

HAINES BOROUGH HELISKIING COMPLAINT FORM

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Today's Date: 4/18/16

Your Contact Information

Name: (first, middle initial, last)
Carolyn Weishahn

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HC 60 Box 3977, Haines, AK 99827

Physical Address: (address, city, state, zip code)
40 Mile, Haines Highway, Haines, AK 99827

Home Phone: (include area code)
907-767-5552

Work Phone: (include area code)

Email:
weis@aptalaska.net

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.

Today, April 18, 2016, I saw a helicopter flying on the "highway side" of the mountain range across from my home near the U.S./Canada border at about 2:23p.m., flying from the border toward Glacier Creek (approximately west to east). The flight was well below the mountain ridge and in the Klehini River drainage. The weather was clear and winds calm.

This is in violation of the "Flight Operations" agreement all the heli-ski companies signed to protect the residences near the border from undue helicopter noise during heli-ski operations. The agreed upon flight path is to fly on the other side of the mountain range (not in the Klehini River drainage) across from residents of 37 Mile to 40 Mile, Haines Highway, thus avoiding the Klehini River drainage. This reduces the helicopter noise as the flight path is not directly in the Klehini River drainage.

The flight agreement states:
From the 33 Mile heliport--Use Porcupine Creek, McKinley Creek or Glacier Creek to access Porcupine Peak and Flower Mountain areas. Avoid Jarvis Creek, and the Klehini River to keep noise away from residences. ...

Please review the flight records in this area for April 18, 2016, and take enforcement action on the responsible heli-ski company.

Thank you,
Carolyn Weishahn, resident, 40 Mile, Haines Highway

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Date Received by Borough Manager:

4/19/16

Forwarded for Response or Investigation to:
Date:

Copy given to:
Date:

Results of Investigation:

Action Taken

♦ Complainant Contacted regarding Results of Investigation:

Contacted by _____

Date _____

♦ Action: (attach additional pages, as needed)

Form Received by: Julie Cozzi
Date Stamp: 4/19/16 a.m.

Date-stamped copy given to complainant
via email



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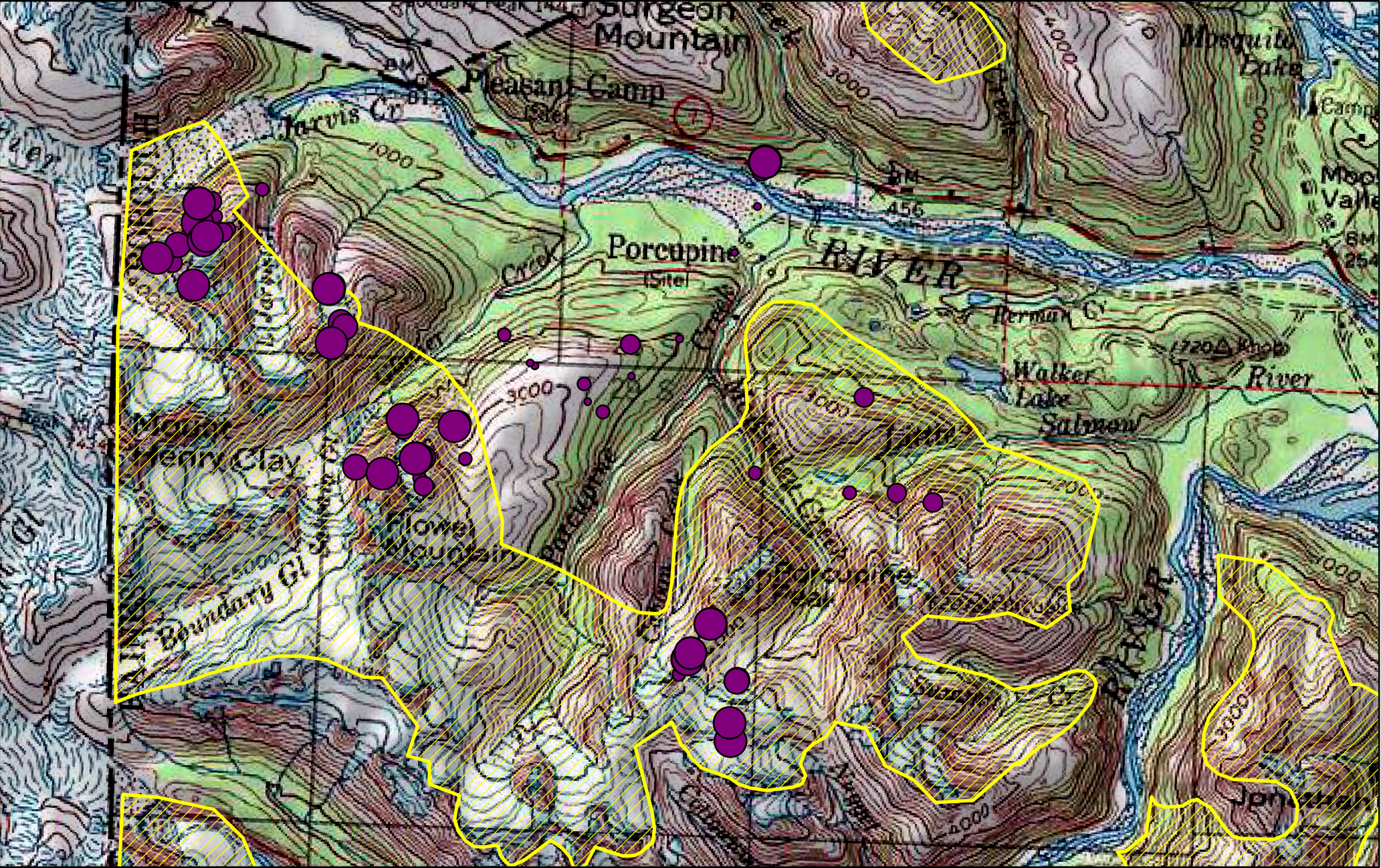
Dear: Mr. Johnson,

As we previously discussed the Haines Borough received a complaint about helicopters operating outside of the agreed upon flight paths to support heli-skiing operations. You informed me that you were aware of the incident and it was your company (Alaska Heliskiing) that had operated outside of the flight path. You supplied the GPS data for the date of the complaint (April 18th 2016) and the borough confirms the flight data matches the complaint. Per the Agreement Regarding Flight Operations and Practices of Commercial Ski Tours signed by an Alaska Heliskiing representative on March 31st 2011 the Haines Borough is required to levy a fine of \$200 for this violation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BRAD A. RYAN", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brad A. Ryan
Haines Borough Interim Manager



**Haines Borough
Commercial Ski Tour - AK Heliskiing**

AK Heliskiing Commercial Ski Tour Data

