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May 18, 2026

Regulatory Division
POA-2026-00100

Copper River Watershed Project
Attn: Ms. Kirsti Jurica
P.O. Box 1560
Cordova, Alaska 99574

Dear Ms. Jurica:

This letter is in response to your February 27, 2026, application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit on behalf of the Copper River Watershed Project, to excavate up to 1,490 cubic yards of material from and place approximately 6,018 cubic yards of material into 0.66-acre below the ordinary high water mark of an unnamed stream and the Sheridan Glacier River Tributary and adjacent wetlands in order to replace two (2) existing undersized culverts with larger, stream simulation culverts at two (2) locations within the Sheridan Glacier River Floodplain on the Copper River Delta near Cordova, Alaska.

Specifically, at the Cop 3 culvert location, two (2) 60-inch diameter culverts would be replaced with one (1) 8-foot, 5-inch-wide and 6-foot, 3-inch-high aluminum box culvert. The new 70-foot-long culvert would be installed at a gradient of less than 0.5% and the invert would be buried 2.5 to 3.5 feet below the existing streambed. The culvert would be backfilled with a mix of course and fine material sized to remain stable at high flow in a v-shaped channel. Class I riprap would be used to construct two (2) rock clusters within the culvert and for scour protection at the inlet and outlet of the culvert. At the Sher 3 culvert location, two (2) 24-inch diameter culverts under Sheridan Glacier Road that connect an unnamed pond with a tributary to Sheridan Glacier River would be removed. A new 5-foot diameter aluminized steel culvert would be installed under the Copper River Highway at a new location mentioned below. The new 84-foot-long culvert would be installed at a gradient of less than 0.5% and the invert would be buried two (2) to 2.5 feet below the existing streambed. The culvert would be backfilled with a mix of course and fine material sized to remain stable at high flow in a v-shaped channel. Class I riprap would be used for scour protection at the inlet and outlet of the culvert. To connect the new pond outlet with the Sheridan Glacier River Tributary, a channel would be excavated using hand tools to direct flow through existing wetlands. The new channel would measure three (3) to five (5) feet in width and up to two (2) feet in depth.

This project has been assigned file number POA-2026-00100, Sheridan Glacier River Tributary, which should be referred to in all future correspondence with this office. The project site is located within Section 28, T. 15 S., R. 3 W., Copper River Meridian; in Cordova, Alaska. The Cop 3 culvert is located at Latitude 60.4842° N., Longitude 145.4322° W., and the Sher 3 culvert is currently located at Latitude 60.4842° N., Longitude 145.4327° W., but would be relocated to Latitude 60.4842° N., Longitude 145.4333° W.

DA authorization is necessary because your project will involve placement of fill material into waters of the U.S. under our regulatory jurisdiction.

Based upon the information and plans you provided, we hereby verify that the work described above, which will be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-16), dated January 2026, is authorized by Nationwide Permit (NWP) No. 60, Activities to Improve Passage of Fish and Other Organisms. Enclosed is a copy of NWP No. 60, as well as the Regional and General Conditions. These documents are also available on our website at <https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Types-of-Permits/Nationwide-Permits/>. The following Regional Conditions apply to your project: D – Site Revegetation for Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities, E – Delineation of Project Footprint, F – Maintenance of Hydrology Patterns, and G – Clean Fill Material. You must comply with all terms and conditions associated with NWP No. 60, as well as with the special condition listed below:

Special Condition:

1. Temporary fills must remain stable throughout construction and be removed in their entirety upon completion of the work. If super sacks are used, they must be maintained in good working order and free of rips or tears that could result in fill spilling into adjacent aquatic resources or failing during removal. Affected areas must be returned to preconstruction elevations.

Further, please note General Condition 30 requires that you submit a signed certification to us once any work and required mitigation are completed. Enclosed is the form for you to complete and return to our office.

Unless this NWP is modified or revoked, it expires on March 15, 2031. If you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the NWPs are modified or revoked, you will have twelve (12) months from the date of the modification or revocation of the NWPs to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of these nationwide permits. It is incumbent upon you to remain informed of the changes to the NWPs.

This permit should not be considered as an approval of the design features of any activity authorized or an implication that such construction is considered adequate for

any purpose intended. It does not authorize any damages to private property, invasion of private rights, or any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

Please contact me via email at Olivia.K.Ortiz@usace.army.mil, by mail at the address above, by phone at (907) 753-2586, or toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, if you have questions or to request paper copies. For more information about the Regulatory Program, please visit our website at www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Olivia Ortiz".

Olivia Ortiz
Regulatory Specialist

Enclosures

ENCLOSURE



**US Army Corps of Engineers
Alaska District**

Permit Number: POA-2026-00100

Name of Permittee: Copper River Watershed Project

Date of Issuance: May 18, 2026

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, sign this certification and return it to Ms. Olivia Ortiz at regpagemaster@usace.army.mil, or the following address:

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Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit you are subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above-referenced permit has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said permit, and required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions.

Signature of Permittee

Date