



2020 Heli Ski Season-End Report

Prepared per HBC 5.24.040F
by Interim Borough Manager Alekka Fullerton

1. Permits Issued.

Three operators were permitted for the 2020 season. This year, the season only lasted two weeks until COVID shut them down. All Heliski permits were suspended on March 27, 2020:

Operator	Start Day	End Day
Alaska Heli-skiing	March 6	March 19
Alaska Mountain Guides	Never started	
SEABA	March 11	March 25

2. Skier Day Use (Historical data attached)

Total 2600 skier days were available, allotted and used as follows:

Operator	Days allotted	Days Used
Alaska Heli-skiing	1000	106
Alaska Mountain Guides	500	0
SEABA	1000	156

3. Spot Checks

Borough policy mandates the borough manager conduct 5 spot-checks for each heli-ski operator throughout the season. It is assumed that only 3 dates were requested since the season was so short this year. It appears likely that March 17 was chosen since a complaint was received regarding that day. Alaska Mountain Guides did not operate this season.

Operator	Date	Results
Alaska Heli-skiing	March 7	Did not fly- prior to start date
Alaska Heli-skiing	March 15	No indication of out of bounds activity
Alaska Heli-skiing	March 17	¹ Complaint received; no out of bounds waypoints; brought to Borough's attention
SEABA	March 7	² Verified Permit Infraction; \$250 fine imposed; Safety related but not disclosed
SEABA	March 10	No indication of out of bounds activity
SEABA	March 17	No indication of out of bounds activity*

* Significant activity on adjacent BLM land and Glacier Bay National Park land

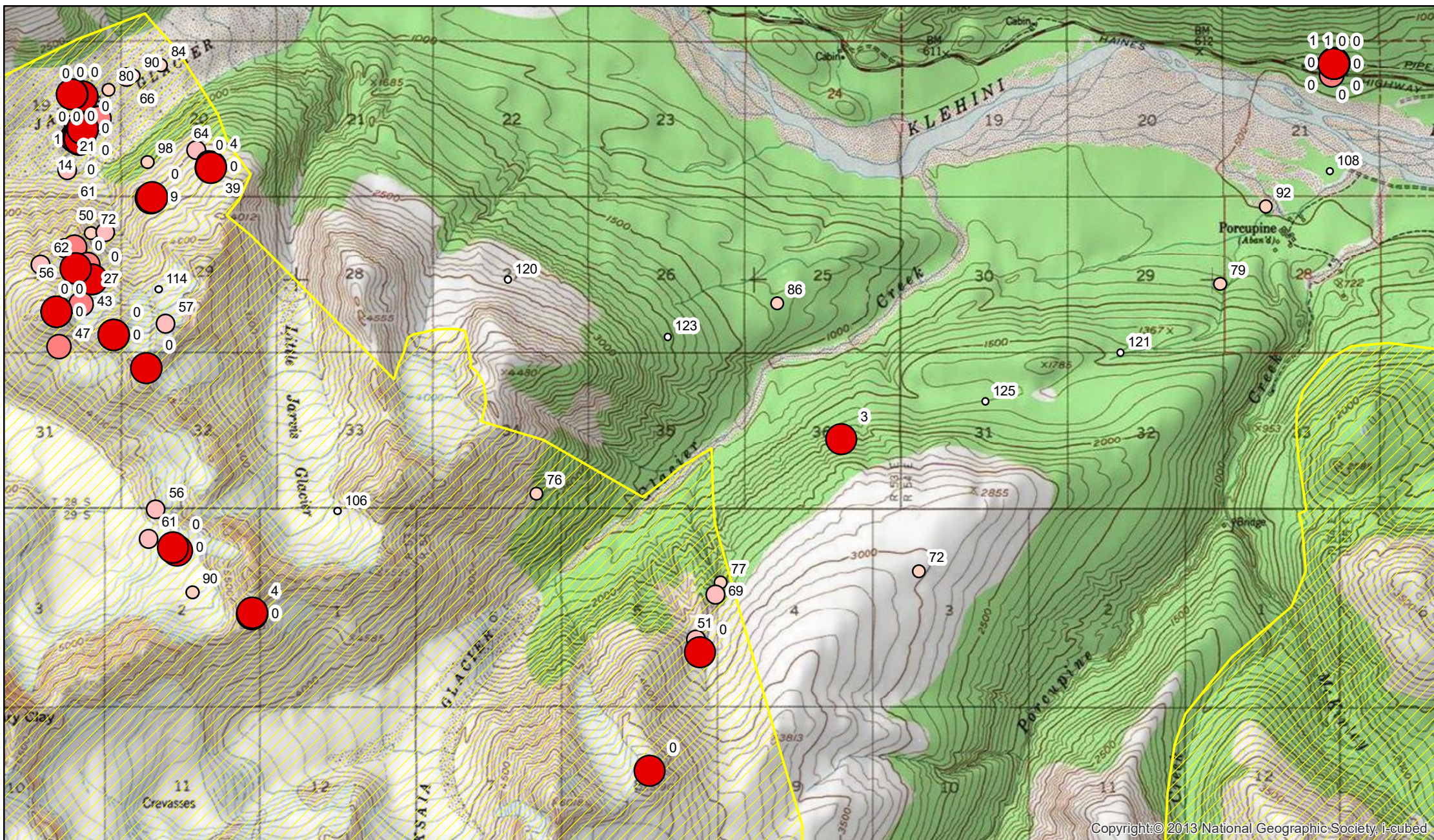
¹ One substantiated complaint was received for Alaska Heli-skiing's flying outside the accepted flight path between the heli-port and the US-CA Border/Jarvis Glacier are on the north side of the range. No fine was imposed since there was no out of bounds landing and the deviation was brought to the attention of the Borough. Review of historical data indicates that infractions have only been identified for landing outside the established boundaries. It is recommended that the policy be reviewed to make several changes. Complaint attached.

