

CORDOVA RANGER DISTRICT

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CALVIN O. BAKER
District Ranger

PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	SCOPING STATUS	ANALYSIS STATUS	DECISION DATE AND SIGNATURE AUTHORITY	CONTACT PERSON
Development of visitor and employee parking lot. Categorical Exclusion, Project File, and Decision memo.	Immediately adjacent to the Cordova Ranger District office in Cordova.	In 1998, six lots adjacent to the district office were purchased by the Forest Service to meet current parking needs. Project plans are currently being developed to grade and construct the parking area.	Began January 1999.	Analysis complete. Final design has yet to be completed.	DECISION memo signed by District Ranger on November 24, 1999.	Cal Baker (907) 424-7661
Million Dollar Bridge Recreation Site Plan. Environmental Assessment	Milepost 48, Copper River Highway.	A recreation site plan for Childs Glacier and Million Dollar Bridge is being developed to incorporate and facilitate necessary changes due to increasing tourism use.	Began January 1999.	In progress. Analysis will be conducted during winter 1999 to spring 2000.	June 2000 District Ranger	Bob Behrends Dixon Sherman (907)-424-7661
Issue and Reissue a Variety of Outfitter-Guide and other Special Use Permits.	Lands administered by the Cordova Ranger District, at various locations in eastern Prince William Sound and the Copper River Delta.	Numerous special use permit applications and permit renewals such as commercial videography, temporary installations of monitoring equipment, navigational aids, geologic survey work, encampments, and outfitter and guide services.	As needed.	A "Recreation Use Carrying Capacity Analysis" (completed August 1994) is used to evaluate hunting outfitter and guide permit requests.	Decisions are made throughout the year as each application or request is evaluated.	Dixon Sherman Bruce Campbell (907) 424-7661
Bering Coalfields Access. (Carbon Mountain Road) NEPA – EXEMPT	The proposed road would originate at the Copper River Highway near milepost 41; and follow along the Martin River Valley, approximately 30 miles, connecting the Copper River Highway to CAC land on the eastern edge of the Cordova Ranger District.	Road access to the CAC land is guaranteed under the 1982 Settlement Agreement between the State and Federal Governments and Chugach Natives Inc. (now Chugach Alaska Corporation [CAC]). The proposed location generally follows a route identified in the settlement.	Began October 1996.	The USFS and CAC reviewed the proposed route in June 1998. The Forest Service will use CAC environmental studies to specify location, timing and construction standards in the easements.	The conveyance of an easement to CAC to provide for road construction is on hold, pending final easement document language.	Cal Baker, USFS (907) 424-7661 Rick Rogers, CAC 560 E 34th Ave. Suite 200 Anchorage, AK 99503 (907)-563-8866

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Development of Mineral Material Permits. Categorical Exclusion, Project File, and Decision memo.	Milepost 27, Copper River Valley Highway	Identify and allow authorization of personal and commercial use of silt quality sand by issuance of Mineral Material Permits.	Began July 1999.		PROJECT DROPPED District Ranger	Bob Behrends (907) 424-7661

GLACIER RANGER DISTRICT

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DEIDRE ST. LOUIS
District Ranger

Boomerang Pond/Explorer Creek Salmon Habitat Enhancement. Environmental Assessment.	Portage Valley	The Forest Service is proposing to enhance salmon rearing and spawning habitat.	Began November 1998.	Complete.	DECISION 9/21/99 Supplement to Explorer DN District Ranger	Rob Spangler (907) 783-3242
Fisheries Improvement Projects. Categorical Exclusion or Environmental Assessment.	Portage Valley north of Alaska Railroad grade, and the upper/mid Twentymile River system.	The Forest Service is proposing to evaluate and enhance salmon rearing and spawning habitat.	Began April 1998.	EA complete.	DECISION 9/30/99 District Ranger	Rob Spangler (907) 783-3242
Special Use Permit. Chugach Powder Guides, Inc. Environmental Assessment.	Glacier/Winner Creek, Placer River Valley, Skookum Creek, Bench Peak, and Grandview.	Chugach Powder Guides, Inc. proposes to provide outfitted/guided helicopter supported skiing December through April.	Began May 1999.	EA complete. Decision issued and appealed. Decision affirmed by Appeal Deciding Officer.	DECISION 11/2/99 District Ranger	Mary Kay Vandiver (907) 754-2314
Eagle Glacier Nordic Training Center. Categorical Exclusion.	Eagle Glacier, approximately 7 miles northeast of Girdwood.	Reissue special use permit.	Began January 2000.	In progress.	2000 District Ranger	Mary Kay Vandiver (907)-754-2314

