



**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
LAS 32599
SOUTHEAST ALASKA BACKCOUNTRY ADVENTURES**

Subject to AS 38.05.850, the Southeast Regional Land Office has received an application for the following:

APPLICANT: SOUTHEAST ALASKA BACKCOUNTRY ADVENTURES

PROJECT NAME: LAS 32599

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:

State-owned land within the Haines State Forest and state-owned land outside of the Haines State Forest but fall under the boundary for heli-skiing set forth and approved by the Haines Borough.

REQUESTED ACTIVITY:

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW), received a reissuance application from Southeast Alaska Backcountry Adventures (SEABA) for a 5-year Land Use Permit for seasonal entry and use of state-owned land for their commercial recreation heli-skiing operation. The requested activity includes guided back-country skiing of "medium intensity," or 12 to 40 clients per day, dependent on restrictions of each unit and subunit. The requested area is based on the current approved heli-skiing map provided by the Haines Borough. The operations map is a part of this notice.

DMLW does not authorize helicopter use, flight corridors, or landing sites approved under this permit. Any questions on helicopter use should be directed to the Haines Borough.

DMLW would be permitting medium intensity (moderate) use of state land within Unit 1 (Kelsall River) Subunit 1a – Alpine Areas, Unit 5 (Kicking Horse), Unit 6 (Chilkat Inlet) Subunit 6a – West Chilkat Inlet, & Unit 9 (Ferebee River) Subunit – 9b Ferebee Alpine, as required by Special Use Designation ADL 106858 in the Haines State Forest Management Plan, for the purposes of guided back-country skiing. Additional state land within the approved boundary for heli-skiing by the Haines Borough are considered a generally allowed use for medium intensity commercial recreation and therefore is allowed.

State land that falls outside of the Haines State Forest but still within the Haines Borough heli-skiing boundary are also included in this permit, for the purposes of guided back-country skiing. These state lands include units H-01 (Chilkat Peak – Nataga Creek Drainage), H-07 (Flower Mountain), and H-08 (Takhinsha Mountains) of the Northern Southeast Area Plan.

PROPOSED DATES OF USE:

Start: January 1, 2024

End: December 31, 2028

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: November 13, 2024

The public is invited to comment on this activity. The purpose of this notice is to gather input before a decision is made on this activity. To ensure consideration, written comments must be received by the Division of Mining, Land and Water at the Southeast Regional Land Office, 400 Willoughby Avenue/PO Box 111020, Juneau, AK 99811-1020 on or before 5:00 PM on the date noted above. Questions concerning this activity should be directed to Muriel Walatka, Telephone: (907)465-3937; Fax: (907) 500-9011 or e-mail: muriel.walatka@alaska.gov.

After review and adjudication, we may issue an authorization with stipulations for the activity. The activity may be modified during the review and adjudication process.

DNR-DMLW complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services or special modifications to comment should contact Alaska Relay at 711 or 800-770-8973 for TTY services.

The DMLW reserves the right to waive technical defects in this notice.