Department of Natural Resources





DIVISION OF MINING, LAND, and WATER Northern Regional Land Office

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Entry Authorization

ADL 420439

Bureau of Land Management, herein known as the Grantee, is issued this Entry Authorization authorizing the use of state land within:

Legal Description:

State lands within: Section 36, Township 8 North, Range 4 West; Sections 31, 32, 29, 28, 27, 22, 23, 14, and 13, Township 8 North, Range 3 West; Sections 18, 17, 16, 15, 22, and 23, Township 8 North, Range 2 West; Fairbanks Meridian; as depicted on Attachment A.

This Entry Authorization is issued for the purpose of authorizing the following:

The construction, survey, and maintenance of a winter snowmachine trail and for yearround non-motorized access, and for trailhead improvements such as signs, an outhouse, a parking area, and ramps. Other motorized access prohibited except as stipulated below.

This authorization is effective beginning ______ and ending ______ unless sooner terminated.

All activities shall be conducted in accordance with the following stipulations:

- 1. **Authorized Officer:** The Authorized Officer (AO) for the State of Alaska (State), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW), is the Regional Manager or designee.
- 2. Change of Contact Information: The Grantee shall maintain current contact information with the AO. Any change of contact information must be submitted in writing to the AO.
- 3. Valid Existing Rights: This authorization is subject to all valid existing rights and reservations in and to the authorized area. The State makes no representations or warranties, whatsoever, either expressed or implied, as to the existence, number, or nature of such valid existing rights.

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- 4. **Preference Right:** No preference right for subsequent authorizations is granted or implied by this authorization.
- 5. **Inspections:** The AO shall have reasonable access to the authorized area for inspection, which may be conducted without prior notice. If the Grantee is found to be in noncompliance the authorized area may be subject to reinspection. The Grantee may be charged for actual expenses of any inspection.
- 6. **Public Access:** Except as consistent with the purpose set forth above, the construction, operation, use, and maintenance of the authorized area shall not interfere with public use of roads, trails, waters, landing areas, and public access easements. Motorized use restrictions consistent with the purpose set forth above may be enforced within the easement area, but shall not apply to state mining claimants holding claims encompassing or adjacent to the authorized area and who are accessing their claims for mining purposes and otherwise comporting with DNR regulations. If a specific activity poses a safety concern, the AO may allow the restriction of public access for a specific period of time. The Grantee is required to contact the AO in advance for approval. No further restriction is allowed unless specifically authorized in writing by the AO.
- 7. **Public Trust Doctrine:** The Public Trust Doctrine guarantees public access to, and the public right to use, navigable and public waters and the land beneath them for navigation, commerce, fishing, and other purposes. This authorization is subject to the principles of the Public Trust Doctrine regarding navigable or public waters. The AO reserves the right to grant other interests consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.
- 8. Alaska Historic Preservation Act: The Alaska Historic Preservation Act, AS 41.35.200, prohibits the appropriation, excavation, removal, injury, or destruction of any state owned historic, prehistoric, archaeological or paleontological site without written approval from the DNR Commissioner. Should any sites be discovered, the Grantee shall cease any activities that may cause damage and immediately contact the AO and the Office of History and Archaeology in the Division of Parks and Recreation.
- 9. **Compliance with Government Requirements:** The Grantee shall, at its expense, comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances directly or indirectly related to this authorization. The Grantee shall ensure compliance by its employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, licensees, or invitees.
- 10. **Incurred Expenses:** The Grantor shall in no way be held liable for expenses incurred by the Grantee connected with the activities directly or indirectly related to this authorization.
- 11. **Waiver of Forbearance:** Any failure on the part of the AO to enforce the terms of this authorization, or the waiver of any right under this authorization by the Grantee, unless in writing, shall not discharge or invalidate the authorization of such terms. No forbearance

or written waiver affects the right of the AO to enforce any terms in the event of any subsequent violations of terms of this authorization.

