

Federal Subsistence Board
Supplemental Work Session Materials
for August 2-3, 2023

Denali National Park Individual C&T
ICTP23-01



ICTP23-01 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

General Description

Proposal ICTP23-01 submitted by Blaine Mayo and members of his household, request an individual customary and traditional (C&T) for caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan in Unit 13 in areas managed by the National Park Service where subsistence uses are allowed. Blaine Mayo and members of his household already have an individual C&T for moose in Unit 13 in areas managed by the National Park Service where subsistence uses are allowed.

Proposed Federal Regulation

Federal Regulation Regarding Individual Customary and Traditional Use Determinations for National Parks and Monuments*

Customary and Traditional Use Determination

Moose, caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan in Unit 13 in areas managed by Denali National Park and Preserve where subsistence uses are allowed.

Caribou

*Unit 13E Residents of Units 11, 12 (along the Nabesna Road), 13, Chickaloon, McKinley Village, **Blaine Mayo and members of his household**, and the area along the Parks Highway between mileposts 216 and 239 (excluding residents of Denali National Park headquarters).*

Grouse

*Unit 13 Residents of Units 11, 13, Chickaloon, **Blaine Mayo and members of his household**, 15, 16, 20D, 22 and 23.*

Ptarmigan

*Unit 13 Residents of Units 11, 13, Chickaloon, **Blaine Mayo and members of his household**, 15, 16, 20D, 22 and 23.*

**Note: Names of individual do not appear in the regulation booklets, they are on a list maintained by the respective National Park Service subsistence manager.*

Table 1: Recommendations

Name	Recommendation
National Park Service	Support
Southcentral Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	Support
Eastern Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	Support
Western Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	Deferred
Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission	Support
Public Comments	

STAFF ANALYSIS ICTP23-01

ISSUE

Proposal ICTP23-01, submitted by Blaine Mayo and members of his household family: Tracy Mayo (wife), Owen Mayo (son), Adelynn Mayo (daughter), and Ryland Mayo (daughter), request an individual customary and traditional (C&T) use determination for caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan in Unit 13 in areas managed by Denali National Park and Preserve where subsistence uses are allowed.

DISCUSSION

The proponent has described a history of C&T use of caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan in Denali National Park and Preserve, part of Unit 13E where subsistence uses are allowed. Blaine Mayo and his family are from Cantwell, which is a resident zone community of Denali National Park (Figure 1). In 2022, the Federal Subsistence Board determined that Blaine Mayo and his household had substantial evidence to support the issuance of an individual C&T for moose. Currently Mr. Mayo's family members are unable to harvest caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan because they now reside in a rural community (Healy), which does not have a positive C&T for caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan.

To be eligible to engage in subsistence uses, Federal subsistence regulations require that rural Alaska residents live in a community or area that has C&T for the desired species and harvest area (50 CFR 100.5(b)). The regulations also state that NPS may further regulate eligibility to engage in subsistence on NPS managed lands (50 CFR 100.5(d)).

