



SPECIAL AREA PERMIT FH-15-IV-GP12-SA

ISSUED: January 1, 2015
EXPIRES: December 31, 2015

General Public:

Re: Susitna Flats State Game Refuge - Camping

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Habitat has determined that both the public interest and the proper protection of fish and wildlife and their habitat would be served by the authorization of limited camping activities within the Susitna Flats State Game Refuge (SFSGR). Pursuant to 5 AAC 95.770, the Division of Habitat hereby authorizes camping on state lands in the SFSGR for a period of up to 14 consecutive days as established herein.

This permit authorizes camping activities within the SFSGR outside the Little Susitna Public Use Facility (LSPUF). Camping activities within the LSPUF must be conducted in accordance with 5 AAC 95.515(4) and all posted campground rules.

The Susitna Flats State Game Refuge was created in 1976 pursuant to AS 16.20.036 to protect:

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 recreation in a high quality environment.

In accordance with 5 AAC 95, the Division of Habitat hereby approves camping activities within the SFSGR subject to the following stipulations:

1. Prior to the end of the 14th day after arriving at a camp site, all persons shall exit and all personal property shall be removed from the refuge for at least three days (72 hours) or the camp must be moved a minimum of two (2) miles from the previous camp site.
2. Campsites may not be left unattended for longer than 72 hours.
3. Camping on the Little Susitna River (within 100-feet of the river) is limited to marked established campsites (See attached map) or may take place on exposed unvegetated sand or gravel bars. Use of developed campsites along the Little Susitna River is on a first-come first-serve basis. If tent platforms are available, all tents or other shelters are allowed only on existing tent platforms at these campsites.
4. Damage to streambank vegetation is prohibited. Walking on, standing on, tying boats to, or other disturbance of marked riverbank restoration sites is not allowed.
5. Human and domestic animal excrement shall either be contained in provided outhouse facilities, buried at least 6 inches in the ground at least 100 feet from any surface water or wetland, or removed from the SFSGR for disposal.
6. Camps shall be maintained in a manner that avoids attracting bears and other wildlife. All garbage and litter shall be burned to ash on a daily basis or removed to an approved disposal site as soon as practical. All litter must be removed at the completion of camping activities.
7. Campfires shall not be left unattended.

8. There shall be no cutting of any standing woody vegetation. Dead and down trees may be used for firewood.
9. There shall be no interference with public use of state lands and waters in the SFSGR.

Be reminded that, pursuant to 5 AAC 95.420, any activity within the SFSGR that is likely to have a significant effect on vegetation, drainage, water quality, soil stability, fish, wildlife, or their habitats, including the construction of structures or the clearing of vegetation, is specifically not allowed without individual authorization from the Division of Habitat.

The permittee, or the legal guardian of minor dependents, are responsible for the actions of contractors, agents, or other persons who participate in the approved activity. For any activity that significantly deviates from the approved activity, the permittee shall notify the Division of Habitat at the above letterhead address and obtain written approval in the form of an individual Special Area Permit before beginning the activity. Any action taken by the permittee or an agent of the permittee that increases the overall scope of the permitted activity or that negates, alters, or minimizes the intent or effectiveness of any stipulation 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 Division of Habitat. Therefore, it is recommended that the Division of Habitat be consulted immediately when a deviation from the approved plan is being considered.

This letter constitutes a General Permit issued under the authority of 5 AAC 95. Please be advised that this approval does not relieve the permittee of the responsibility for securing other all other applicable state, federal, or local permits.

The permittee shall mitigate any adverse effect upon fish or wildlife, their habitat, or any restriction or interference with public use, which the commissioner determines may be expected to result from, or which actually results from, the permittee's activity, or which was a direct result of the permittee's failure to: 1) comply with a permit condition or a provision of 5 AAC 95; or 2) correct a condition or change a method foreseeably detrimental to fish and wildlife, or their habitat.

The recipient of this permit (the permittee) shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the Division of Habitat, 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 the permittee's performance under this permit amendment. However, this provision has no effect if, and only if, the sole proximate cause of the injury is the Division of Habitat's negligence.

An interested person may initiate an appeal of a decision made under this chapter in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.330 - 44.62.630 by requesting a hearing under AS 44.62.370.

Sincerely,

Sam Cotten, Acting Commissioner



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Attachment: Little Susitna River Designated Camp Sites Map

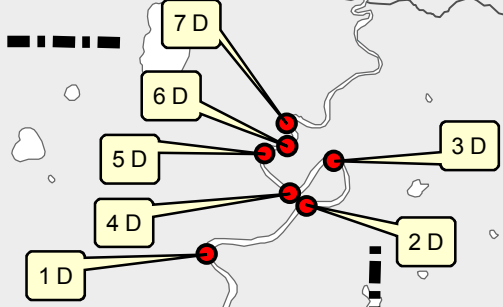
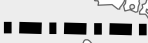
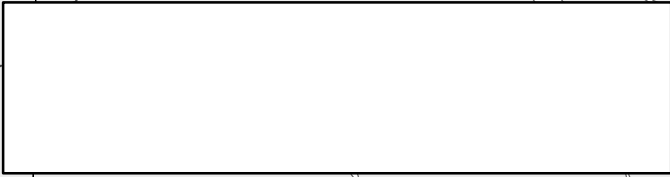
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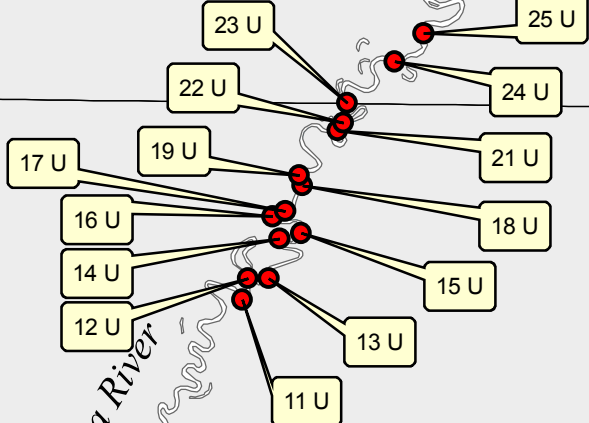
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D - Developed sites (tent platforms, outhouse, food storage container, picnic table, fire ring)
U - Undeveloped site



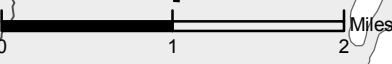
Little Susitna River
Public Use Facility (Burma)



Private Land



Little Susitna River



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