- 12. Severability Clause: If any clause or provision of this authorization is, in a final judicial proceeding, determined illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws, then the Grantor and the Grantee agree that the remainder of this authorization will not be affected, and in lieu of each clause or provision of this authorization that is illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, there will be added as a part of this authorization a clause or provision as similar in terms to the illegal, invalid, or unenforceable clause or provision as may be possible, legal, valid, and enforceable.
- 13. Concurrent Use: The DMLW reserves the right to grant additional authorizations to third parties for compatible uses on or adjacent to the land under this authorization. Authorized concurrent users of State land, their agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, and licensees shall not interfere with the operation or maintenance activities of each user. The DMLW may require authorized concurrent users of State land to enter into an equitable agreement regarding concurrent use.
- 14. **Indemnification:** The Grantee shall be responsible for any claim or demand for loss or damage, including property damage, personal injury, wrongful death, and wage or employment claims, arising out of or in connection with the use or occupancy of the authorization site, in accordance with provisions of the Federal Tort Claims Act.
- 15. Assignment: This authorization may not be transferred or assigned without the prior written consent of the AO.
- 16. **Removal of Improvements and Site Restoration:** Upon termination of this authorization, whether by abandonment, revocation or any other means, the Grantee shall within 30 days remove all improvements from the area herein granted, except those owned by the State, and the site shall be restored to a condition acceptable to the AO. Should the Grantee fail or refuse to remove said structures or improvements within the time allotted, they shall revert to and become the property of the State; however, the Grantee shall not be relieved of the cost of the removal of the structures, improvements and/or the cost of restoring the area.
- 17. **Violations:** This authorization may be revoked upon violation of any of its terms, conditions, stipulations, nonpayment of fees, or upon failure to comply with any other applicable laws, statutes and regulations. A revocation may not become effective until 60 days after the Grantee has been notified in writing of the violation during which time the Grantee has an opportunity to cure any such violation.

No public access easement may be terminated without the prior written approval of DMLW.

- 18. **Extensions:** The AO may approve a written request to extend this authorization if additional time is necessary to meet its requirements. The written request must certify that there have been no changes to the approved development plan and be received at least 30 days before the expiration date of this authorization. Additional fees may be required.
- 19. Notification of Discharge: The Grantee shall immediately notify the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and AO of any unauthorized discharge of oil to water, any discharge of hazardous substances (other than oil), and any discharge of oil greater than 55 gallons on land. All fires and explosions must also be reported immediately.

If a discharge, including a cumulative discharge, of oil is greater than 10 gallons but less than 55 gallons, or a discharge of oil greater than 55 gallons is made to an impermeable secondary containment area, the Grantee shall report the discharge within 48 hours. Any discharge of oil greater than one gallon up to 10 gallons, including a cumulative discharge, solely to land, must be reported in writing on a monthly basis.

Notification of discharge during normal business hours must be made to the nearest DEC Area Response Team: Anchorage (907) 269-7500, fax (907) 269-7687; Fairbanks (907) 451-2121, fax (907) 451-2362; Juneau (907) 465-5340, fax (907) 465-5245. For discharges in state offshore waters call (907) 269-0667. The DEC oil spill report number outside normal business hours is (800) 478-9300.

Notification of discharge must be made to the appropriate DNR Office, preferably by email: Anchorage email dnr.scro.spill@alaska.gov, (907) 269-8503; Fairbanks email dnr.nro.spill@alaska.gov, (907) 451-2739; Juneau email sero@alaska.gov, (907) 465-3400. The Grantee shall supply the AO with all incident reports submitted to DEC.

- 20. **Request for Information:** The AO, at any time, may require the Grantee to provide any information directly or indirectly related to this authorization, in a manner prescribed by the AO.
- 21. **Annual Report:** An annual report shall be submitted by December 15 of each year outlining work completed that year, work to be completed next year, and anticipated construction completion timeframe.
- 22. **Site Disturbance:** Site disturbance shall be kept to a minimum to protect local habitats. All activities at the site shall be conducted in a manner that will minimize the disturbance of soil and vegetation and changes in the character of natural drainage systems.

Brush clearing is allowed but shall be kept to the minimum necessary to conduct or complete the authorized activity. Removal or destruction of the vegetative mat outside of the authorized area is not allowed.