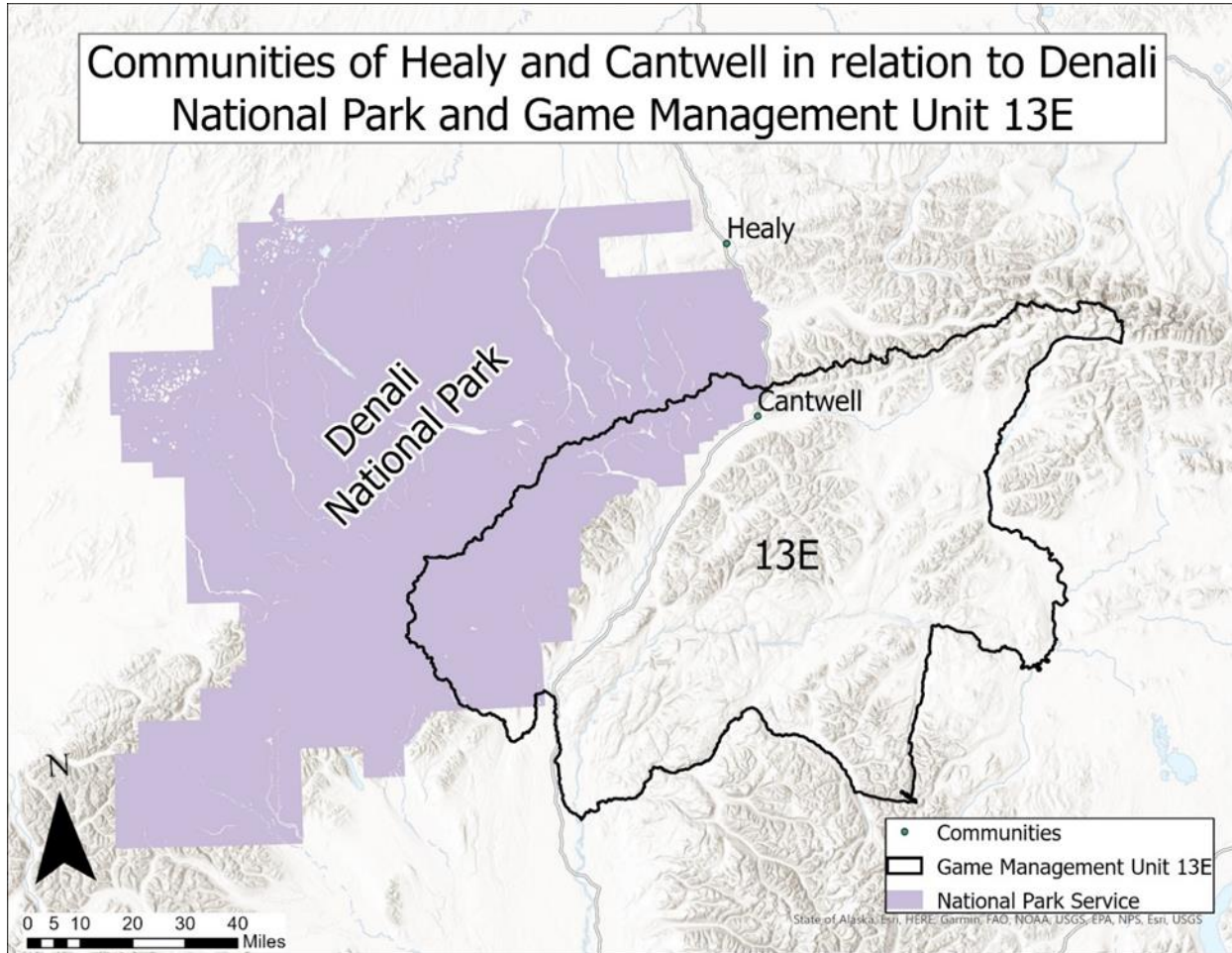
Blaine Mayo holds a National Park Service (NPS) subsistence use permit (13.440). Individuals residing outside of Denali National Park and Preserve's resident zone communities who have a personal or family history of using the Park additions established by ANILCA in 1980 for subsistence purposes at the time ANILCA was passed, may obtain a special subsistence use permit (36 CFR 13.440). They must provide documentation of their traditional use, without the use of aircraft for access. Eligible subsistence users for Denali National Park and Preserve must also comply with the Federal Subsistence Management Regulations regarding the harvest of fish and wildlife (NPSb 2010).

According to NPS regulations, to qualify as a local rural resident eligible to engage in subsistence uses within a National Park or National Monument, a person must live in a resident zone community, live within the boundaries of the park or monument, or hold a 13.440 subsistence eligibility permit (36 CFR 13.420, 430). If a person qualifies as a local rural resident as described in the previous sentence, but lives in a community or area without a C&T for the species they wish to hunt or fish, they may submit a proposal to the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) for an individual C&T.

Federal subsistence regulations allow the Board to make individual C&T use determinations in NPS managed National Park and National Monument areas where subsistence is authorized, but not in Preserves. NPS regulations include unique subsistence eligibility requirements for NPS lands. Fewer people have subsistence eligibility in National Parks and National Monuments as

compared to other Federal public lands. Requests for individual C&Ts are analyzed in the same way that a community or area request for a C&T is analyzed (FSB 1999: 224).

Figure 1: Communities of Healy and Cantwell in relation to Denali National Park and Game Management Unit 13E



Existing Federal Regulation

Other Federal Regulation Regarding Individual C&Ts for National Parks and Monuments

36 CFR 13.410 Applicability.

Subsistence uses by local rural residents are allowed pursuant to the regulations of this subpart in the following park areas:

- (a) In national preserves;*
- (b) In Cape Krusenstern National Monument and Kobuk Valley National Park;*
- (c) Where such uses are traditional (as may be further designated for each park or monument in the applicable special regulations of this part) in Aniakchak National*

Monument, Gates of the Arctic National Park, Lake Clark National Park, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, and the Denali National Park addition.

