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**April 25, 2013**

**Regarding:** Complaint of flight path deviation and out of bound ski tracks on 4/12/13

**Findings on Flight Path Deviation:** Two flight path violations were found in the Klehini Valley. One flight was excused due to safety concerns regarding low light late in the day.

**Rationale:** Specific flight paths are outlined in the "Agreement Regarding Flight Operations and Practices of Commercial Ski Operations", and "flights in Jarvis Creek and the Klehini are to be avoided." Deviations are allowed for safety and mechanical issues. Coastal Helicopters indicated that the return flight on April 12, 2013 was late in the day and the pilot was avoiding the dark shadows on the normal mountain route. No reason was given for the up valley flight on this day.

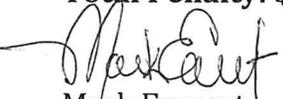
**Penalty:** Alaska Heliskiing fined \$200

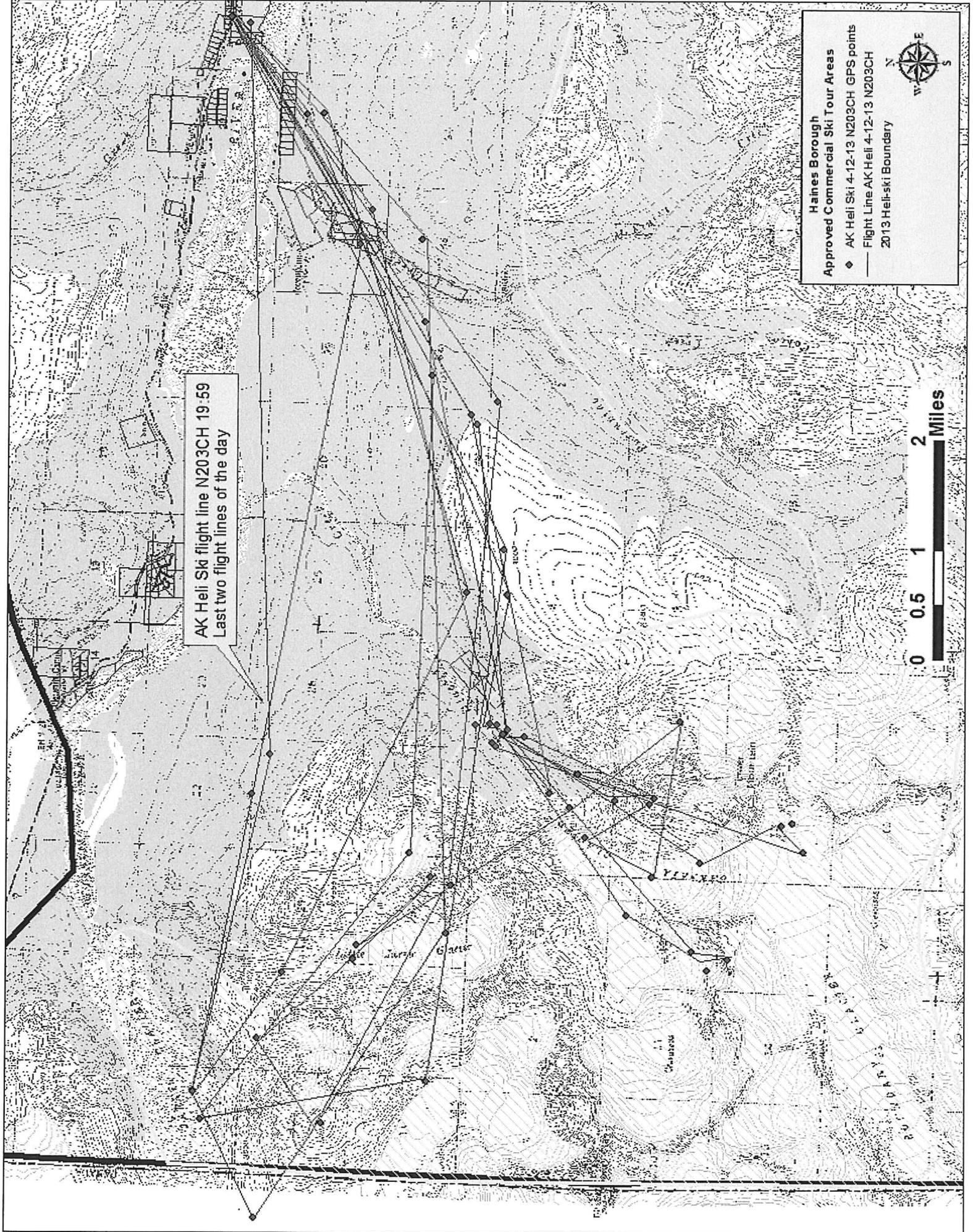
**Findings on Out of Bounds Ski Tracks:** Three out of bounds landings were found in the little Jarvis, Saksia Glacier area.