² Only a \$250 fine was imposed on the verified permit infraction of March 7 since the Assembly-approved policy exempts the imposition of a fine if an acceptable explanation was provided. Historical analysis shows that weather/safety reasons for deviation from the map. The modest fine was still imposed since SEABA failed to bring the deviation to the attention of the Clerk's office as required by the policy. Correspondence attached.

4. Skier day user fees were waived for this year by the Haines Borough Assembly at their April 14, 2020 meeting.
5. It is recommended that the attached Assembly Policy be referred to the Tourism Advisory Board for updating/further recommendation.

Skier Day Allocations

	2014				2015				2016				2017				2018			
	Allocation			Use	Allocation			Use	Allocation			Use	Allocation			Use	Allocation			Use
	Request	Initial	Final		Request	Initial	Final		Request	Initial	Final		Request	Initial	Final		Request	Initial	Final	
AH	1400	1400	1400	792	1750	1450	1450	998	1450	1250	1300	941	1450	1425	1425	734	1450	1325	1325	240
SEABA	1100	950	1000	121	1000	1000	1000	647	1000	900	900	633	1000	975	975	414	1000	975	975	591
AMG	450	250	200	0	450	150	150	0	650	200	400	32	250	250	250	226	600	300	300	144
Total	2950	2600	2600	913	3200	2600	2600	1645	3100	1350	2600	1606	2600	2600	2600	1374	3050	2600	2600	975
	2019				2020				2021				2022				2023			
	Allocation			Use	Allocation			Use	Allocation			Use	Allocation			Use	Allocation			Use
	Request	Initial	Final		Request	Initial	Final		Request	Initial	Final		Request	Initial	Final		Request	Initial	Final	
AH	1400	1225	1225	49	1200	1000	1000	106												
SEABA	1200	1000	1000	161	1200	1000	1000	156												
AMG	450	375	375	331	500	500	500	0												
Total	3050	2600	2600	541	2900	2500	2500	262												

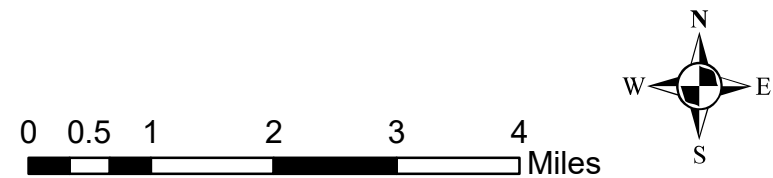


Haines Borough
Commercial Ski Tour - AK Heli

AK Heliskiing Commercial Ski Tour Spot Check 03/15/2020

Speed (kts) BArea2019ap

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- 19 - 48
- 49 - 69
- 70 - 98
- 99 - 125