50 CFR 100.16 Customary and traditional use process.

(a) The Board shall determine which fish stocks and wildlife populations that have been customarily and traditionally used for subsistence. These determinations shall identify the specific community's or area's use of specific fish stocks and wildlife populations. For areas managed by the National Park Service, where subsistence uses are allowed, the determinations may be made on an individual basis.

Customary and Traditional Use Determination—Caribou

Unit 13E Residents of Units 11, 12 (along the Nabesna Road), 13, Chickaloon, McKinley Village, and the area along the Parks Highway between mileposts 216 and 239 (excluding residents of Denali National Park headquarters).

Customary and Traditional Use Determination—Grouse

Unit 13 Residents of Units 11, 13, Chickaloon, 15, 16, 20D, 22 and 23.

Customary and Traditional Use Determination—Ptarmigan

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Proposed Federal Regulation

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Customary and Traditional Use Determination—Ptarmigan

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Extent of Federal Public Lands

Unit 13E is comprised of approximately 23% Federal public lands and consists of 19% NPS and 4% Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed lands.

Background

The community of Cantwell is located near the Alaska Range at the confluence of the Parks and Denali highways, which is north of Broad Pass and 28 miles south of Denali National Park and Preserve. The area is characterized by a continental climate with warm summers and cold, dark winters with an annual average snowfall of 78 inches and 15 inches of precipitation.

Traditional Ahtna territory centers on the Copper River Basin but also includes parts of the Susitna and upper Tanana drainages. Historically, Ahtna Athabaskans seasonally occupied areas to the east of the current village of Cantwell at Valdez Creek. In this area, caribou, moose, porcupine, migratory and upland birds, and berries continue to be harvested by local subsistence users.

Within Denali National Park, Cantwell subsistence users harvest moose and caribou on the southwest boundary just outside the designated Denali Wilderness. This area, where subsistence hunting is permitted under the federal program, is referred to by local subsistence users as the Cantwell Traditional Use Area (Holen et al 2014:36, 58).

Regulatory History

Requests for individual C&Ts began almost as soon as the Board assumed management authority for subsistence on Federal public lands in 1990. Because of the proximity of the Parks Highway to Denali National Park, many of the first requests came from residents of this area (Norris 2002:229). Cantwell is the only resident zone community on the highway, yet there are many people who have conducted subsistence harvests in the park who also live along the highway outside of Cantwell (Norris 2002:229). Many of the initial individual C&T use proposals were delayed for years due to a backlog of community C&T proposals and lack of clarity as to whether individual C&Ts were within the purview of the Board (Norris 2002: 229-232). In 1999, the Board finally addressed several proposals for individual C&Ts. The Department of the Interior's Office of the Solicitor affirmed that the Board "had sufficient legal authority under ANILCA to make C&Ts for NPS administered lands on an individual basis" (Norris 2002:232). Later in 1999, the Board recognized three individual C&Ts for Denali National Park and several from Wrangell St. Elias National Park (Norris 2002:232, FSB 1999:222-243). The Board also denied some of these proposals due to lack of sufficient information exemplifying the eight factors (Norris 2002: 232; FSB 1999: 222-243). In 2010 and 2021, the Board approved additional individual C&Ts, for Kevin Mayo of Healy (WP10-31) and Blaine Mayo (ICTP21-01), respectively.

In January 2021, the Board adopted a revised policy on individual C&Ts to follow the procedures described in the NPS's "Standard Operating Procedures for Issuance of Subsistence Eligibility Permits and Individual Customary and Traditional Use Determinations." The new policy allows for proposals to be submitted on a continuous basis and provides for concurrent application for 13,440 Subsistence Eligibility Permits. Under these new guidelines, Blaine Mayo of Healy submitted Proposal ICTP21-01, which requested an individual C&T for moose in Unit 13E for himself, his wife, and children (NPS 2021). The Board approved this request during its August 2021 work session (FSB 2021).

