



06/02/2023_Response to Recent Inquires Regarding Use of NFSRs 287.1, 287A, and 287B

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Good afternoon Pat,

Please see the attached letter that the USFS has prepared in response to your recent inquiries to the Boulder Ranger District office. Your company recently inquired about use of National Forest System Roads (NFSRs) 287.1, 287A, and 287B. I am available by cellphone or email if you have any questions about the content of this letter or next steps moving forward. Please call my work cellphone number at 720-708-0988, if you would like to talk by phone.

Thank you, Pat. Have a nice weekend.



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USFS Letter to K&B Mining Company LLC_06022023.pdf
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File Code: 2830
Date: June 2, 2023

Pat Farr
K&B Mining Company, LLC
2601 Willow Park
Richland Hills, TX 76118

via email patmanfarr@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Farr,

On April 10, 2023, K&B Mining Company, LLC associate David Brown contacted the Boulder Ranger District regarding access to the Rip Van Dam Lode (MS 241A) mining claim. The Boulder Ranger District notified Mr. Brown that Forest Service (FS) lands staff were reviewing the information in the case file for this site.

The K&B Mining Company, LLC FS-approved Plan of Operations expired at the end of 2015. Therefore, the road use, operations, and site storage allowed under that Plan are no longer authorized. Several items that were not authorized under the previous Plan were found to be illegally stored onsite. These items must be removed. It was also noted that heavy surface damage is visually apparent at the Rip Van Dam Lode mining claim. This includes damage to a cliff side that has caused soil to fall into a stream area below the cliff and removal of large trees, both at the south entrance to this mining claim.

In addition to the USFS's review of the case file information for this site, the USFS and Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) met on April 25, 2023, to compare information regarding the Rip Van Dam Lode mining claim and come to consensus on a path forward.

On February 9, 2023, the DRMS's Mined Land Reclamation Board issued a signed Board Order. This Board Order was issued for failure to maintain legal right of entry and for failure to timely reclaim the affected lands within five years of completion of prospecting activities. The Board Order directs K&B Mining Company, LLC to obtain legal right of entry and to complete reclamation of the affected land. The operator, K&B Mining Company, LLC, has until August 8, 2023, to comply with the Board Order.

K&B Mining Company, LLC, also needs to submit a plan of operation for the outstanding reclamation work to the DRMS for their review and approval.

In order to facilitate site reclamation, the FS will work with K&M Mining Company, LLC, to issue a Special Use Authorization for motorized vehicle use on National Forest System Roads 287.1, 287A, and 287B. Please complete the enclosed SF299 form and submit it to Lauren Kryszczuk at the address above or electronically to lauren.kryszczuk@usda.gov. The permit does not authorize access across private land which will need to be addressed through other channels.



K&B Mining Company, LLC is required to acquire legal access across private land and provide evidence of this access to the USFS before the USFS can process an SF299 proposal for Special Use Authorization. If evidence of legal access across private land is not provided to the USFS, the USFS will not be able to screen and process an SF299 proposal.

In addition, K&B Mining Company, LLC needs to submit a plan of operation for repairing the surface damage to USFS land caused by the mining operations that took place at the Rip Van Dam Lode site.

No further activities or mining operations will be considered by the Forest Service until these items are addressed.

If you have questions and/or need clarification regarding the above information, please contact Lauren Kryszczuk at 720-708-0988 or lauren.kryszczuk@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

**KEVIN
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District Ranger

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APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION, UTILITY SYSTEMS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND FACILITIES ON FEDERAL LANDS AND PROPERTY

FORM APPROVED
OMB Control Number: 0596-0249
Expiration Date: 2/28/2023

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

NOTE: Before completing and filing the application for an authorization (easement, right-of-way, lease, license or permit), the applicant should completely review this package, including instructions, and schedule a pre-application meeting with representatives of the agency responsible for processing the application. Each agency may have specific and unique requirements to be met in preparing and processing the application. Many times, with the help of the agency representative, the application can be completed at the pre-application meeting.

Application Number

Date Filed

1. Name and address of applicant

2. Name and address of authorized agent if different from item 1

3. Applicant telephone number and email:

Authorized agent telephone number and email:

4. As applicant are you? *(check one)*

- a. ☐ Individual
b. ☐ Corporation*
c. ☐ Partnership/Association*
d. ☐ State Government/State Agency
e. ☐ Local Government
f. ☐ Federal Agency

* If checked, complete supplemental page

5. Specify what application is for: *(check one)*

- a. ☐ New authorization
b. ☐ Renewing existing authorization number
c. ☐ Amend existing authorization number
d. ☐ Assign existing authorization number
e. ☐ Existing use for which no authorization has been received *
f. ☐ Other*

