



**LAND USE PERMIT  
AS 38.05.850**

**PERMIT # LAS 35972**

*Nuiqsut Community Search and Rescue*, herein known as the Grantee, is issued this permit from the Department of Natural Resources, herein known as the Grantor, authorizing the use of state land within:

**Legal Description**

Within Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 East, Umiat Meridian

**This permit is issued for the purpose of authorizing the following:**

The maintenance of an emergency shelter cabin

This permit is effective beginning **April 15, 2026**, and ending **April 14, 2031**, unless sooner terminated at the state's discretion. This permit does not convey an interest in state land and as such is revocable, with or without cause. The Grantor will give 30 days' notice before revoking a permit at will. A revocation for cause is effective immediately. No preference right for use or conveyance of the land is granted or implied by this authorization.

This permit is issued subject to the following:

- Signed copy of permit.

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.
- 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:** 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. The ability to use or access state land or public waters may not be restricted in any manner. However, 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 restriction is allowed unless specifically authorized in writing by the AO.
- 7. Public Trust Doctrine:** This authorization is subject to the principles of the Public Trust Doctrine regarding navigable or public waters which 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. 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. Posting Placard.** The posting notice included with this permit shall be placed on-site in a conspicuous location visible from the most common access route or vantage point.

**14. Permit Extensions/Reissuance:** Any request for permit extension or reissuance should be submitted at least 90 days prior to the end of the authorized term. A written statement requesting a one-year extension confirming there will be no changes to the development/operations plan, including photographs clearly depicting the current condition of the site and any improvements, must be submitted to the AO with any required filing fee. A new Land Use Permit application and any required filing fee is required when requesting reissuance of up to five years or for modifications to the approved development/operations plan on file with DMLW.

**15. Assignment:** This permit may not be transferred or assigned.

**16. Reservation of Rights:**

- a. The AO reserves the right to grant additional authorizations to third parties for compatible uses on or adjacent to the land under this authorization.
- b. 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.
- c. The AO may require authorized concurrent users of state land to enter into an equitable operation or maintenance agreement.

**17. Violations:** This authorization is revocable immediately upon violation of any of its terms, conditions, stipulations, nonpayment of fees, or failure to comply with any other applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (federal and state).

**18. Notification of Discharge:** Notification of Discharge: The Grantee shall immediately notify the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and AO of any unauthorized discharge of any amount of oil to water, a discharge of any amount 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 must be made to DEC online at [ReportSpills.alaska.gov](http://ReportSpills.alaska.gov) or by phone at 1-800-478-9300.

Notification of discharge must be made to the appropriate DNR Office, preferably by e-mail: Anchorage email [dnr.scro.spill@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.scro.spill@alaska.gov), (907) 269-8528; Fairbanks email [dnr.nro.spill@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.nro.spill@alaska.gov), (907) 451-2739; Juneau email [dnr.sero.spill@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.sero.spill@alaska.gov), (907) 465-3513. The Grantee shall supply the AO with all incident reports submitted to DEC.

**19. Use Fees:** In accordance with 11 AAC 05.020, this permit is not subject to an annual fee.

**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. 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 should be kept to the minimum necessary. Removal or destruction of the vegetative mat is not authorized under this permit.

Establishment of, or improvements to, landing areas (i.e. leveling the ground or removing or modifying a substantial amount of vegetation) is prohibited.

Attention must be paid to prevent pollution and siltation of streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands, and disturbances to fish and wildlife habitat.

Any ground disturbances which may have occurred shall be contoured to blend with the natural topography to protect human and wildlife health and safety.

**22. Site Restoration:** On or before permit expiration (if a reissuance application has not been submitted) or termination of this authorization by the Grantee, the Grantee shall remove all improvements, personal property, and other chattels, and return the permitted area to a clean and safe condition. In the event the Grantee fails to comply with this requirement, the Grantee shall be held liable for any and all costs incurred by the State to return the permitted area to a clean and safe condition.

**23. Indemnification:** The Grantee assumes all responsibility, risk and liability for its activities and those of its employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, licensees, or invitees, directly or indirectly related to this permit, including environmental and hazardous substance risk and liability, whether accruing during or after the term of this permit. The Grantee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State, its agents and employees, from and against any and all suits, claims, actions, losses, costs, penalties, and damages of whatever kind or nature, including all attorney's fees and litigation costs, arising out of, in connection with, or incident to any act or omission by the Grantee, its employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, licensees, or invitees, unless the proximate cause of the injury or damage is the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the State or a person acting on the State's behalf. Within 15 days, the Grantee shall accept any such cause, action or proceeding upon tender by the State. This indemnification shall survive the termination of the permit.

**24. Performance Guaranty and Insurance:** As the Grantee is a Municipal agency that is self-insured and bonded, and as the Municipal Agency guarantees compliance through statutes and regulations, no performance guarantee or insurance will be required. In the event the Grantee

becomes aware of a claim against any of its liability coverage, the Grantee shall notify, and provide documentation and full disclosure of the claim to the AO within 30 days.

- 25. Fuel and Hazardous Substances:** No fuel or hazardous substances may be stored on state land.
- 26. 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.
- 27. 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.
- 28. 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.
- 29. 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.
- 30. 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.
- 31. 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.
- 32. 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 of Alaska. The Grantee is responsible for proper location within the authorized area.
- 33. Improvements:** Any improvements/structures that may be authorized under this permit must be constructed in a manner that will allow for removal from the permitted site within 48 hours of receiving a notice to vacate. The establishment of permanent foundations and structures is

prohibited under this permit. Authorized temporary improvements must be sited in a manner which impacts the least amount of ground consistent with the purpose of the facility. Any use of these improvements for purposes other than those explicitly authorized by this permit are prohibited.

- 34. 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.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to modify these stipulations or use additional stipulations as deemed necessary. The Grantee will be advised before any such modifications or additions are finalized. DNR has the authority to implement and enforce these conditions under AS 38.05.850. Any correspondence on this permit may be directed to the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Northern Regional Land Office, 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709, (907) 451-2740.

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

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Signature of Grantee or Authorized Representative	Title	Date
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Grantee's Address	City	State	Zip
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Contact Person	Home Phone	Work Phone
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Signature of Authorized State Representative	Title	Date
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