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Subject: Filming permitt-Foxes in Hornstrandir nature reserve

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Maramedia, dated February 6th, for permit to film foxes within Hornstrandir Nature reserve and to fly a drone in the area. Changes were made on the application on February 28th where it was requested that handling the drone part of the application would be delayed until information about flight path can be submitted.

Hornstrandir is protected as a nature reserve by act no. 60/2013 on nature conservation, cf. Regulation no. 332/1985. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. According to the management plan for Hornstrandir, filming and photography that can affect wildlife and visitors experience and flying an unmanned aircraft/drone within the boundaries of the protected site is subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland.

Description of the project:

The project will take place In Hornvík, mostly at Cliff Hornbjarg in March 12th - 22nd (provisional), mid June 3 weeks and mid august 2 weeks. The aim is to film natural behaviour of arctic foxes and families at two dens, one at the cliff and one at sea level. Distance of the film crew from the den is 40 feet. Filming will take place each day. Rest periods for the dens would be between 8 pm and 9 am. No tents or man made shelters will be used while staying at the dens since that may cause more disturbance than person keeping still. Scientist from the Icelandic Institute of Natural History that specializes in foxes will assist the film crew in choosing filming locations and timing.

Review:

The Environment Agency of Iceland requested reviews from the Icelandic Institute of Natural History. The Icelandic Institute of Natural History considers the filming not likely to have negative impact on foxes or other wildlife in the area.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have long term negative impact on the site or wildlife. Foxes might be stressed during filming but if conditions from the Icelandic Institute of Natural History are followed the impact should be minimal.

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 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 inform rangers in the area 48 hours before filming starts or when he will arrive in the area.
- Fauna, geological formations and landscape should not be disturbed in any way.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Crew members should always stay on authorized paths/tracks when possible and wear marked clothing or some kind of identification if it is necessary to leave them.
- Time spent near the dens should be at minimum.
- The crew must follow conditions from scientist from the Icelandic Institute of Natural History regarding distance from the foxes and how they are approached.
- The crew shall be conscious of other guests on the sites and make sure that filming causes as little disturbance as possible to other visitors.

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.

The Environment Agency requests that footage shown publicly should not show location of dens.

The Environment Agency of Iceland can according to art. 89 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 change conditions of the permit, add new conditions or withdraw the permit in order to prevent damage to nature if environmental conditions change.

A permission from the landowners and/or the municipality might be needed for 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 cinematography and/or photography is 52.600 ISK according to art. 24. b. in the agency's tariff no. 535/2015.

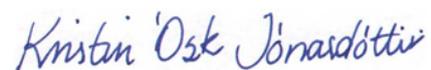
Supervision:

The Environment Agency will supervise the project. The supervisor will be a ranger from the Environment Agency.

Sincerely



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