HAINES BOROUGH HELISKIING COMPLAINT FORM

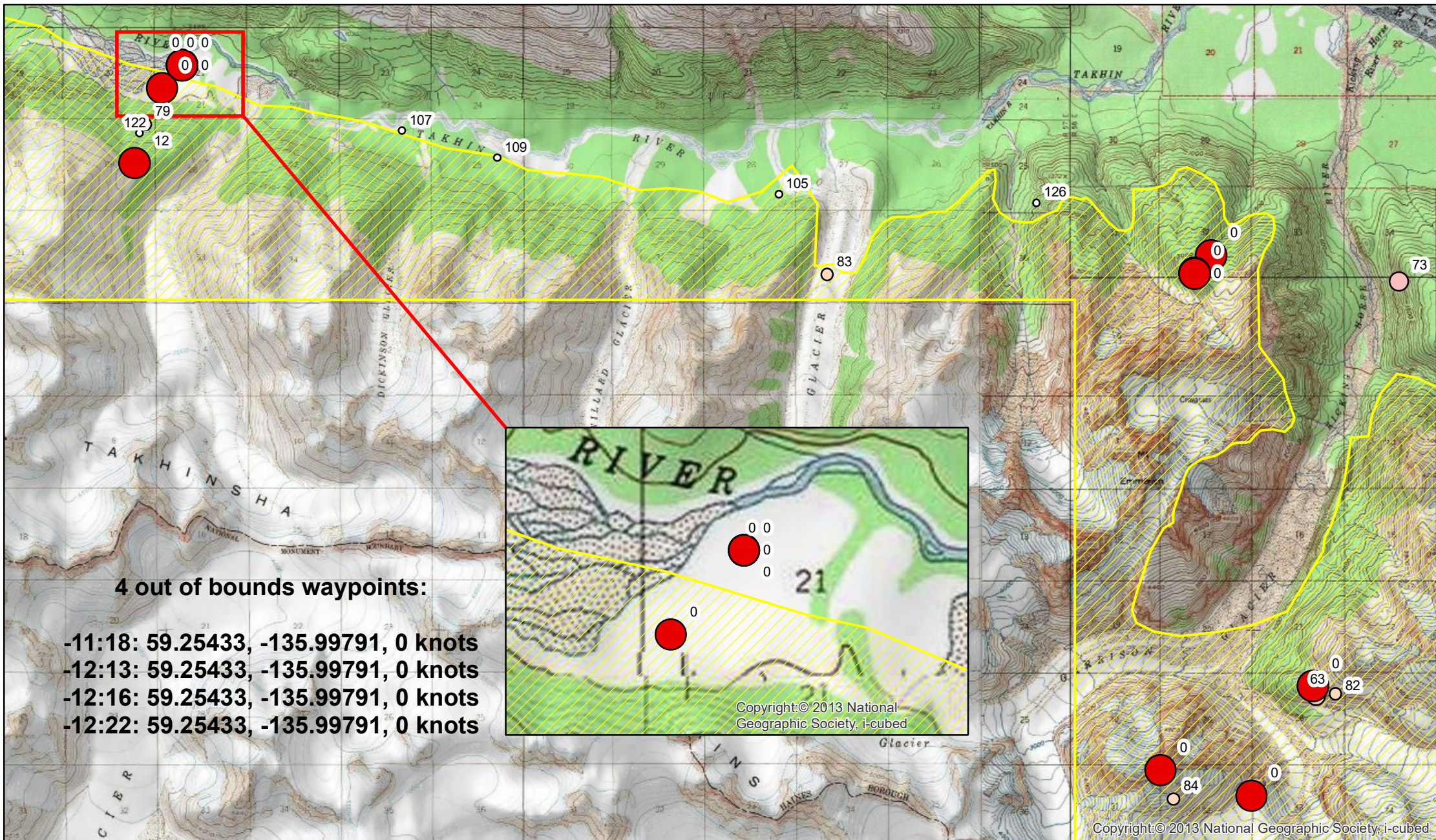
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Haines, Alaska 99827
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Today's Date: 3/17/20