Eight Factors for Determining Individual Customary and Traditional Use

A community or area's C&T use is generally exemplified through the eight factors: (1) a long-term, consistent pattern of use, excluding interruptions beyond the control of the community or area; (2) a pattern of use for these resources recurring in specific seasons for many years; (3) a pattern of use consisting of methods and means of harvest which are characterized by efficiency and economy of effort and cost, conditioned by local characteristics; (4) the consistent harvest and use of fish or wildlife as related to past methods and means of taking: near, or reasonably accessible from the community or park unit; (5) a means of handling, preparing, preserving, and storing fish or wildlife which has been traditionally used by past generations, including consideration of alteration of past practices due to recent technological advances, where appropriate; (6) a pattern of use which includes the handing down of knowledge of fishing and hunting skills, values, and lore from generation to generation; (7) a pattern of use in which the harvest is shared or distributed within a definable community of persons; and (8) a pattern of use which relates to reliance upon a wide diversity of fish and wildlife resources of the area and which provides substantial cultural, economic, social, and nutritional elements to the community or area.

The Board makes C&T use determinations based on a holistic application of the above eight factors (50 CFR 100.16(b) and 36 CFR 242.16(b)). In addition, the Board takes into consideration the reports and recommendations of any appropriate Regional Advisory Council regarding C&T use of subsistence resources (50 CFR 100.16(b) and 36 CFR 242.16(b)). The Board makes C&Ts for the sole purpose of recognizing the pool of users who generally exhibit the eight factors. The Board does not use such determinations for resource management or restricting harvest. If a conservation concern exists for a particular population, the Board addresses that concern through the imposition of harvest limits or season restrictions rather than by limiting the C&T use finding.

Specific information on each of the eight factors is not required because an individual seeking a C&T only must "generally exhibit" the eight factors (50 CFR 100.16(b) and 36 CFR 242.16(b)).

Integrated Discussion of the Eight Factors

Since 1964, the Cotter/Smith/Mayo families have hunted, harvested, and shared moose, caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan. According to Blaine Mayo, the family harvests moose and caribou in late August and the first weekend in September before the meat gets ratty after the weather cools. Blaine Mayo feels that it is hard to justify harvesting caribou in the winter because caribou are too lean but most importantly for him, he does not feel it is a fair or ethical hunt. Caribou are under stress from winter weather and due to lack of food. During moose and caribou season, the Blaine Mayo family will also hunt grouse and ptarmigan from their hunting camp.

For over four generations the Smith/Cotter/Mayo families have hunted and harvested animals by reasonable ground access in areas near their residence within Unit 13E. Historically, the Cotter/Smith/Mayo families traveled to their hunting/trapping areas by foot, Coots, Weasels, off road vehicles (ORVs), and snowmachines. Blaine Mayo's extended family hunts moose, caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan together every hunting season in the Cantwell Creek and Foggy Pass area. The Blaine Mayo family's camp borders the New Park and is located on state land.

Today the Blaine Mayo family continues to maintain a reoccurring pattern of use within the area by use of foot, ORVs, and snowmachines. Once the family sets up their hunting camp, they walk about two miles to a hill where they sit and spot for an animal with binoculars. Once they spot an animal, they walk to within shooting distance. After they shoot the animal (generally located within the New Park), they pack it out by foot to a designated ORV trail which leads to camp.

Blaine Mayo's family has hunted within the vicinity of their current camp since 1971. In 1985, they established their current hunting camp. The Mayo family used to assemble and disassemble their tent after every hunting season; however, about 15 years ago they built a permanent tent platform. The family prefers to hunt close to their camp. Typically, the Cotter/Smith/Mayo families remain at their camp until they harvest a moose. While hunting for moose, the family also opportunistically hunts for caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan.

Moose and caribou are gutted, skinned, and quartered in the field and then packed by foot to a designated ORV trail and transported to camp. The Blaine Mayo family uses all edible parts of the moose and caribou. Much of the moose and caribou meat is canned or stored in the freezer to preserve it and some portions of the moose and caribou are processed by drying. Blaine uses the same handling techniques that he was taught by his father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Usually, the combination of a moose and a caribou will feed two to three families. Blaine Mayo's family uses the following methods for processing meat: a vacuum sealer, smoker, meat grinder, pressure cooker, and sausage stuffer. Processing meat is a family event. Grouse and ptarmigan are brought back to camp, cleaned and immediately consumed. The breast is targeted for consumption, marinated, and grilled over the campfire.

