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Subject: Application for filming with a drone - Gullfoss and Geysir

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Long Road Home Productions / Nacelle, dated on the 4th of October 2018, for filming with a drone at Geysir geothermal area and Gullfoss.

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

Gullfoss is protected as a nature reserve, cf. regulation no. 141/1979.

Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life is prohibited. Using an unmanned aircraft/drone within the protected area is subject to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

Description of the project:

The project applied for is to film with a drone at Gullfoss and Geysir on the 14th of October 2018. No props, sets nor chemicals are going to be used and the crew will not need to go off paths. At Geysir the drone will take off from the car park near the hotel and fly 270° around the geysir and returning the same path back to the parking, stopping along the path to film various angles of the geysir and its surroundings at an altitude between 50-400 feet.

At Gullfoss the drone will take off and land at the lower car park. The drone will fly across the canyon and fly over the waterfall and back the same way. Aerial photographs with the flightpaths were sent in by the applicant.

Impact assessment:

Regarding flying a drone in the areas: Based on the information from the applicant the Environmental Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have a negative impact on the conservation value of the areas. However, due to the high number of visitors, flying a drone might impact visitors experience in a negative way.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants a permission on its behalf on following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project.
- The Environment Agency requests that the ranger will be contacted, at least 24 hours before starting 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.
- For security reasons, flying the drone directly above Strokkur below 50m (150ft) is prohibited.
- Off-road driving in Iceland is strictly prohibited.
- Fauna, geological formations, landscape and wildlife should not be disturbed in any way.
- Crew members should always stay on authorized paths/tracks/roads.
- The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff before the work begins.
- 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 time of the filming shall be moderate with regards to the visitor's experience.

Unmanned aircrafts:

- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft shall wear high visibility clothing so that he can be identified as the conductor of the unmanned aircraft.
- The unmanned aircraft shall take off and land in a safe distance from people.
- 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 aircrafts (<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.

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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