Your Contact Information		
Name: (first, middle initial, last) Carolyn H. Weishahn		
Mailing Address: (address, city, state, zip code) HC 60 Box 3977 Haines, AK 99827		Physical Address: (address, city, state, zip code) 40 Mile Haines Highway
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>March 17, 2020: At about 11:55am, I saw a helicopter flying in front of the range across from my home at 40 Mile, Haines Hwy., flying from near the U.S./Canada border toward Flower Mt. This is a violation of the flight agreement because the helicopter did not use a flight path on the other side of the range that would somewhat diminish the sound that echoes across the Klehini River drainage. The skies were clear with no wind. It is likely Alaska Heliskiing but I couldn't identify the helicopter.</p> <p>Helicopter flights with the same noise intensity were heard into the afternoon of March 17, 2020.</p> <p>I request that in addition to flight path checks for March 17, 2020, additional flight checks be conducted in this same area for previous days as I have heard similar flights that were likely also violations. I, and residents in my neighborhood, depend on the flight agreement to protect our homes from heliski tours that reduce our quality of life and property values.</p> <p>Please enforce the flight agreement to the fullest extent. Violating the flight agreement should result in fines, reduction in heliski day allotments, and suspension/revocation of the heliski tour permit.</p>		

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


Date Received by Borough Manager:	Forwarded for Response or Investigation to: Date:
Copy given to: Date:	
Results of Investigation: Unclear Policy re: "out of bounds" - recommended referral to TAB to update Policy. ARF	
Action Taken	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Complainant Contacted regarding Results of Investigation: Debra Schnabel Contacted by Alicia Fullerton ♦ Action: (attach additional pages, as needed) 	Form Received by: Date Stamp: <input type="checkbox"/> Date-stamped copy given to complainant

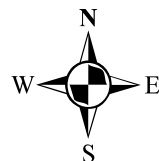


**Haines Borough
Commercial Ski Tour - SEABA**

**SEABA Commercial Ski Tour Boundary Violation
03/7/2020**

Speed (kts)  BArea2019ap

-  0 - 18
-  19 - 45
-  46 - 75
-  76 - 100
-  101 - 129



From: [Steven Auch](#)
To: [Alekka Fullerton](#)
Subject: Fw: Heli Waypoint Violations
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:11:13 PM

Steven Auch

Tourism Director

sauch@haines.ak.us

Cell: 907-314-3208

Office: 907-766-6419

www.visithaines.com

From: Ben Anderson <ben@seaba-heli.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 7:58 AM
To: Steven Auch
Subject: Re: Heli Waypoint Violations

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not open links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Steven

I talked to Tim Tom one of our lead guides he said That day was a guide recon day and non revenue. We got our first clients in on that day and they didn't fly. Also weather was bad forcing them to land in the valley. Let me know if you need anything else