Knowledge, skills, and the use of hunting areas are passed from generation to generation. Blaine Mayo's grandparents learned how to hunt in the Cantwell areas and passed this knowledge on to their extended family. As a young child, Blaine Mayo accompanied his father, mother, and other relatives hunting and trapping, long before he was old enough to hunt and trap himself.

Blaine has hunted and trapped ever since he was 14 years old. Blaine Mayo continues these traditions with his family by passing them on to his wife and children. Hunting, trapping, berry picking, and fishing are subsistence activities the Blaine Mayo family is dependent upon. Subsistence for the Mayo family is a family activity, and the next generation is learning these practices as well. Blaine Mayo learned from his mom, dad, grandparents, and friends how to hunt, fish, trap, preserve, and process meat. He was also taught how to respect and care for the game meat he harvested.

The most important aspect of grouse and ptarmigan hunting is that it provides an opportunity to introduce hunting to the kids. This is an important aspect of subsistence that is often overlooked in that it introduces kids the skills and knowledge of subsistence. Kids can practice aiming the .22 rifle and become familiar with using a gun. Grouse and ptarmigan hunting is one of the highlights for the kids, providing them with an immense amount of pride when they can provide food for the family while at camp.

Below is an excerpt from a joint interview with Blaine and Kevin Mayo on August 15, 2022.

“We have learned a lot over the years from hunting with our parents, each other, and our friends. We are never ones to push the knowledge that we have onto anyone saying our way is the only way, but we are always one for sharing whatever knowledge we have. There are literally a thousand different ways skin an animal. Whenever we harvest an animal, we all know our places and go from there, it’s like clockwork.

Bird hunting is another huge part of our life. Ptarmigan and spruce hens were always part of moose and caribou hunting. When we went out to moose camp or caribou hunting, we always have a .22 to harvest birds. Hunting is more than just going out and shooting an animal; it’s a huge part of our lives. It’s amazing family time, camping, making of memories and showing our kids what we grew up doing. Our kids love to go out to hunting. Moose camp and our winter camp is always on our minds. We’ve showed them how to call moose, to look for paddles in the brush, how to fish the creeks, lakes, and how to ice fish. It’s truly a blessing to be able to pass down to our kids what we’ve learned from our parents and family. And they still learn from my parents and family, it’s a beautiful thing!

As far as fishing goes, again, we’ve learned a lot from our parents, each other, our sister, and our grandparents. One of our more favorite fish are burbot. We try to pass on our fishing knowledge to our friends. Grayling, lake trout, salmon and other fish are always a blessing to have in the freezer or better yet on the plate. Hunting, fishing, cutting down trees for firewood, being out in the wilderness are ingrained into our lives, it’s what we do! Wouldn’t change a thing.”

The Mayo family hunts are a family event, often including several generations who participate together in activities such as hunting, establishing camps, and processing harvested meat. Extended family members always share in the harvest. It is the Mayo’s family tradition to share meat and equipment. If a family member or friend does not get enough meat during the season it is expected that the Mayo family will share their harvest with that person or household. Blaine Mayo’s mother always shares moose and caribou meat with her sister, mother, and elders.

Blaine Mayo’s great grandparents passed down their traditional subsistence lifestyle to their extended multi-generational family. It is this traditional subsistence lifestyle that Blaine Mayo wants to continue to pass on to his wife and children. Typically, the extended family harvests one moose per hunting season. The family never takes more than one moose or two caribou as a family per hunting season.

The family utilizes a variety of subsistence resources such as berries, moose, caribou, bear, ptarmigan, fish, and furbearers such as beaver, marten, fox, wolf, and lynx. In addition to wildlife, berries, and fish resources provide a substantial nutritional need for the family, these activities also provide a significant social and family activity involving all members of the multiple Mayo households. Multiple generations will participate in the fall, winter, and spring hunting, trapping, fishing, and processing activities together. Approximately fifty percent of the Blaine Mayo family’s meat comes from moose meat. Typically, wildlife and other subsistence

foods provide meals four out of seven days per week. The Mayo family enjoys eating moose, caribou, brown bear, grouse, and ptarmigan meat because it is low in fat, and it is traditional.

As stated in the previous paragraphs, hunting is a way of life for the Mayo family. They like to know where their meat comes from and how it was handled. They like to eat organic foods as much as possible and the animals they harvest are such. They fish, ice fish, hunt, trap, harvest berries, and cut down firewood to provide for their family. Their subsistence way of life has been handed down through the generations and it is ingrained in their family's lives. Blaine Mayo feels that it is a blessing to have been raised in Cantwell and to be taught subsistence traditions and customs from previous generations of family members.