**Rationale:** GPS data shows three landings were found outside of the Ski Area Boundary. Alaska Heliskiing indicated that one of the landings was for a ski run. The other two were spots that the helicopter sat down to watch the skiers complete their run.

**Penalty:** Alaska Heliskiing fined \$600

**Total Penalty:** \$800

  
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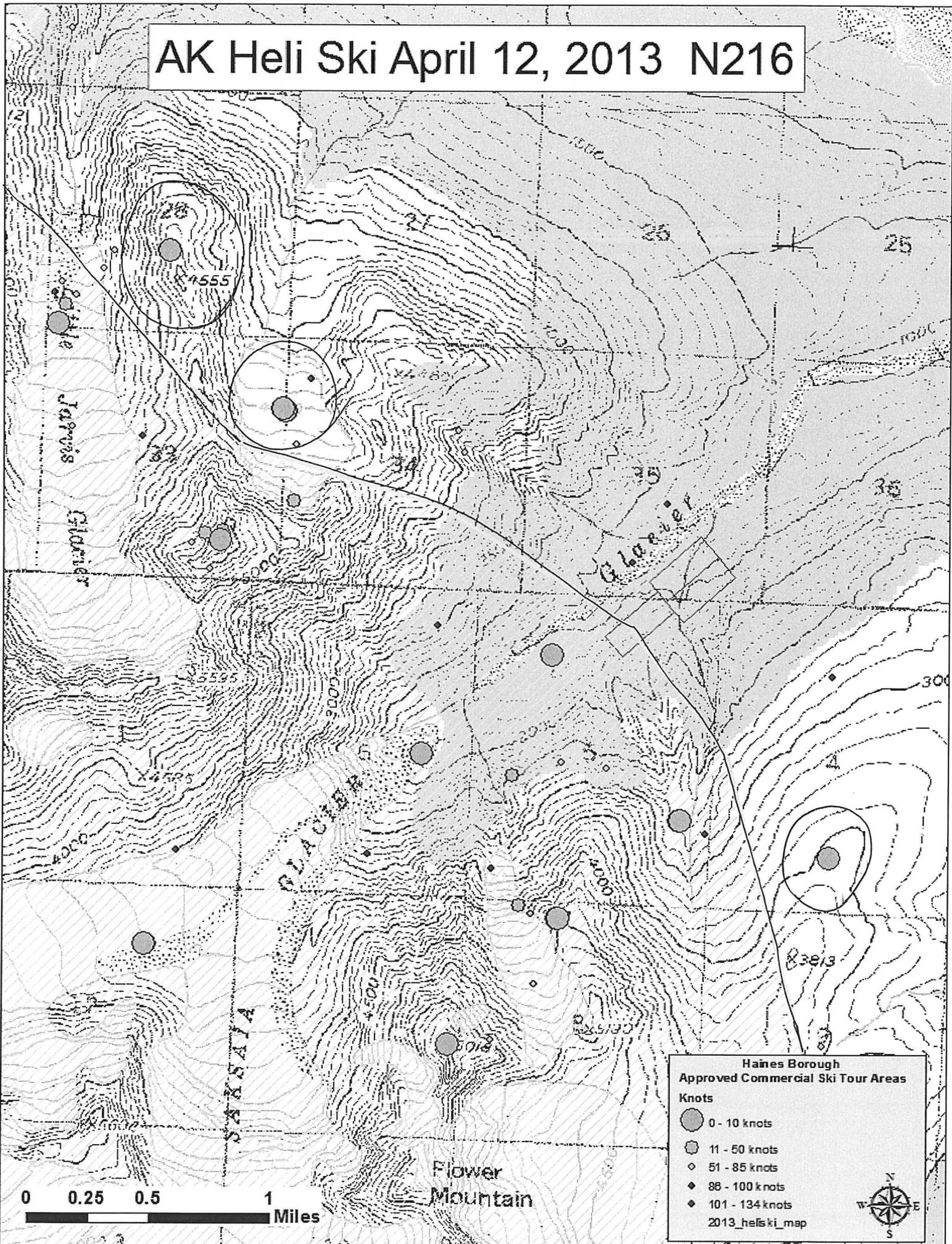
AK Heli Ski flight line N203CH 19-59  
Last two flight lines of the day

