

LEGAL NOTICE

**USDA Forest Service
Alaska Region
Chugach National Forest
Cordova Ranger District**

The purpose is to notify all interested persons that the following Decision Notice and finding of no significant impact is available to the public pursuant to 36 CFR 215.9:

**Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact
Allen Glacier to Cleave Creek Area Heli-ski
Environmental Assessment**

The purpose of this Decision Notice is to document the factors considered and the rationale used in making a decision concerning the potential effects of approving commercial helicopter skiing activity in the Allen Glacier to Cleave Creek Area of the Cordova Ranger District. The area has been previously permitted for commercial heli-skiing in 1998, 1999, and 2002. The decision consists of: (1) whether to approve commercial heli-skiing in this area; and (2) how many operators to allow in the area considering safety, wildlife, recreation and other Forest Service standards and guidelines for the area.

The responsible official is:

**Rebecca S. Nourse, District Ranger
Cordova Ranger District
P.O. Box 280
Cordova, AK 99574**

The decision and accompanying Environmental Assessment can be obtained from the Cordova District Ranger, P.O. Box 280, Cordova, Alaska, 99574-0280; and the Forest Supervisor's Office, 3301 C St., Anchorage, Alaska, 99520. The Environmental assessment is also available on the Internet at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach/chugach_pages/heliski_cordova.html

For more information on this Environmental Assessment, please call Bruce Campbell, Cordova Ranger District at (907) 424-4731.

The decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. Appeals must be filed with the appeal deciding officer:

**Dennis Bschor, Regional Forester
USDA Forest Service
Alaska Region-Region 10**

P.O. Box 21628
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The appeal must be postmarked and submitted to the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days of the date of this publication in accordance with 36 CFR 215.13.