Effects of the Proposal

If adopted, this proposal would recognize Blaine Mayo and his household family's C&T use of caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan in Unit 13E in areas managed by Denali National Park and Preserve where subsistence uses are allowed and would allow Mr. Mayo to pass his traditional subsistence lifestyle to his children. Because this C&T determination is for one household who has a history of caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan harvest in the area, the effects on other subsistence users should be minimal.

NPS CONCLUSION

Support Proposal ICTP23-01.

Justification

The proponents exhibit a clear long-term and consistent use of caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan in Unit 13, in areas managed by Denali National Park and Preserve where subsistence uses are allowed. This pattern has been repeated for many years and through several generations. Methods and means are characterized by efficiency of economy of effort and cost based on local characteristics. The pattern is consistent with past methods and means of harvests at or near the family's hunting camp within the Unit in question. Knowledge of handling, preparing, preserving, and storing meat is shared among and between generations, as is knowledge of the skills, values, and lore associated with hunting caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan. Caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan are regularly shared with family and community members such as elders. The proponents demonstrate a pattern of use that relates to reliance on a wild diversity of wild foods that provide this family with cultural, economic, social, and nutritious benefits. All eight of the factors associated with C&T determination are evident. Furthermore, evidence of this family's pattern of use is also supported by the Board's previous determination for Blaine Mayo's individual C&T for moose. There is substantial evidence to support the issuance of an individual C&T for caribou, grouse and ptarmigan within Unit 13 of Denali National Park and Preserves where subsistence is allowed for the proponents, including all members of Blaine Mayo's family that reside within the same household as Blaine Mayo.

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
ALASKA REGION**

**NATIONAL PARK/MONUMENT SUBSISTENCE INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USE
DETERMINATION ANALYSIS**

To be completed by the relevant Subsistence Coordinator:

Date: January 6, 2022
Applicant Name: Blaine Mayo, Tracy Mayo, Owen Mayo, Adelynn Mayo, and Ryland Mayo
Analyst Name: Amy Craver

This analysis is in response to the following request (Choose One):

- Subsistence Eligibility Permit ONLY
- Individual Customary and Traditional Use Determination ONLY

Please type a brief summary of the applicant's reported subsistence use pertaining to the request, as determined from information provided on the application and during the interview:

See accompanying analysis.

For a National Park/Monument Subsistence Eligibility Permit (13.440), the analysis should address the following topics:

1. Synopsis of the applicant's pattern of use specifically in the National Park or Monument for which the permit is requested, including the following:
 - a. Species harvested: moose, caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan
 - b. Specific locations where the use occurred: GMU 13, in areas managed by Denali National Park and Preserve where subsistence uses are allowed.
 - c. Years during which the subsistence uses took place: 1982-2006; 2011-2022
 - d. Whether aircraft was used for access. No.
2. Does the pattern of use begin prior to the signing of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)? Yes.
3. Does the applicant have a pattern of use established while as a resident of a resident zone community after the passage of ANILCA? Yes.

For an Individual C&T use determination, the analysis should address the following eight questions:

1. Does the applicant have a long-term, consistent pattern of use of these resources, excluding interruptions beyond their control? Please explain.
2. Does the applicant have a pattern of use for these resources recurring in specific seasons for many years? Please explain.
3. Does the applicant have a pattern of use of these resources consisting of methods and means of harvest which are characterized by efficiency and economy of effort and cost,

- conditioned by local characteristics? Please explain.
4. Does the applicant exhibit consistent harvest and use of fish or wildlife as related to past methods and means of taking: near, or reasonably accessible from the park unit? Please explain.
 5. Does the applicant exhibit a means of handling, preparing, preserving, and storing fish or wildlife which has been traditionally used by past generations, including consideration of alteration of past practices due to recent technological advances, where appropriate? Please explain.
 6. Does the applicant exhibit a pattern of use which includes the handing down of knowledge of fishing and hunting skills, values, and lore from generation to generation? Please explain.
 7. Does the applicant exhibit a pattern of use in which the harvest is shared or distributed within a definable community of persons? Please explain. Yes.
 8. Does the applicant exhibit a pattern of use which relates to reliance upon a wide diversity of fish and wildlife resources of the area and which provides substantial cultural, economic, social, and nutritional elements to your household? Please explain.