- 23. **Fuel and Hazardous Substances:** No fuel or hazardous substances are to be stored on state land. Prior written approval from the AO is required for a change in this restriction and may include additional stipulations and/or a change in the amount required for the performance guaranty.
- 24. **Waste Disposal:** On-site refuse disposal is prohibited, unless specifically authorized. All waste generated during operation, maintenance, and termination activities under this authorization shall be removed and disposed of at an off-site DEC approved disposal facility. Waste, in this paragraph, means all discarded matter, including but not limited to human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, oil drums, petroleum products, ashes and discarded equipment.
- 25. **Destruction of Markers:** The Grantee shall protect all survey monuments, witness corners, reference monuments, mining claim posts, bearing trees, and unsurveyed corner posts against damage, destruction, or obliteration. The Grantee shall notify the AO of any damaged, destroyed, or obliterated markers and shall reestablish the markers at the Grantee's expense in accordance with accepted survey practices of the DMLW.
- 26. **Site Maintenance:** The authorized area shall be maintained in a neat, clean, and safe condition, free of any solid waste, debris, or litter, except as specifically authorized herein. Nothing may be stored that would be an attractive nuisance to wildlife or create a potentially hazardous situation.
- 27. **Maintenance of Improvements:** The Grantor is not responsible for maintenance of authorized improvements or liable for injuries or damages related to those improvements. No action or inaction of the Grantor is to be construed as assumption of responsibility.
- 28. Amendment or Modification: The Grantee may request an amendment or modification of this authorization; the Grantee's request must be in writing. Any amendment or modification must be approved by the AO in advance and may require additional fees and changes to the terms of this authorization.
- 29. **Development Plan:** Development shall be limited to the authorized area and improvements specified in the approved development plan or subsequent modifications approved by the AO. The Grantee is responsible for accurately siting development and operations within the authorized area. Any proposed revisions to the development plan must be approved in writing by the AO before the change in use or development occurs.
- 30. **Proper Location:** This authorization is for activities on state lands or interests managed by DMLW. It does not authorize any activities on private, federal, native, and municipal lands, or lands which are owned or solely managed by other offices and agencies of the State. The Grantee is responsible for proper location within the authorized area.

- 31. **Survey:** A DMLW-approved as-built record of survey is required to determine the proper location and acreage of installed improvements and the associated easements on State-owned, DMLW-managed lands. The grantee will be required to request survey instructions within 60 days of issuance of this Entry Authorization (call Stan Brown, 269-8521). The survey must be produced in accordance with survey instructions provided by the DMLW Survey Section and stamped by a Professional Land Surveyor registered in the State of Alaska. A final easement will not be issued until the as-built survey has been approved by DMLW. The grantee is required to submit a preliminary draft as-built survey a minimum of one year prior to the expiration of this entry authorization to allow adequate time for DMLW's review and approval of a final as-built survey.
- 32. Fire Prevention, Protection and Liability: The Grantee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent and suppress forest, structure, brush and grass fires, and shall assume full liability for any damage to state land and structures resulting from the negligent use of fire. The State is not liable for damage to the Grantee's personal property and is not responsible for forest fire protection of the Grantee's activity. To report a wildfire, call 911 or 1-800-237-3633.
- 33. **Existing Easements:** In the event that this easement shall in any manner conflict with or overlap a previously granted easement or right-of-way, the Grantee shall use this easement in a manner that will not interfere with the peaceful use and enjoyment of the previously issued easement or right-of-way. The Grantor reserves the right to set or modify stipulations governing the use of the conflicting or overlapping area.
- 34. Vehicle Limitations: Except within the 220 foot by 100 foot area adjacent to the Elliott Highway ROW, use of this easement is limited to nonmotorized forms of transport year-round, and snowmachines during the winter. State mining claim holders along this easement are not subject to this vehicular restriction if accessing their claims for mining purposes and otherwise comporting with DNR regulations.

Any correspondence on this authorization may be directed to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Northern Regional Lands Office, 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709, (907) 451-2740.

I have read and understand all of the foregoing and attached stipulations. By signing this authorization, I agree to conduct the authorized activity in accordance with the terms and conditions of this authorization.

Signature of Grantee or Authorized Representative		Title	Date
Grantee's Address	City	State	Zip

Contact Person	Home Phone	Work Phone	
Signature of Authorized State Representative		Title	Date