

Scoping Document

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Date of request: 3/5/2008**Requested Due Date: 4/7/2008**

1. Project Name: kayak supported hiking/camping and boat based hiking in western Prince William Sound
2. Planned project implementation date: 05/01/2008
3. Project Description Narrative:

Comments are requested on two new permit application, six permit renewal/reissue and three amendments for kayak-supported camping/hiking and boat based hiking in Prince William Sound. Use of private, State or Native lands will not be authorized. Leave No Trace skills and ethics would be followed by permit holders. Under new national direction, 10-year permits may be issued to eligible outfitter/guide companies.

Midnight Sun Kayak Tours has applied for a new temporary **1-year** permit for kayak supported hiking and camping. The request is for 145 service days on Glacier Ranger District, allocated as follows:

Analysis Area Name (number)	Service Days requested for kayak supported camping and hiking **Core season = 6/15 thru 8/15
AA 2 – Harriman Fjord/Barry Arm	20 core/20 shoulder** service days
AA 11 – Blackstone Bay	30 core/15 shoulder service days (camping) 40 service days (day use)
AA12 – Kings Bay/Port Nellie Juan	20 service days

Wilderness Inquiry has applied for a new temporary **1-year** permit for kayak supported hiking and camping. They are requesting a total of 120 service days on the Glacier Ranger District, allocated as follows:

Analysis Area Name (number)	Service Days requested for kayak supported camping and hiking
AA 16 – Icy/Whale Bay	96 service days
AA 17 – Port Bainbridge	24 service days

Paddlers Realm has applied for a reissuance of a temporary **1 -year** permit for kayak supported hiking and camping, hiking on the Portage Pass Trail and kayaking on Portage Creek. The request is for 85 service days on the Glacier Ranger District allocated as follows:

Analysis Area Name (number)	Service Days requested for kayak supported camping and hiking **Core season = 6/15 thru 8/15
AA 1 - West Port Wells	5 service days
AA 2 - Harriman Fjord/Barry Arm	10 core/ 10 shoulder** service days
AA 5 - Eaglek/Unakwik Bays	5 service days
AA 11 - Blackstone Bay	10 service days
AA 12 - Kings Bay/Port Nellie Juan	10 service days
AA 16 – Icy/Whale Bay	15 service days
Portage Pass Trail	10 service days
Portage Creek	10 service days

Crossing Latitudes has applied for a reissuance of a temporary **1 -year** permit for kayak supported hiking and

camping. The request is for 110 service days on Glacier Ranger District, allocated as follows:

Analysis Area Name (number)	Service Days requested for kayak supported camping and hiking
AA 9 - Culross Island/Passage	22 service days
AA 13 - West Knight Island Passage	22 service days
AA14 - West Knight Island	22 service days
AA16 - Icy/Whale Bay	44 service days

Auklet Charter Services has applied for a renewal of a priority **10 -year** permit for boat based hiking. The request is for 88 service days on Glacier Ranger District, allocated as follows:

Analysis Area Name (number)	Service Days requested for boat based day hiking
AA 2 – Harriman	10 service days
AA 3 – College Fjord	* service days
AA 4 – Esther	10 service days
AA 5 – Eaglek/Unakwik	* service days
AA 6 – Columbia Bay	25 service days
AA 8 – Naked Island	* service days
AA 9 – Culross	4 service days
AA10 – Cochrane	* service days
AA11 – Blackstone	2 service days
AA12 – Kings Bay/Port Nellie Juan	15 service days
AA14 – W. Knight Island	10 service days
AA15 – E. Knight Island	* service days
AA16 – Icy/Whale	* service days
AA 17 – Port Bainbridge	6 service days

*6 service days total available for use in analysis areas 3, 5, 8, 10, 15 or 16 of any given year.

