Haines Borough
Administrative Policy

Heliskiing GPS Data Collection, Submission, and Compliance

Applicable to: *Heliskiing companies permitted to operate commercial ski tours within the Haines Borough*
Approved by Borough Assembly: *October 22, 2013*
Effective Date: *October 22, 2013*
Note: This replaces the previous policy approved September 11, 2012

GPS DATA

A. TYPE OF GPS.

GPS units will be part of the helicopter, operating with flight following or tracking software and be submitted directly through the helicopter operator (e.g. Temsco, Coastal Helicopter).

The term "part of the helicopter" means: installed into the helicopter, using power from the helicopter, and managed by the pilot.

B. FORMAT FOR GPS DATA SUBMISSION.

When GPS data is requested by the Haines Borough, the heliskiing flight data will be submitted in an Excel spreadsheet formatted in tables, each column having only one data field. Latitude and longitude will be submitted in decimal degrees. Flight GPS data points will be taken in two-minute intervals.

C. DATA

GPS data will include latitude, longitude, altitude, airspeed, date, and time.

D. The Haines Borough shall make available digital versions of the current Haines Borough Heliski Map boundaries.

COMPLIANCE

E. GPS SPOT CHECKS

To insure compliance with the approved *Haines Borough Approved Commercial Ski Tour Areas* Map, the Borough Administration will perform a minimum of five (5) GPS spot checks, per company, per season. Results will be posted on the borough's website.

F. INFRACTIONS

Heliskiing operators found to be operating out of bounds without acceptable explanation will be fined up to $1000 per infraction. Repeat infractions may constitute a doubling of fine amount.

G. COMPLAINTS

Complaints may trigger a GPS check of both the day before and day after. If unjustified infractions are found, penalties will be enforced.

H. OPERATIONS OUT OF BOUNDS

"It is the policy of the Haines Borough to have low tolerance for operating out of bounds. If a heliskiing company is forced to operate out of bounds for any reason, they are required to alert the Borough Administration in writing within 7 days. Correspondence should include date and time, location, pilot name, and explanation.

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