**Haines Borough**  
**Approved Commercial Ski Tour Areas**

- ◆ AK Heli Ski 4-12-13 N203CH GPS points
- Flight Line AK Heli 4-12-13 N203CH
- - - 2013 Heli-ski Boundary



# AK Heli Ski April 12, 2013 N216



**Haines Borough**  
**Approved Commercial Ski Tour Areas**

**Knots**

- 0 - 10 knots
- ◐ 11 - 50 knots
- ◑ 51 - 85 knots
- ◒ 86 - 100 knots
- ◔ 101 - 134 knots

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0 0.25 0.5 1 Miles



Flower Mountain

### HAINES BOROUGH HELISKIING COMPLAINT FORM

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RECEIVED Haines Borough  
APR 15 2013  
Clerk's Office

<b>Today's Date:</b> 4/13/13		
<b>Your Contact Information</b>		
<b>Name:</b> (first, middle initial, last) Carolyn H. Weishahn		
<b>Mailing Address:</b> (address, city, state, zip code) HC 60 Box 3977, Haines, AK 99827		<b>Physical Address:</b> (address, city, state, zip code) Mile 40, Haines Highway, Haines, AK 99827
<b>Home Phone:</b> (include area code) 907-767-5552	<b>Work Phone:</b> (include area code)	<b>Email:</b> weis@aptalaska.net
<b>Complaint:</b> Please describe the alleged or suspected violation in detail, including who, what, when, where and why. <b>Helpful details include helicopter color and tail numbers, exact location, number of skiers, date, and time.</b> (Attach additional pages or use the backside of this form, if necessary.) If you have photos, please email them to <a href="mailto:info@haines.ak.us">info@haines.ak.us</a> or bring them to the Haines Borough Administration Building.		
4/11/13 Flight path deviation; yellow helicopter flying toward 33 Mile heliport from the Jarvis Glacier area near the Canadian border, flying at high elevation in front of the range across the Klehini River in front of my home at 40 Mile; between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.		
4/12/13 Flight path deviation; yellow helicopter flying from 33 Mile heliport toward the Jarvis Glacier area near the Canadian border, flying at tree line in front of the range across the Klehini River in front of my home at 40 Mile; between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.		
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4/12/13 Skiing out of bounds? Ski tracks in high elevation bowl, Jarvis Glacier area near the Canadian border above the Klehini River, visible from my home at 40 Mile; may have been made the day before; possibly ski tracks made by skiers picked up by the helicopter between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on 4/12/13 (see above)		
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<b>Copy given to:</b> <b>Date:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
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