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Permit for photography and overnight stay in protected areas

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Just4Moments, dated June 22nd, 2021, for a permit to photograph and stay overnight in the areas of Dyrhólaey and Hraunfossar.

Dyrhólaey is protected as a nature reserve, cf. regulation no. 101/1978. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. A permit from the Environment Agency is needed for camping inside the nature reserve. This includes tents, motorhomes and campers.

Hraunfossar is protected as a natural monument, cf. regulation no. 410/1987. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited.

Description of the project:

The purpose of the project is to take photographs in Dyrhólaey and Hraunfossar. The project objective is to shoot landscape images. Bird and wildlife areas will be avoided. Photos taken at Lágey will be taken on behind barriers in the rocky area, not in the bird area or at the beach. At Háey the group will stay within the barriers. At Hraunfossar the applicant requests to take photographs outside of the barriers and at the lower part of river and waterfall. Attached to the application is a picture with the location of where the applicant requests to go off path in Hraunfossar. The applicant requests overnight camping in Dyrhólaey for one night to catch the light at sunset and sunrise. The group consist of 8 people staying in four campers. The project duration is from August 22^{sc} – September 5th, 2021.

Impact assessment:

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project to be minimal and not likely to have negative impact on the nature of Dyrhólaey and Hraunfossar if the conditions of this letter are closely followed. Please avoid trampling on vegetation and keep to paths as much as possible. Be cautious when going off path and around the river. Follow the rules of each area and be careful not to disturb other guests and their experience.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants Just4moments a permission for off path photography in Dyrhólaey and in some areas of Hraunfossar, and to stay overnight in a camper

in Dyrhólaey as described above during the period of August 22^{sc} – September 5th, 2021 on the following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project. The permit conditions should be introduced to staff of the project before work begins.
- If the dates of the project or the project description changes the Environment Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- The Environment Agency requests that the ranger of the area will be contacted 24 hours before the project begins. They need to be informed on exactly where the photography will take place and where photographs will be taken off path in Hraunfossar and Dyrhólaey to assure the safety of the project and the protection of wildlife and vegetation.
- Staying overnight in a camper at Hraunfossar is prohibited.
- All project members must wear high-visibility clothing when going off path.
- Please keep time in the Dyrhólaey parking lot to a minimum. **Please only park campers in Dyrhólaey between 21:00 (9PM) and 08:00 (8AM).** Avoid being parked during busy visitor hours.
- Sleeping in a camper outside of designated campsites is usually not allowed and this is a special permit for an overnight stay in a camper in Dyrhólaey. **The staff of the project is therefore required to label their clothes (or wear high visibility clothing) and label vehicles with signs that clearly state that this project has received a special permission from The Environment Agency of Iceland.** This is to prevent other guests of the areas from also going off path or sleeping in vehicles outside of regular campsites.
- Be careful not to leave any litter behind on site and not in parking lots and in/around site facilities.
- Fauna, geological formations, and landscape should not be disturbed in any way.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited – especially in Dyrhólaey, the photographer must be careful to maintain distance from puffins and other birds.
- Off-road driving in Iceland is strictly prohibited.
- The crew should be conscious of other guests on the sites and make sure that the photoshoot causes as little disturbance as possible to other visitors.
- Pictures taken off path that are published official on print or online need to be labelled to indicate that permission from the Environment Agency was obtained for the photoshoot.
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tell. +354 591 2000.

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

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 to prevent damage to nature if environmental conditions change.

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

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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