* If checked, provide details under item 7

6. If an individual, or partnership, are you a citizen(s) of the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Project description *(describe in detail)*: (a) Type of use or occupancy, (e.g., canal, pipeline, road, telecommunications); (b) related structures and facilities; (c) physical specifications *(Length, width, grading, etc.)*; (d) term of days/years needed; (e) time of year of use or operation; (f) Volume or amount of product to be transported; (g) duration and timing of construction; and (h) temporary work areas needed for activity/construction *(Attach additional sheets, if additional space is needed.)*

8. Attach a map covering area and show location of project proposal.

9. State or Local government approval: ☐ Attached ☐ Applied for ☐ Not Required10. Nonrefundable application fee: ☐ Attached ☐ Not required ☐ To be determined by agency11. Does project cross international boundary or affect international waterways? ☐ Yes ☐ No *(if "yes," indicate on map)*

12. Give statement of your technical and financial capability to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate system for which authorization is being requested.

13a. Describe other alternative locations considered.

b. Why were these alternatives not selected?

c. Give explanation as to why it is necessary to use or occupy Federal assets (lands or buildings).

14. List authorizations and pending applications filed for similar projects which may provide information to the authorizing agency. (*Specify number, date, code, or name*)

15. Provide statement of need for project, including the economic feasibility and items such as: (a) cost of proposal (construction, operation, and maintenance); (b) estimated cost of next best alternative; and (c) expected public benefits.

16. Describe probable effects on the population in the area, including the social and economic aspects, and the rural lifestyles.

17. Describe likely environmental effects that the proposed project will have on: (a) air quality; (b) visual impact; (c) surface and ground water quality and quantity; (d) the control or structural change on any stream or other body of water; (e) existing noise levels; and (f) the surface of the land, including vegetation, permafrost, soil, and soil stability; and, (g) historic or archaeological resources or properties.

18. Describe the probable effects that the proposed project will have on (a) populations of fish, plant life, wildlife, and marine life, including threatened and endangered species; and (b) marine mammals, including hunting, capturing, collecting, or killing these animals.

19. State whether any hazardous material, as defined in this paragraph, would be used, produced, transported or stored on or in a federal building or federal lands or would be used in connection with the proposed use or occupancy. "Hazardous material" shall mean (a) any hazardous substance under section 101(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14); (b) any pollutant or contaminant under section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(33); (c) any petroleum product or its derivative, including fuel oil, and waste oils; and (d) any hazardous substance, extremely hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous waste, ignitable, reactive or corrosive materials, pollutant, contaminant, element, compound, mixture, solution or substance that may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment under any applicable environmental laws. The holder shall not store any hazardous materials at the site without prior written approval from the authorized officer. This approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the authorized officer provides approval, this permit shall include (or in the case of approval provided after this permit is issued, shall be amended to include) specific terms addressing the storage of hazardous materials, including the specific type of materials to be stored, the volume, the type of storage, and a spill plan. Such terms shall be proposed by the holder and are subject to approval by the authorized officer.

20. Name all the Federal Department(s)/Agency(ies) where this application is being filed.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I am of legal age and authorized to do business in the State and that I have personally examined the information contained in the application and believe that the information submitted is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Title 18, U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

GENERAL INFORMATION
ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS

This application will be used when applying for a right-of-way, permit, license, lease, or certificate for the use of Federal lands which lie within conservation system units and National Recreation or Conservation Areas as defined in the Alaska National Interest lands Conservation Act. Conservation system units include the National Park System, National Wildlife Refuge System, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, National Trails System, National Wilderness Preservation System, and National Forest Monuments.

Transportation utility systems telecommunication installations facility uses for which the application may be used are:

1. Canals, ditches, flumes, laterals, pipes, pipelines, tunnels, and other systems for the transportation of water.
2. Pipelines and other systems for the transportation of liquids other than water, including oil, natural gas, synthetic liquid and gaseous fuels, and any refined product produced therefrom.
3. Pipelines, slurry and emulsion systems, and conveyor belts for transportation of solid materials.
4. Systems for the transmission and distribution of electric energy.
5. Wired and wireless systems for transmission or reception of radio, television, telephone, telegraph, and other electronic signals, and other means of communications.
6. Improved right-of-way for snow machines, air cushion vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles.
7. Roads, highways, railroads, tunnels, tramways, airports, landing strips, docks, and other systems of general transportation.

This application must be filed simultaneously with each Federal department or agency requiring authorization to establish and operate your proposal.

