

Department of Fish and Game

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FISH HABITAT PERMIT FH15-I-0143-GP GENERAL PERMIT

ISSUED: October 8, 2015

General Public:

RE: Colorado Road Trail ATV Stream Crossings

Unnamed Tributary to the Lost River (Stream No. 182-80-10100-2011-3023) Sec 4, T 28 S, R 34E, CRM (YAK C-5)

Alaska Statute AS 16.05.871 requires that prior to crossing a specified waterbody with a wheeled or tracked vehicle an individual obtain a permit from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The department has determined that both the public interest and the proper protection of fish and game are served through the issuance of a general permit authorizing ATV crossings at two permitted¹ hardened fords on the Colorado Road Trail.

Activity Description

ATV crossings of the unnamed tributary to the Lost River across the hardened fords at 59.5179°N, 139.6583°W and 59.5180°N, 139.6575°W.

Anadromous Fish Act

The unnamed tributary to the Lost River has been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). Stream No. 182-80-10100-2011-3023 provides habitat for coho and pink salmon.

In accordance with 16.05.871 (d), public ATV crossings across the hardened fords are approved, subject to the activity description above and the terms of this permit.

Permit Terms

For any activity that significantly deviates from the approved activity, the responsible party shall notify the Division of Habitat at the above letterhead address or telephone number, and obtain written approval in the form of an individual permit before beginning the activity. Any action that increases the overall scope of the permitted activity, or that negates, alters, or minimizes the intent or effectiveness of the

¹ FH14-I-0094, FH14-I-0095

terms of this permit will be deemed a significant deviation from the approved actions. The final determination as to the significance of any deviation and the need for an individual permit is the responsibility of the Division of Habitat. Therefore, it is recommended you consult the Division of Habitat immediately when a deviation from the approved activity is being considered.

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

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of AS 16.05.871. Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by the Division of Habitat. 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.

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. The department reserves the right to require mitigation measures to correct disruption to fish and game created by the project and which was a direct result of the failure to comply with this General Permit or any applicable law.

Any member of the general public operating under this General Permit 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.

This permit decision may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.330-630.

If you have any questions, please call the Juneau Division of Habitat at (907)-465-4105.

Sincerely, Sam Cotten Commissioner

By Jackie Timothy

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