2012 Ending year: 2017

If multi year and seasonal, circle months of use in each year. Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, Jun., Jul., Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.

Project Location

Latitude/Longitude or UTM: 61.553N / 148.928W or Jim Lake
Section: 16, Township: 17N, Range: 3E, Meridian: Seward
(The spaces below are to be used if the boundaries of the proposed project cross section lines.)

Section: _____, Township: _____, Range: _____, Meridian: _____

Section: _____, Township: _____, Range: _____, Meridian: _____

Proposed project will require the use of up to 1 acres. (Add additional sheets as necessary)

Project Description - Describe in detail your intended use of state land. (State land also includes all tide and submerged lands beneath coastal waters and all shorelands beneath other navigable water bodies of the state.) Discuss development and activities. (Attach additional pages as necessary.)

1. Construct 3,000 ft trail extension from Jim Lake Overlook Trail to the Jim Lake Boat Launch. This will be a non motorized trail two feet wide with a shoulder height clearing of 60 inches. The trail will connect the salmon viewing ponds along the lake shore to the boat launch.

Should a portion of the permitted area be closed to the general public? Yes No If yes, explain which portion and provide justification for exclusive use:

Site Description - Briefly describe the current condition of the proposed site of use, noting any trash, garbage, debris or signs of possible site contamination (If significant, we recommend you provide pictures to establish initial conditions):

The proposed site of the trail extension contain small amounts of trash such as shotgun shells, bottles, and cans.

Are there improvements or materials on the site now? Yes No If yes, briefly describe the improvements, their approximate value, and who owns them (We recommend you provide pictures of improvements):

Site Description continued - Describe the natural vegetation --- ground cover, trees, shrubs --- and any proposed changes. Describe the location of any estuarine, riparian, or wetlands and any noticeable animal use of area.

The vegetation of the site consists of birch, aspen, devils club, white spruce, cottonwood, kinnikinnik, rose, fireweed, compassnip, sedges, and blue joint. The lake is a spawning area for salmon. Eagles, raves, waterfowl, and moose are abundant and common in the area.

Site Access - Describe how you plan to access the site, and your mode of transportation.

The site is accessible by vehicle from Naul road. The road turns to rough gravel at McRoberts creek and then it is three miles to Jim Lake and the Jim Lake Overlook Trail.

If your access is by aircraft, specify the type and size of aircraft: NA

To access the site, the aircraft is equipped with floats wheels skis .

Number of people

1. Indicate the number of employees and supervisors who will be working on the site. 5-10
2. Indicate the number of customers who will be using the site per year or season. 1000
3. Indicate the number of days the site will be used per year or season. 200

Environmental Risk / Hazardous Substances - In the course of your proposed activity will you generate, use, store, transport, dispose of, or otherwise come in contact with toxic and/or hazardous materials, and/or hydrocarbons? Yes No . If yes, please describe:

The types and volumes of fuel or other hazardous substances present or proposed: _____

The specific storage location(s): _____

The spill plan and prevention methods: _____

Environmental Risk/Hazardous Substances (continued) - If you plan to use either above or below ground storage containers (like tanks, drums, or other containers) for hazardous material storage, answer the following questions for each container:

Where will the container be located? _____

What will be stored in the container? _____

What will be the container's size in gallons? _____

Give a description of any secondary containment structure, including volume in gallons, the type of lining material, and configuration:

Will the container be tested for leaks? Yes[] No[]

Will the container be equipped with leak detection devices? Yes[] No[]. If no, describe: _____

Do you have any reason to suspect, or do you know if the site may have been previously contaminated? Yes[] No[]. If yes, please explain:

Date Stamp:



District Manager

Signature of Applicant or Authorized Representative

Title

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Land Use Permit Application Supplemental Questionnaire for: Off Road Travel

Answer the following questions if your proposed activity includes off-road travel.

Terrain Factor. Circle the following terrain type(s) that best describes your route of travel:

- Wetlands
- Open, non-tundra or wetland areas.
- Rivers or other water bodies.
- Wooded areas with trees of 6" or greater diameter (at breast height).
- Tundra areas.

Vehicles and Weight. List the number and kinds of vehicles to be used for motorized travel, the weight of each vehicle and the weight of each trailer or sled (including loaded weight) to be carried by that vehicle:

Mileage.

- State the average total miles traveled in one round trip: 606
- State the number of trips proposed: _____

Season Factor. Proposed date(s) of travel will be: **From:** May **To:** Sept

Stream and Water Body Crossings. - Note who you contacted in the DNR, Office of Habitat Management and Permitting:

Date: _____ Person: NA

Fuel and Hazardous Substance Factor. The volume of fuel and hazardous substances to be used is the total volume (in gallons) to be carried on one vehicle and any trailers or sleds that vehicle is towing.