In Alaska, the following agencies will help the applicant file an application and identify the other agencies the applicant should contact and possibly file with:

Department of Agriculture
Regional Forester, Forest Service (USFS)
P.O. Box 21628
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628
Telephone: (907) 586-7847
(or a local Forest Service Office)

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
Alaska Regional Office
709 West 9th Street
Juneau, Alaska 99802
Telephone: (907) 586-7177

Department of the Interior
Alaska State Office
Bureau of Land Management
222 West 7th Avenue #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513
Public Room: 907-271-5960
FAX: 907-271-3684
(or a local BLM Office)

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS)
Office of the Regional Director
1011 East Tudor Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
Telephone: (907) 786-3440

National Park Service (NPS)
Alaska Regional Office
240 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Telephone: (907) 644-3510

Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration
Alaska Region AAL-4, 222 West 7th Ave., Box 14
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7587
Telephone: (907) 271-5285

NOTE - The Department of Transportation has established the above central filing point for agencies within that Department. Affected agencies are: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Coast Guard (USCG), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).

OTHER THAN ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS

Use of this form is not limited to National Interest Conservation Lands of Alaska.

Individual department/agencies may authorize the use of this form by applicants for transportation, utility systems, telecommunication installations and facilities on other Federal lands outside those areas described above.

For proposals located outside of Alaska, applications will be filed at the local agency office or at a location specified by the responsible Federal agency.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS
(Items not listed are self-explanatory)

- 7 Attach preliminary site and facility construction plans. The responsible agency will provide instructions whenever specific plans are required.
- 8 Generally, the map must show the section(s), township(s), and range(s) within which the project is to be located. Show the proposed location of the project on the map as accurately as possible. Some agencies require detailed survey maps. The responsible agency will provide additional instructions.
- 9, 10, and 12 The responsible agency will provide additional instructions.
- 13 Providing information on alternate locations in as much detail as possible, discussing why certain locations were rejected and why it is necessary to use Federal assets will assist the agency(ies) in processing your application and reaching a final decision. Include only reasonable alternate locations as related to current technology and economics.
- 14 The responsible agency will provide instructions.
- 15 Generally, a simple statement of the purpose of the proposal will be sufficient. However, major proposals located in critical or sensitive areas may require a full analysis with additional specific information. The responsible agency will provide additional instructions.
- 16 through 19 Providing this information with as much detail as possible will assist the Federal agency(ies) in processing the application and reaching a decision. When completing these items, you should use a sound judgment in furnishing relevant information. For example, if the project is not near a stream or other body of water, do not address this subject. The responsible agency will provide additional instructions.

Application must be signed by the applicant or applicant's authorized representative.

Note - Filings with any Interior agency may be filed with any office noted above or with the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, Regional Environmental Officer, P.O. Box 120, 1675 C Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99513.

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION

Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If all the information is not provided, the proposal or application may be rejected.

DATA COLLECTION STATEMENT

The Federal agencies collect this information from proponents and applicants requesting a right-of-way, permit, license, lease, or certification for use of Federal assets. The Federal agencies use this information to evaluate a proponent's or applicant's proposal to use Federal assets.

BURDEN STATEMENT

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0249. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The authority to collect this information is derived from 47 U.S.C. 1455(c)(3) and 16 U.S.C. 3210.

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SUPPLEMENTAL

NOTE: The responsible agency(ies) will provide instructions	CHECK APPROPRIATE BLOCK	
I - PRIVATE CORPORATIONS	ATTACHED	FILED *
a. Articles of Incorporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Corporation Bylaws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. A certification from the State showing the corporation is in good standing and is entitled to operate within the State	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Copy of resolution authorizing filing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The name and address of each shareholder owning 3 percent or more of the shares, together with the number and percentage of any class of voting shares of the entity which such shareholder is authorized to vote and the name and address of each affiliate of the entity together with, in the case of an affiliate controlled by the entity, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of that affiliate owned, directly or indirectly, by that entity, and in the case of an affiliate which controls that entity, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of that entity owned, directly or indirectly, by the affiliate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. If application is for an oil or gas pipeline, describe any related right-of-way or temporary use permit applications, and identify previous applications.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. If application is for an oil and gas pipeline, identify all Federal lands by agency impacted by proposal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
II - PUBLIC CORPORATIONS		
a. Copy of law forming corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Proof of organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Copy of Bylaws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Copy of resolution authorizing filing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. If application is for an oil or gas pipeline, provide information required by item "I - f" and "I - g" above.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
III - PARTNERSHIP OR OTHER UNINCORPORATED ENTITY		
a. Articles of association, if any	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. If one partner is authorized to sign, resolution authorizing action is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Name and address of each participant, partner, association, or other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. If application is for an oil or gas pipeline, provide information required by item "I - f" and "I - g" above.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* If the required information is already filed with the agency processing this application and is current, check block entitled "Filed." Provide the file identification information (e.g., number, date, code, name). If not on file or current, attach the requested information.