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NEW PROJECT Backcountry Freeskiing World Tour Recreation Event. Special Use Permit. Categorical Exclusion.	Two of the following slopes will be chosen based on snow stability and snow conditions: among three slopes between Placer River and Skookum Glacier, two slopes east of Bench Creek, one slope east of the Railroad tracks near Grandview, and one slope northeast of Bartlett Glacier.	Recreation event special use permit for backcountry freeskiing recreation event for several days in March of 2000, involving up to 150 people. A Safety Director and safety crew of experts would be involved in avalanche control work, including use of explosives. The Alaska Railroad and helicopters would be used to transport people to the event.	Began January, 2000	In Progress.	Decision projected to be made in February 2000. District Ranger	Shannon Skibeness (907) 224-4111 and Deidre St. Louis (907) 783-3242
Portage Valley Bunkhouse Construction. Environmental Assessment.	Portage Valley	Construct a new Forest Service bunkhouse in Portage Valley near the Begich Boggs Visitor Center.	Began March 1999.	In progress.	2000 District Ranger	Cliff Fox (907) 783-3242
Williwaw Creek & Willow Pond Fish Habitat Enhancement. Environmental Assessment.	Portage Valley	Improve instream/lake habitat by introducing organic cover structures, modify the outlet to the lake, and consider further accessible fishing opportunities.	Began January 1999.	Complete.	2000 District Ranger	Rob Spangler (907) 783-3242
Alder Pond Day Use Recreation Site Development. Environmental Assessment.	Portage Valley	Develop a shoreline trail, picnic area, parking area, and waste disposal site.	Began January 1999.	In progress.	2000 District Ranger	Dan Gillikin (907) 783-3242

SEWARD RANGER DISTRICT
 334 Fourth Avenue, Seward, AK 99664-0390
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MICHAEL R. KANIA
 District Ranger

PROJECT TITLE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	SCOPING STATUS	ANALYSIS STATUS	DECISION DATE AND SIGNATURE AUTHORITY	CONTACT PERSON
Hope Timber Products. (Palmer Creek/ Resurrection Creek Salvage Project.) Environmental Assessment.	Hope, between Palmer and Resurrection Creek Roads; and birch stands on west side of Resurrection Creek.	Harvest spruce trees killed, infested, or at risk by the spruce bark beetle. A total of 2mmbf would be harvested over 5 years. Harvested areas will be replanted and 421 acres burned. Birch may be thinned for moose habitat enhancement.	Began July 1995.	Complete.	DECISION December 1999 District Ranger	Karen Kromrey (907) 224-3374
Outfitter/Guide 1 year Special Use Permit for 2000 season. Categorically Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Godwin Glacier near Seward, T1S, R1E, sec. 3.	Permit renewal for Godwin Glacier Dogsled Tours involving summer base camp on Godwin Glacier, dog sled tours, and helicopter trips providing transportation to and from the base camp.	Began September 1999.	In Progress.	January 2000 District Ranger	Shannon Skibeness (907) 224-4111
Outfitter/Guide 1 year & 5 year Special Use Permits for 2000, and 2001 - 2005 seasons. Categorically Excluded.	Sixmile Creek, along the Seward & Hope highways.	Permit renewal, from limited number of permits for whitewater rafting and kayaking, and assigned site near mile 1, Hope Highway.	Began September 1999.	In Progress.	January 2000 District Ranger	Shannon Skibeness (907) 224-4111
Outfitter/Guide 5 year Special Use Permit for 2000 - 2004 seasons. Categorically Excluded.	Various locations on the Seward and Glacier Ranger Districts.	Permit renewal for the following companies: Alaska Clearwater Sportfishing Adventures, Alaska Driftboaters, Alaska River Adventures, Alaska Rivers Company, Alaska Wildland Adventures, Big Sky Charter & Fishcamp, Bob's Walkabout Fly Fishing, Cooper Landing Floating & Fishing, Great Alaska Fish Camp, Great Alaska Safaris, Hope Fishing Charters, Hope Trading Post, Resurrection Fly Fishing, and Wilderness Ventures.	Began September 1999.	In Progress.	January 2000 District Ranger	Shannon Skibeness (907) 224-4111