- Maximum volume of fuel (in gallons) that is being transported by one vehicle and any trailers or sleds it is towing: _____ gallons.
- Hazardous substances other than fuel:

Substance NA

Substance _____

- Do you have an Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan approved by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation? **Yes** [] **No** []
- Do you have either a trained spill response team or a contract with a spill response company? **Yes** [] **No** []

**Land Use Permit Application Supplemental Questionnaire for:
Use of Uplands and Non Marine Waters**

To be completed to provide more detailed information about projects or activities requiring the use of state owned uplands and non marine waters. All site development details identified in this section must be represented graphically in the scaled drawings on Page 4 of the supplement.

Temporary Structures – 1) Describe all temporary improvements (including buildings, tent platforms, out-buildings, docks, floats, and floating facilities), including their dimensions and building materials. 2) Label improvements to be maintained on a year round basis as year round. **Note:** Seasonal improvements must be completely dismantled and removed or stored on or before the end of authorized terms of use.

NA

Distance structures including pit privies will be located from the ordinary highwater mark of the nearest freshwater body (lake, stream, river, etc), or the mean high water mark of a saltwater body: _____

Harvest of Non-Timber Related Forest Products – Please list the type and quantity of each non-timber related forest product (berries, ferns, willow, mushrooms, birch bark, etc.) to be harvested for commercial use:

NA

Contact the DNR Division of Forestry to obtain authorizations for the harvest of small trees.

Motorized Equipment - List mechanized/motorized equipment to be used, including type, size, purpose, and number of each.

ATV's will be used to transport gravel to the trail. Additionally a mid sized truck and loader will be used.

For stream and water body crossings, note who you contacted in the DNR, Office of Habitat Management and Permitting:
Date: _____ Person: _____

Storage and Parking - If you plan to store items or park boats, vehicles and/or heavy equipment on the site, describe complete the following:

Describe and give dimensions of long term and short term parking and or storage areas. _____
NA

Is parking or storage planned to take place on filled tidelands. Yes [] No []

Does storage involve structures or materials floating in a waterbody? Yes [] No [] If yes, describe. _____

Storage and Parking (continued)

Number of disassembled tent frames _____

Number of tent platforms _____

List and describe items that are large and difficult to transport. Include dimensions: _____

NA

Will barrel(s) or an equivalent type of storage container be used? **Yes** | **No** | If using something other than barrels for storage containers, describe the alternative container.

Describe any measures you plan to take to minimize drips or spills from leaking vehicles or equipment. _____

Water / Wastewater

Water Supply – Describe the water supply and proposed use. _____

NA

Wastewater – Describe the wastewater type and quantity and proposed method of wastewater disposal: (for the marine environment, also describe the proposed gray and black water systems or out fall pipeline.

Waste – Describe the types of waste that will be generated on-site, including solid waste, the source of the waste, and the method of waste disposal, i.e. pit privy, or self-contained system, or outfall line; indicate distance from the nearest waterbody.

Animal Use

Will there be any use of animals (horses, llamas, dogs, etc.)? Yes [] No []

Will there be commercial use of the animals (horseback rides, packing, dog sled rides, etc.)? Yes [] No [] If yes, please explain:

NA

Dismantle, Removal, Restoration Plan – Provide a plan for dismantling and removing temporary structures. Include method and timeline for total site restoration:

NA

SHORT TERM (PORTABLE) COMMERCIAL RECREATION CAMPS: Identify commercial recreation activity/activities for which short term (portable) camps **will be** established to accommodate employees and clients, and provide a general description of the location(s) (e.g. guide use area, game management sub-unit, river, stream, lake, etc.) where the recreational activity/activities and short term (portable) camp use will occur.

___ **Big Game Guiding: (List up to 3 Guide Use Areas.)** NA

___ **Sportfishing (List river corridors, lakes, etc.)**

___ **Boating/Rafting/Kayaking: (List river corridors, lakes, etc.)**

___ **Other Recreation: (Type and general geographic description.)**

- Is all or a portion of any of the above identified areas located within the Bering Straits CRSA? Yes ___ No ___

- Identify any State of Alaska Refuge, Sanctuary and/or Critical Habitat Area where short term (portable) camps will be used.

Will activities include "day use" of state land managed under the Haines State Forest Management Plan? Yes ___ No ___