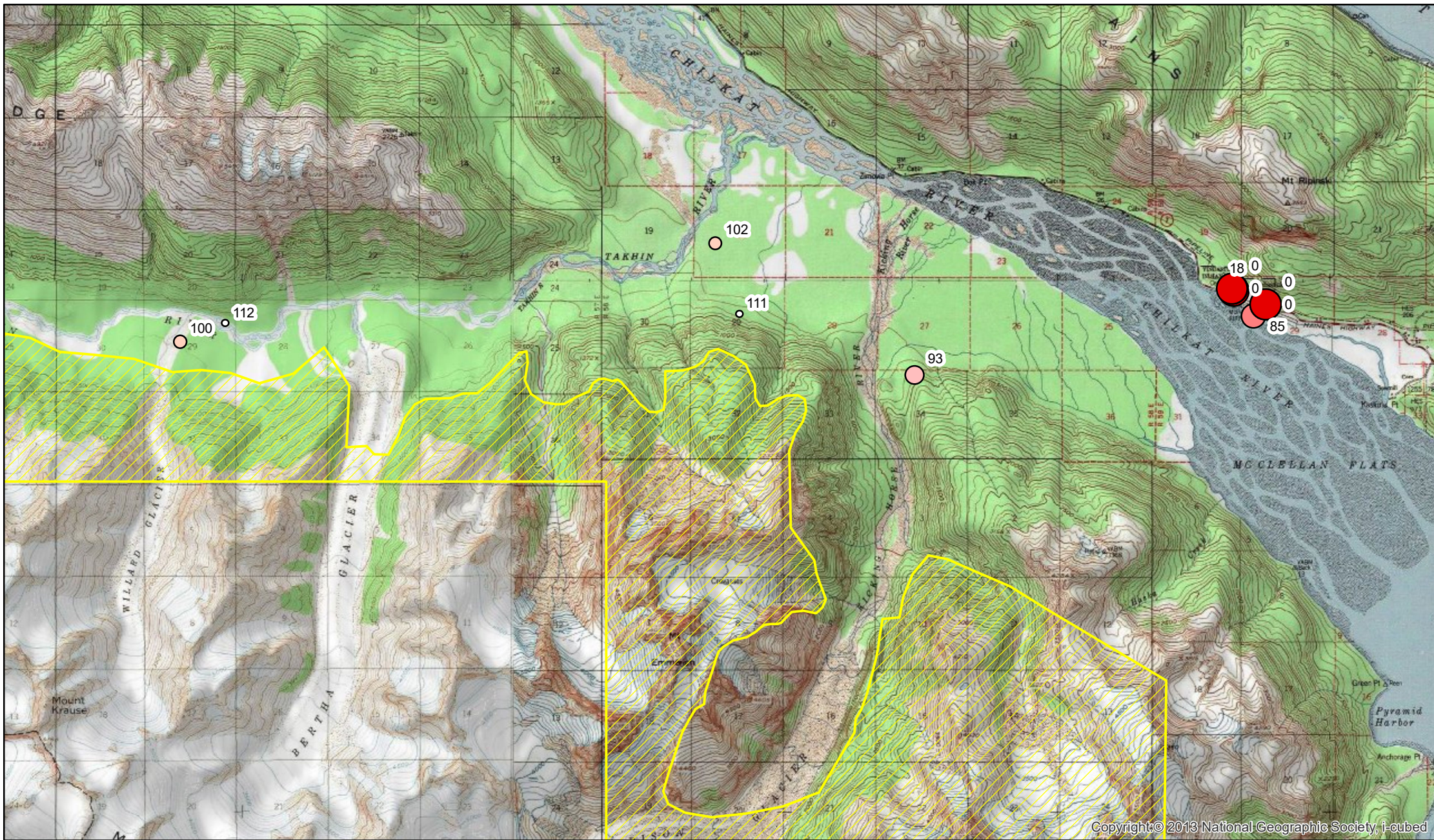
Thanks

Ben

PAHN- Haines Weather Data 2020.03.07

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PAHN	#####	21.9	9	57.02	300	9	0	30.1	1019.4	10 M		FEW
PAHN	#####	21.9	10	59.63	300	9	0	30.09	1019.3	10 M		OVC
PAHN	#####	21	9	59.23	310	7	0	30.1	1019.4	10 M		FEW
PAHN	#####	21	9	59.23	320	8	0	30.1	1019.5	10 M		BKN
PAHN	#####	21	10	61.95	310	8	0	30.1	1019.6	10 M		OVC
PAHN	#####	19.9	10	64.91	310	10	0	30.1	1019.4	10 M		OVC
PAHN	#####	19.9	9	62.07	300	12	0	30.1	1019.5	10 M		OVC
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PAHN	#####	17.1	7	63.95	290	14	0	30.09	1019.2	10 M		CLR
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PAHN	#####	12.9	5	70.13	290	15	0	30.07	1018.5	7 M		CLR
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PAHN	#####	19	7	58.94	290	12	0	30.07	1018.4	9 M		CLR
PAHN	#####	21	10	61.95	280	12	0	30.05	1017.9	10 M		CLR
PAHN	#####	24.1	10	54.36	280	9	0	30.04	1017.5	10 M		CLR
PAHN	#####	27	12	52.68	280	7	0	30.04	1017.3	10 M		CLR
PAHN	#####	28	15.1	57.93	130	4	0	30.02	1016.8	10 M		CLR
PAHN	#####	28.9	18	63.31	140	3	0	30.02	1016.7	10 M		OVC






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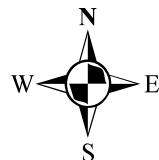


