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Subject: permit for cinematography and use of drone for filming

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Timo Veijalainen on behalf of NTRNZ media oy, dated 7th of July, for filming with drone within Fjallabak Nature Reserve.

Fjallabak is protected as a nature reserve, cf. regulation no. 354/1979. Construction work, extraction of minerals, disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. The Environment Agency of Iceland has furthermore set special rules for the nature reserve in the areas management plan to reach goals of protecting the area. According to those rules, cinematograph is dependent on permit from the agency as well as permit is needed for flying drone during the period from June 15th to September 15th.

For camping outside of the designated campgrounds in Landmannalaugar, Landmannahellir or Hrafninnusker consultation with ranger is required or the areas supervisor.

Description of the project:

The project is a part of creating a TV episode, focused on fishing in two lakes within the nature reserve. The lakes are Dómadalsvatn and Herbjarnarfellsvatn. The filmcrew will also be filming by Fellsendavatn which is outside the nature reserve.

According to the application the filming will focus on one person who is fishing and enjoying the nature. Drone will be flown over these lakes and nearby areas. The maximum flight altitude: 120m. We would cover some general landscape and follow the person as he walks by the lake and when he is proceeding from lake to lake. If we meet other people, we will ask them a permission to film if needed.

The applicant would like to camp by the lakes, but if it's not possible, tents will be placed in marked camping areas in the nature reserve area.

The applicant requests a short processing time since the project will start at 19th of July.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project is neither likely to have negative impact on nature or going against the goals of protection within the area. The filming goes on within a remote area and therefor it's unlikely to affect other guests. Since there are restrictions

on camping outside designated camping areas, camping shows negative example to other travelers.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants NTRNZ media permission on its behalf to do filming, including filming with drone within Fjallabak Nature Reserve as described above during the period between July 19th-24th of July on following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project. The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff of the project before work begins.
- The applicant shall inform rangers in the area about their arrival and departure. This is to be done 24 hours before entering the area and again before leaving it.
- If the project dates or description changes the Environment Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- When it is necessary to go off-path, extra care must be taken not to cause damage to terrain, including vegetation, soil and geological formation. All traces of activity must be removed afterwards.
- The crew must follow rules of conduct that apply to the area.
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 591 2000.
- The crew should be conscious of other guests on the sites and make sure that filming causes as little disturbance as possible to other visitors. If the material is meant for public viewing it must be noted in the video/subtext that permission from the Environment Agency was obtained for the filming/photography.
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown in close proximity to people. Please take precaution not to disturb people's experience, their safety or personal privacy nor the general peace of the protected areas being filmed.
- According to Icelandic law it is forbidden to fly close to cliffs where birds nest. An unmanned aircraft should never be flown near animals or birds, neither in nesting areas nor during nesting season or any other seasonal time when animals or bird habitats are considered vulnerable.
- Flight time should be kept to a minimum and flight should be avoided during the area's busiest times of the day.
- If the use of unmanned aircraft causes disturbance to wildlife in the area, its use should be ceased at once.
- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft is responsible for the aircraft within the protected area. This includes taking responsibility of any possible risk of harm to people, fauna and nature and leaving no permanent marks on the site in question. Should the aircraft crash, all components from it must be collected and removed from the area.
- For safety reasons, the pilot of an unmanned aerial vehicle must wear marked clothing so that the person can be identified.

While filming The Environment Agency advises that overnight stay will be in designated areas but for filming purposes the agency agrees on putting up tent by the lakes.

Be aware to be in good contact with rightsholders of the lakes and have valid fishing license for the lakes.

If the developer causes damage to nature, according to art. 87 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013, the Environment Agency of Iceland can, according to the Nature Conservation Act, f.e. order the licensee to fix damage to nature and vegetation and/or stop the project.

The Environment Agency of Iceland can according to art. 89 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 change conditions of the permit, add new conditions or withdraw the permit in order to prevent damage to nature if environmental conditions change.

According to art 89. in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 the Environment Agency can withdraw the permit if conditions of the permit are not complied to.

Unmanned aircraft should take off and land in a safe distance from other visitors according to regulation 990/2017 on unmanned aircrafts.

The usage of a drone shall be according to regulation no. 990/2017 on the operation of remotely piloted aircraft (<https://www.icetra.is/aviation/drones/>).

Please note that according to the regulation all drones used for commercial flight need to be registered at the Icelandic Transport Authority.

A permission from the landowners and/or the municipality might be needed for the project.

Permission fee:

Environment Agency of Iceland charges a fee for processing applications for permits in protected areas based on Article 92 of Act no. 61/2013 on Nature Conservation. The fee for cinematography and/or photography is 52.600 ISK according to art. 24. b. in the agency's tariff no. 535/2015.

Supervision:

The Environment Agency will supervise the project. The supervisor will be a ranger from the Environment Agency.

Sincerely

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