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Subject: Permit - drone flight in protected areas in Iceland

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Collette, dated December 12th 2018, for permit to fly a drone within Dyrhólaey, Geysir, Gullfoss and Skógafoss areas.

Dyrhólaey is protected as a nature reserve by act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation, cf. Regulation no. 101/1978. Disturbance to wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited.

Gullfoss is protected as a nature reserve by act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation, cf. Regulation no. 141/1979. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. According to the management plan for Gullfoss, flying an unmanned aircraft/drone within the boundaries of the protected site is subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

Geysir is listed on the Nature Conservation Register and is under the Environment Agency supervision.

Skógafoss is protected as a natural monument by act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation, cf. Regulation no. 477/1987. Disturbance wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited.

Description of the project:

Two videographers will be following a group from a tourist company on their tour itinerary in their rental vehicle. There will be no disturbances, props, road closures. Drone will be used if possible in some sites. Maximum heigth will be 120 meters and minimum 30 meters. At Gullfoss the drone will be used over the canon in front of the waterfall. At Geysir they will fly the drone over the geothermal area. The flight path at Skógafoss if over the river both in front of the waterfall and above it. In Dyrhólaey the flight path is over sea west of Tóin. Filming will take place in the period February 18-24th.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative affect on Geysir and Gullfoss. Due to number of visitors visiting the sites applied for, flying a drone can have negative impact on the visitor 's experience. Flight time should therefore be kept as short as possible.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants a permission on its behalf according to information from the applicant to fly a drone at Dyrhólaey, Geysir, Gullfoss and Skógafoss on following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project. The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff before the work begins.
- If the dates of the project or project description changes the Environment Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- The applicant shall contact rangers in these areas 24 hours before filming starts in each area and inform him on your intentions.
- Crew members should always stay on authorized paths/tracks/roads.
- Fauna, geological formations and landscape should not be disturbed in any way.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- 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.
- 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.
- It is not allowed to fly the drone near bird cliffs in Dyrhólaey if birds are there.
- It is not allowed to fly the drone over areas while people occupy the area.
- It is not allowed to fly the drone in the canyon in front of the waterfall at Skógafoss nature reserve.
- It is not allowed to fly over Strokkur at the Geysir area below 50 meters.
- Take off and landing of the drone should be in areas where number of people is minimum. It is not allowed to enter areas that are closed for traffic like Tóin (the cliff with the hole).
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown near people. Please take precaution not to disturb people's experience, their safety or personal privacy, nor the general peace of the protected areas filmed.
- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft is responsible for the aircraft within the protected area. This includes responsibility so that people, fauna and nature is unharmed because of the aircraft's use and that no permanent mark be left on the site in question. Should the aircraft crash, all components from it must be collected and removed from the area.
- 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/>).
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 591 2000.

If the developer causes damage to the 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. ordered the licensee to fix damage to the nature and vegetation and/or stop 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



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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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