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Hemlock Firewood Area. Categorical Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Hope Highway, Mile 14.	Live hemlock trees will be thinned and bark beetle infested spruce cut.	Began October 1998.	In Progress.	January 2000 District Ranger	Karen Kromrey (907) 224-3374
Outfitter Guide Special Use Permits. Categorical Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Resurrection Pass, Devil's Pass, and Summit Creek Trails.	Decide whether to authorize additional guided use, including hiking, mountain bike riding, horses, and llamas. If decision is made to authorize additional use, interested outfitter guides will compete for limited permits.	Scoping on issues began 1/19/99 and was completed 3/10/99	In Progress.	February 2000 District Ranger	Shannon Skibenness (907) 224-4111
Kiosk Construction. Categorical Excluded Action, with Project File.	Resurrection Pass Trail South, Cooper Landing.	Construct interpretive trailhead kiosk for "Leave No Trace" camping program.	Began January 1999.	In Progress.	Spring 2000 District Ranger	Irene Lindquist (907) 224-3374
Backcountry Designated Campsites. Categorical Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Ptarmigan Lake Trail, Mile 6; Lost Lake Trail, Mile 4.5-5; Crescent Lake Cabin.	Develop 5-20 tent camping sites.	Began October 1998.	Sites identified.	Spring 2000 District Ranger	Irene Lindquist (907) 224-3374
Lost Lake Trailhead Construction. Environmental Assessment.	Seward Highway, Mile 5, Lost Lake Subdivision.	Construct a trailhead to provide for parking on National Forest System land.	Began March 1998.	Complete.	March 2000 District Ranger	Pat O'Leary (907) 224-3374
Resurrection Pass Trail Reconstruction. Categorical Excluded.	Mile 5, north end of Resurrection Pass Trail to Mile 3, Devils Pass Trail.	Reconstruct deteriorating trail tread and realign segments of the trail at various locations.	January 2000.	In Progress.	Winter 2001 District Ranger	Pat O'Leary or Irene Lindquist (907) 224-3374
District Campgrounds Rehabilitation and Upgrade. Categorical Excluded or EA depending on scoping.	Cooper Creek, Ptarmigan Creek, Trail River, Tenderfoot Creek, Primrose Creek, Porcupine Creek, and/or Coeur d'Alene Campgrounds.	The 30+ years old facilities will be evaluated for improvements including upgrades for accessibility, expansions to increase available sites on the Kenai Peninsula, and to accommodate current and future larger camping vehicles.	Begin January 2000.	In Progress.	June 2000 District Ranger	Karen O'Leary (907) 224-3374

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Reconstruct Rainbow Lake Trail. Categorically Excluded.	Cooper Lake/ Snug Harbor Road	Reconstruct trail to an accessible standard.	Begin January 2000.	In Progress.	April 2000 District Ranger	Pat O'Leary (907) 224-3374
Juneau Lake Cabin access trail. Categorically Excluded.	Juneau Lake/ Resurrection Pass Trail	Reconstruct cabin access trail to accessible standard.	Begin January 2000.	In Progress.	April 2000 District Ranger	Pat O'Leary (907) 224-3374
Hardwood Regeneration Project. Categorically Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Snow River Highway Bridge, T3N, R1E, Sect. 19, 30 and 31; Cooper Landing, T5N, R4W, Sect. 25 and 30; Hope, T10N, R2W, Sect. 34; and T9N, R2W, Sect. 3.	Mature stands of birch, willow, and aspen up to 10 acres in size, will be felled to improve habitat for bald eagles, northern goshawks, snowshoe hares and moose. Sites may be scarified, planted, or burned after felling.	September 1999.	In Progress.	Winter 1999-2000 District Ranger.	Susan Howell (907) 224-3374
Firewood/Houselog Permit Areas. Categorically Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Seward Highway, Mile 15-59; Sterling Highway, Mile 37-55; and Hope Highway, Mile 0-15.	Identify and open areas to the public for personal use firewood, houselog, and commercial use firewood harvest. Temporary roads over ice and snow may be used. No roads will be constructed in designated roadless areas.	Ongoing.	Ongoing.	Decisions will be issued at various times by the Seward District Ranger.	Karen Kromrey (907) 224-3374
Special Use Permits. Categorically Excluded.	Various locations on the Seward District.	Several new and existing special use permit applications for such activities as log storage sites, outfitter/guide operations and recreation events will be evaluated.	Ongoing, as applications are received.	Ongoing.	Decisions will be made at various times by the Seward District Ranger.	Karen O'Leary or Shannon Skibenness (907) 224-3374
Mining Plans of Operation. Categorically Excluded Action, with Project File.	Various locations on the Seward District.	Mining plans of operations for placer and hardrock mineral deposits will be evaluated as received.	Ongoing, as received.	Ongoing.	Decisions will be made at various times by the Seward District Ranger.	Donna Peterson (907) 224-3374.