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Permit to use a drone at Hnausapollur

The Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland has received an application from Alexandre Favre, dated June 16, 2025, requesting permission to fly a drone within the Friðland að Fjallabaki nature reserve.

Hnausapollur lies within Friðland að Fjallabaki and is protected as a nature reserve, cf. regulation no. 354/1979. Construction work, extraction of minerals, disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. The use of unmanned aircraft (drones) within the nature reserve from June 15th – September 15th is subject to a permit from the Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland.

Description of the project:

The proposed project involves operating a drone near Hnausapollur (gps 65.0554046, -19.0339784) between August 25 and September 9, 2025. Three flights are scheduled, each lasting 30 minutes. The maximum flight altitude will be 120 meters.

Impact assessment:

The Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative impact on nature or conservation value of the site. The flights might have a negative effect on other visitors' experience. The agency considers that the impact can be reduced if conditions of the permit are followed.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland hereby grants Alexandre Favre permission on its behalf to use a drone at Hnausapollur as described above between 25th of August to 9th of September on the following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project.
- The applicant shall inform rangers in the area about their arrival and departure. This is to be done 24 hours before entering the area and again before leaving it.
- If the project dates or description changes the Nature Conservation Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 556 6800.
- Always stay on authorized paths/tracks/roads.
- Follow the rules of conduct that apply to the area.

- All disturbances to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Off-road driving in Iceland is strictly prohibited.
- Prevent all disturbance to the environment and make sure that all litter is removed from the sites.
- If the material is meant for public viewing it must be noted in the video/subtext that permission from the Nature Conservation Agency was obtained for the filming/photography.
- Be conscious of other guests on the sites and make sure that the use of drone does not cause disturbance to other visitors.
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown near people. Please take precautions not to disturb people's experience, their safety or personal privacy nor the general peace of the protected areas being filmed.
- Flight time should be kept to a minimum and flight should be avoided during the area's busiest times of the day.
- If the use of unmanned aircraft causes disturbance to wildlife in the area, its use should be ceased at once.
- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft is responsible for the aircraft within the protected area. This includes taking responsibility for any possible risk of harm to people, fauna and nature and leaving no permanent marks on the site in question. Should the aircraft crash, all components from it must be collected and removed from the area.
- The use of drones shall be according to regulation no. 1360/2024 on the operation of unmanned aircraft
- If falcons or eagles are seen in the area, it is not allowed to fly the drone there.

If the licensee causes damage to nature, according to art. 87 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013, the Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland can, according to the Nature Conservation Act, f.e. order the licensee to fix damage to nature and vegetation and/or stop the project.

The Nature Conservation 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 to prevent damage to nature if environmental conditions change.

According to art 89. in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013, the Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland can can withdraw the permit if conditions of the permit are not complied to.

Permission fee:

Nature Conservation 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 drone flights for recreational use in up to two areas is **41.600 ISK** according to art. 7. b. in the agency's tariff no. 354/2025.

Supervision:

The Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland will supervise the project. The supervisor will be a ranger from the Agency.

Sincerely

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