



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Guided Activities CUA (Sept 24-May 10)

PEPC Project Number: 76606

Description of Action (Project Description):

Guided Activities is a new Commercial Use Authorization based around the winter (and shoulder season) activities of hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing. Increased visitation during the shoulder and winter seasons along with the increasing demand for winter activities is the catalyst for the creation of the Guided Winter Activities CUA.

Guided Winter Activities Stipulations attached. Stipulations and general language subject to change.

Project Locations:

Location

County: Denali Borough **State:** AK

Mitigation(s):

- Commercial Services staff to work with Wilderness Coordinator on END and/or MRA for activities in Wilderness Areas (e.g Triple Lakes Trail and others)
- Language in CUA to be edited to address all mitigation efforts required of CUA holder. See CUA stipulations for specifics with respect to waste removal, idling, location for commercial activity, etc.
- Commercial Services (Landon) to coordinate monitoring that CUA holders are compliant with CUA stipulations; work with Maintenance and Resources Staff as relevant to monitor.

CE Citation: A.6 Commercial use licenses involving no construction.

CE Justification:

New CUA involves only temporary structures (to be removed daily). CUAs issued for one year at time.

Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Signature

Superintendent:


for Don Striker

Date:

11 Dec 2017

Extraordinary Circumstances:

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
A. Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
B. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?	No	
C. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
D. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
E. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
F. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
G. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office?	No	
H. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	No	
I. Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
J. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
K. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?	No	
L. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?	No	