Alaska Kayak School has applied for a renewal of a priority **10 -year** permit for kayak supported hiking and camping. The request is for 312 service days on Glacier Ranger District, allocated as follows:

Analysis Area Name (number)	Service Days requested for kayak supported camping and hiking
AA 1 – West Port Wells	17 service days
AA 2 – Harriman Fiord/Barry Arm	17 service days
AA-3 – College Fjord	17 service days
AA 4 – Esther Island/Passage	17 service days
AA 5 – Eaglek/Unakwik Bay	17 service days
AA 6 – Columbia Bay	17 service days
AA 7 – Perry/Lone Island	17 service days
AA 9 – Culross Island/Passage	18 service days
AA11 – Blackstone Bay	17 service days
AA12 – Kings Bay/ Port Nellie Juan	33 service days
AA13 – W. Knight Island Passage	34 service days
AA14 – W. Knight Island	17 service days
AA 15 – E. Knight Island	17 service days
AA 16 – Icy/Whale Bay	40 service days
AA17 – Port Bainbridge	17 service days

Outward Bound West has applied for a renewal of a priority **10 -year** permit for kayak supported hiking and camping. The request is for 1,580 service days on Glacier Ranger District, allocated as follows:

Analysis Area Name (number)	Service Days requested for kayak supported camping and hiking
AA 1 – West Port Wells	40 service days
AA 4 – Esther Island/Passage	40 service days
AA 5 – Eaglek/Unakwik Bay	180 service days
AA 6 – Columbia Bay	100 service days
AA 9 – Culross Island/Passage	120 service days
AA 10 – Cochrane Bay	80 service days
AA11 – Blackstone Bay	160 service days
AA12 – Kings Bay/ Port Nellie Juan	240 service days
AA13 – W. Knight Island Passage	240 service days
AA 16 – Icy/Whale Bay	280 service days
The mountain route from Whittier to Falls Creek and Carpathian Peak area, on the west side of Whittier.	100 service days

Pangaea Adventures has submitted an amendment request for additional user days. Their existing **5-year** permit will expire on 12/31/2008. The request is for an additional 40 additional service days on Glacier Ranger District, allocated as follows:

Analysis Area Name (number)	Service Days requested for kayak supported camping and hiking
AA 5 – Eaglek/Unakwik Bay	10 service days
AA 6 – Columbia Bay	30 service days

National Outdoor Leadership School has submitted an amendment request for additional user days. Their existing **5-year** permit will expire on 12/31/2008. The request is for an additional 203 additional service days on Glacier Ranger District, allocated as follows:

Analysis Area Name (number)	Service Days requested for kayak supported camping and hiking
AA 3 – College Fjord	2 service days
AA 9 – Culross	33 service days
AA12 – Nellie Juan	57 service days
AA14 – W. Knight Island	40 service days
AA 16 – Icy/Whale Bay	44 service days
AA 17 – Port Bainbridge	27 service days

Discovery Voyages has submitted an amendment request for additional user days in some analysis areas, and a decrease in other analysis areas for boat based day hiking. Their existing **10-year** permit will expire on 12/31/2015. The request is for an additional service days on Glacier Ranger District, allocated as follows:

Analysis Area Name (number)	Service Days requested for boat based day hiking
AA 1 – W. Port Wells	6 service days
AA 3 – College Fjord	-22 service days
AA 4 – Esther	100 service days
AA 5 – Eaglek/Unakwik	96 service days
AA 6 – Columbia Bay	54 service days
AA 7 – Perry/Lone Islands	12 service days
AA 8 – Naked Island	12 service days
AA 9 – Culross	40 service days

Analysis Area Name (number)	Service Days requested for boat based day hiking
AA10 – Cochrane	12 service days
AA13 – W. Knight Is. Pass.	-22 service days
AA14 – W. Knight Island	-30 service days
AA15 – E. Knight Island	1 service days
AA16 – Icy/Whale	96 service days
AA17 – Port Bainbridge	23 service days

Comments identifying specific issues and concerns are requested by April 7, 2008. Comments can be mailed to the attention of Teresa Paquet, Special Uses Specialist, Glacier Ranger District, PO Box 129, Girdwood, Alaska 99587; or emailed to glacier_district_special_uses@fs.fed.us ; or faxed to 907-783-2094.

Maps of individual permit requests and specific areas are available upon request. Please contact Kathy Bagley at (907) 754-2315 or email her at glacier_district_special_uses@fs.fed.us for maps or additional information.