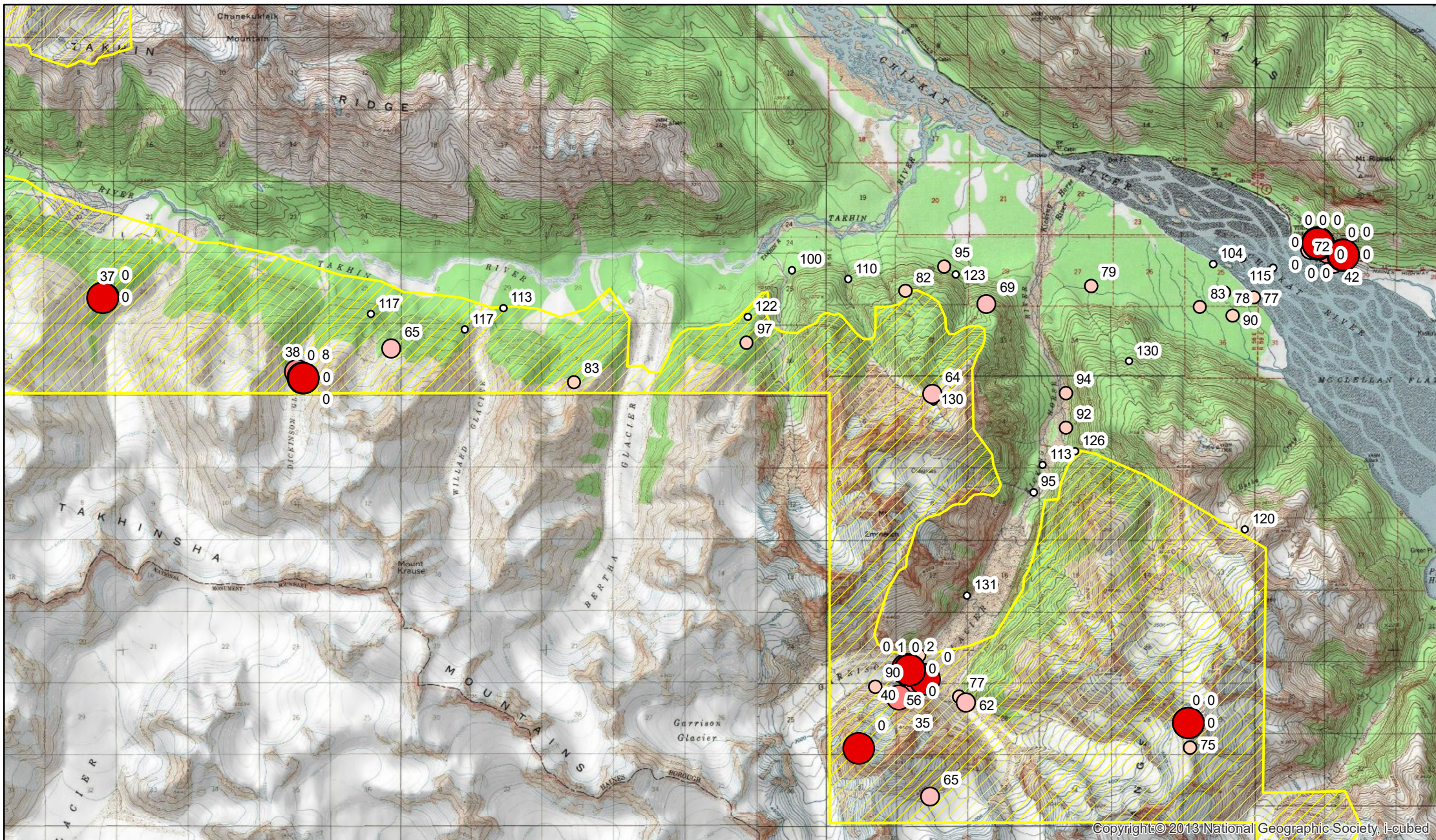
**Haines Borough
Commercial Ski Tour - SEABA**

**SEABA Commercial Ski Tour Spot Check
03/10/2020**

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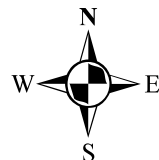
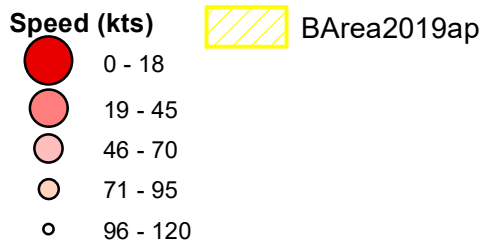
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**Haines Borough
Commercial Ski Tour - SEABA**

**SEABA Commercial Ski Tour Spot Check
03/17/2020**





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.


Julie Cozzi
Interim Borough Manager

Signature Date 2/19/2014