



**SPECIAL AREA PERMIT FH23-IV-GP09-SA**

**ISSUED:** January 1, 2023  
**EXPIRES:** December 31, 2027

General Public:

**Re:** *Susitna Flats State Game Refuge - Organized Group Assembly  
Little Susitna Public Use Facility*

Pursuant to 5 AAC 95, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Habitat Section has determined that both the public interest and the proper protection of fish and game would be served through the issuance of a General Permit for group assemblages of more than 20 persons within the Little Susitna Public Use Facility (LSPUF). The LSPUF was developed to provide improved public recreational opportunity and access to the Little Susitna River and the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge. The LSPUF is located within the boundaries of the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge. Per state regulations a permit is required for organized group activities of more than 20 persons within the refuge.

Assemblages authorized under this permit will be short-term in nature and will not entail the selling of a product or service. Users will remove all their personal property at the completion of their activity or risk impoundment by the state. Groups wishing to gather under the authorization of this General Permit must submit a completed registration form (attached) to the facility host representative at the LSPUF or the Habitat Section office in Palmer prior to the planned event. Assemblages will be allowed within LSPUF when space and appropriate staff is available.

The Susitna Flats State Game Refuge was established pursuant to AS 16.20.036 in 1976 to protect the following:

- (1) Fish and wildlife habitat and populations, particularly waterfowl nesting, feeding, and migration areas; moose calving areas; spring and fall bear feeding areas; salmon spawning and rearing habitats; and,
- (2) Public uses of fish and wildlife and their habitat, particularly waterfowl, moose, and bear hunting; viewing; photography; and general public recreation in a high quality environment.

This activity is not expected to have significant adverse impacts to important habitat values, fish and wildlife populations, or public recreation within the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge.

In accordance with 5 AAC 95, 5 AAC 95.515 (4)(E) and 5 AAC 95.770, group assemblages of more than 20 persons at the LSPUF are authorized subject to the following stipulations:

1. **This permit must be in your possession during the group assembly.**
2. **Responsible Party** – The responsible party listed on the Group Registration Form assumes responsibility for their group with respect to abiding by the terms of this permit.
3. **Litter** – All activity areas and campsites shall be kept clean and maintained in a safe and sanitary manner. Users shall remove all litter generated by their activities.
4. **Non-obstruction of Public Use** – Users shall not interfere with free public use of roads and trails in the area of their activities.
5. **Signs** – No signs or advertising devices shall be erected or otherwise displayed on state land.

As an advisory, please be aware that natural hazards may exist within the LSPUF. Users shall take all reasonable precautions to be aware of these hazards and to avoid injury to persons or property. State law stipulates that no person may start or maintain a fire in the public use facility except in a portable camp stove or confined to a structure provided by the department for fires (5 AAC 95.515(4)(F)). All reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent, make a diligent effort to suppress, and to promptly report all fires on or endangering state lands.

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of AS 16.20.060 and must be retained on site during project activities. Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by the Habitat Section; other agencies also may have jurisdiction under their respective authorities. This determination does not relieve you of your responsibility to secure other permits; state, federal, or local. You are still required to comply with all other applicable laws.

You are responsible for the actions of contractors, agents, or other persons who perform work to accomplish the approved project. For any activity that significantly deviates from the approved plan, you shall notify the Habitat Section and obtain written approval in the form of a permit amendment in accordance with 5 AAC 95.740 before beginning the activity. Any action that increases the project's overall scope or that negates, alters, or minimizes the intent or effectiveness of any provision contained in this permit will be deemed a significant deviation from the approved plan. The final determination as to the significance of any deviation and the need for a permit amendment is the responsibility of the Habitat Section. Therefore, we recommend you consult the Habitat Section immediately before considering any deviation from the approved plan.

You shall give an authorized representative of the state free and unobstructed access to the permit site, at safe and reasonable times, for the purpose of inspecting or monitoring compliance with any provision of this permit. You shall furnish whatever assistance and information the authorized representative reasonably requires for monitoring and inspection purposes.

In addition to the penalties provided by law, this permit may be terminated or revoked for failure to comply with its provisions or failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. You shall mitigate any adverse effect upon fish or wildlife, their habitats, or any restriction or interference with public use that the commissioner determines was a direct result of your failure to comply with this permit or any applicable law.

You shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the department, its agents, and its employees from any and all claims, actions, or liabilities for injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly from permitted activities or your performance under this permit. However, this provision has no effect if, and only if, the sole proximate cause of the injury is the department's negligence.

Any questions or concerns about this permit please call the Habitat Section at (907) 861-3200.

Sincerely,

Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner



By: Sarah Myers  
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Enclosure: Group Registration Form

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### Little Susitna Public Use Facility Group Assembly Registration

Name of Responsible Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work/Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Number in Group: \_\_\_\_\_

***I certify I have read and understand FH23-IV-GP09-SA and agree to abide by the conditions and stipulations contained therein.***

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Applicant

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Date

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Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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