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Subject: Application for filming with a drone in Skógafoss

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from DOKfilm Fernsehproduktion GmbH, dated 22. June 2018, for filming with a drone at Skógafoss on the 29. June and in Dyrhólaey on the 30. June 2018.

Skógafoss is protected cf. regulation no. 477/1987. According to the regulation disturbing the wildlife is prohibited.

Dyrhólaey is protected cf. regulation no. 101/1978. According to the regulation disturbing or harming the wildlife is prohibited.

Description of the project:

The project applied for is filming with a drone at Skógafoss on the 29. June and Dyrhólaey on the 30. June 2018. There will be no need to go off paths nor put up any props. There will be four people working on the project. The altitude of the drone will be 100-120m. At Skógafoss the drone will follow a person on a bike on the path. In Dyrhólaey the drone will film the rock pillars, Reynisfjara and the Dyrhólaey from the sea. The duration of the flights is up to 20 minutes. Aerial photographs with the drone flightpaths were sent by the applicant.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative impact on the conservation value of the areas. Flying a drone at Skógafoss and at Dyrhólaey can cause temporary disturbance to bird life in bird cliffs and nesting areas. Due to number of visitors on the sites applied for, flying a drone can have negative impact on the visitor's experience.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants a permission for filming with a drone at Skógafoss on its behalf on following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project.
- If the dates of the project change the Environment Agency shall be notified, with at least 5 days notice, if possible, when the project starts. Otherwise as soon as possible.

- The Environment Agency should be informed if there will be any changes to the project description.
- The Environment Agency requests that the ranger will be contacted before starting the project and inform him on your intentions.
- Off-road driving in Iceland is strictly prohibited.
- 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 prohibited.
- Due to nesting season the drone cannot be flown into the canyon at Skógafoss.
- In Dyrhólaey, and along the shore, the drone shall not be flown closer to the cliffs than 200 m due to the birdlife in the cliffs.
- The drone shall be landed if there are any signs of disturbance to the birds.
- 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. During early morning and late afternoon, there are less people visiting the sites.
- The project's staff is required to prevent all disturbance to the environment and make sure that all litter is removed from the sites.
- The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff before the work begins.
- All traces of the work must be removed carefully off the site by the end of the work/project.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

According to art. 88 in act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation the ranger has the authority to stop the project if the project is likely to cause damage to the area.

Permission might be needed from landowners and/or municipalities for filming with a drone in areas outside protected areas.

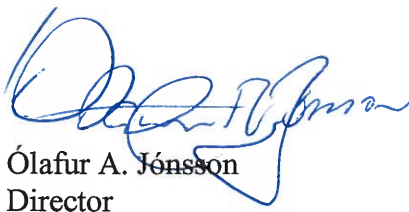
Permission fee:

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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