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[EXTERNAL] RE: Question on Water Use

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Hi Shelly

We would like to keep consistency with the State of Alaska wording which explains when a permit is required. Also, the camp typically uses 2000 gallons of water a day but may use up to 3500. Below is the wording for water permit requirements per the State of Alaska.

- the consumptive use of more than 5,000 gallons of water from a single source in a single day;
- the regular daily or recurring consumptive use of more than 500 gpd from a single source for more than 10 days per calendar year;
- the non-consumptive use of more than 30,000 gpd (0.05 cubic feet per second) from a single source; or
- any water use that may adversely affect the water rights of other appropriators or the public interest.

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From: Jones, Nichelle (Shelly) <njones@blm.gov>
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Hello Suzan: We are getting close to having a version of the EA that we can share. I would like to propose we drop the final sentence in the first paragraph under water use section of the proposed action that reads, " If the amount of required camp water exceeds 5,000 gallons for any one lake, SAE would be required to obtain additional authorization from the BLM and the State of Alaska (Temporary Water Use Permit)".

I believe we clarified this point already in a followup meeting with SAE. Based on that conversation, the current analysis is based on not taking any more than 5,000 gallons from any lake.

If we have SAE's agreement that it is not being proposed for this permit, I suggest we remove that sentence. It continues to cause confusion and draw questions and comments. If it is misunderstood, it could cause the reader to feel the analysis is deficient on this point with regard to protocols for taking more than 5,000 gallons (bathymetry and fish surveys).

Also, I wanted to confirm the estimate of the camp using 3,500 gallons of water per day. Is that each camp?

I appreciate your time and will wait to hear back from you before we finalize this section. Thanks.

-Shelly

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