

From: David Sosa
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2015 9:39 AM
To: 'Weishahn'
Subject: RE: Heli-ski complaint

Ms. Weishahn,

FWT's special ski competition event permit specifically required them to *submit to the borough clerk a report detailing the number of skiers and flights, flight times and locations, deviations from the flight guidelines and any accidents*. This is different than the bi-weekly skier day use reports we get from the heliskiing operators who have commercial ski tour permits with skier day allocations.

FWT complied with that report requirement including reporting a deviation that took place for safety reasons. The fact that SEABA was contracted by FWT to assist in some of the logistics of the event does not mean that SEABA was required to report the deviation on their own skier day use report particularly as the deviation on March 19 was not related to SEABA's regular heliskiing activities.

Regards,

David Sosa

From: Weishahn [<mailto:weis@aptalaska.net>]
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2015 7:22 PM
To: Julie Cozzi
Cc: David Sosa
Subject: Heli-ski complaint

Hi Julie,

I'm hoping that my follow-up communications re the March 20 heli-ski complaint will be posted on the borough website soon. Since the manager will be giving the season-end report to the assembly at their first July meeting, my goal is to finalize the fact that there was a flight path deviation on March 19 as I reported and which Scott Sundberg also reported in the FWT Post-event Activity Report.

Thank you for checking on the progress of the complaint.

Cary Weishahn

HAINES BOROUGH HELISKIING COMPLAINT FORM

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Today's Date: 5/18/15				
Your Contact Information				
Name: (first, middle initial, last) Carolyn H. Weishahn				
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Home Phone: (include area code) 907-767-5552	Work Phone: (include area code)	Email: weis@aptalaska.net		
<p>Complaint: Please describe the alleged or suspected violation in detail, including who, what, when, where and why. Helpful details include helicopter color and tail numbers, exact location, number of skiers, date, and time. (Attach additional pages or use the backside of this form, if necessary.) If you have photos, please email them to info@haines.ak.us or bring them to the Haines Borough Administration Building.</p> <p>Thank you for putting heli-ski GPS data on a USGS map showing rivers, streams, land contours etc.</p> <p>In reviewing SEABA's Freeride World Tour (FWT) Post-event Activity Report, I see that they report non-compliance with the agreed-upon flight paths on March 19, 2015, and explain the reason for the deviations.</p> <p><u>Excerpt from FWT activity report April 15, 2015 Scott Sundberg, SEABA:</u> "3/19 second full false start. We get all broadcast personnel and the men's ski on the hill ready for the comp, with other ski and snowboard categories on deck. Weather does not break, and we have to call off the attempt for the next day. We found it difficult getting all unnecessary personnel off the mountain that day because of clouds. We were forced to deviated from protocol flight paths because of this."</p> <p>This clearly meets the 'burden of proof' that there were flight path deviations on March 19 as reported in my first complaint. In addition to the statement by SEABA, GPS data on the map shows there were flights in the Klehini River watershed, in front of the range facing residences along the Haines Highway which are not allowed under the voluntary agreement.</p> <p>In his April 10, 2015 letter, the manager states that the borough requested GPS data logs from the heli-ski companies. This complaint could have been resolved quickly and efficiently by also checking with the heli-ski companies whether there were any flight path deviations for March 19 in the Klehini Valley near the border station.</p> <p>Please document the validity of my original complaint of March 20 by posting on the borough website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * my April 15 complaint form requesting that GPS data be put on a different map, * the borough's response to my request * this complaint form, * and a corrected report by the borough stating that my 'allegation is substantiated,' and that flight path deviations did occur on March 19 across from my residence, and the reason for them. 				
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♦ Action: (attach additional pages, as needed)				