As a result of this analysis (Select All that Apply):

- There is substantial evidence to support the issuance of an Individual Customary and Traditional Use Determination.** Yes, caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan in GMU 13, in areas managed by Denali National Park and Preserve where subsistence uses are allowed.
- There is NOT substantial evidence to support the issuance of an Individual Customary and Traditional Use Determination for (species location).

Brief Justification:

As is evidence in the analysis, the proponents exhibit a clear long-term and consistent use of caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan in GMU 13, in areas managed by Denali National Park Sand Preserve where subsistence uses are allowed. This pattern has been repeated for many years and through several generations. Methods and means are characterized by efficiency of economy of effort and cost based on local characteristics. The pattern is consistent with past methods and means of harvests at or near the family's hunting camp within the Unit in question. Knowledge of handling, preparing, preserving, and storing moose meat is shared among and between generations, as is knowledge of the skills, values, and lore associated with hunting moose, caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan. Caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan are regularly shared with family and community members such as elders. The proponents demonstrate a pattern of use that relates to reliance on a wild diversity of wild foods that provide this family with cultural, economic, social, and nutritious benefits. All eight of the factors associated with C&T determination are evident. Furthermore, this family's pattern of use is also evidence through the Federal Subsistence previous determination for Blaine Mayo and his household family for moose. For these reasons, I believe there is substantial evidence to support the issuance of an individual C&T determination for moose, caribou, grouse and ptarmigan within GMU13 of Denali National Park and Preserves where subsistence is allowed for the proponents, including all members of the Blaine Mayo family that reside within the same household as Blaine Mayo.

Signature of Analyst:



Date:



U.S. Department of the Interior

National Park Service

Alaska Region

Individual Customary and Traditional (C&T) Use Determination

Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) Recommendation

To be completed by the relevant Subsistence Coordinator:

Date of Formal Action: January 11, 2023
Proponent Name: Blaine Mayo and members of his household family
Proponent Request: Caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan in Game Management Unit 13 (GMU 13) in areas managed by Denali National Park and Preserve where subsistence uses are allowed.
Affected SRC: Denali Subsistence Resource Commission

This SRC has determined that (select all that apply):

- There is sufficient evidence to support an individual (C&T) determination for Blaine Mayo and members of his household family: Tracy (wife), Owen Mayo (son), Adelynn Mayo (daughter), and Ryland Mayo (daughter) for caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan in Game Management Unit 13 (GMU 13) in areas managed by Denali National Park and Preserve where subsistence uses are allowed.
- There is NOT sufficient evidence to support an individual C&T determination for Blaine Mayo and members of his household family: Tracy (wife), Owen Mayo (son), Adelynn Mayo (daughter), and Ryland Mayo (daughter) for caribou, grouse, and ptarmigan in Game Management Unit 13 (GMU 13) in areas managed by Denali National Park and Preserve where subsistence uses are allowed.

Brief justification for above decision:

According to the SRC, due diligence has been achieved documenting Blaine's family's pre-ANILCA history of using the Park additions established by ANILCA. The SRC believes that C&T requests need to be expedited so as to allow for subsistence customs and traditions to continue so that qualified families can carry on their participation in subsistence activities to future generations.

Signature of SRC Chair Justin L. Mason Date 01/17/2023

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Subject: EIRAC Recommendations for ICTP23-01 and -02

Hi Amy,

For your record, here is documentation of the EIRAC recommendation for ICTP23-01 and ICTP23-02:

The Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council unanimously supported Denali National Park and Preserve Individual Customary and Traditional Use Determination Proposals ICTP23-01 (Blaine Mayo) and ICTP23-02 (Kevin Mayo) at their Council meeting on March 2, 2023 in Fairbanks. In their justification the Council referenced the comments provided by the Denali Subsistence Resource Commission and the NPS conclusions, both of which were in support of the proposals. The Council felt that the proposal analyses completed and presented by NPS were thorough and the Council agrees that long-term and consistent patterns of use have been demonstrated by the Mayo brothers.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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Subject: RE: SCRAC Recommendations for ICTP23-01 and -02

Hi Amy,

Denali National Park and Preserve Individual C&T Analyses

Ms. Amy Craver, Subsistence Coordinator/Cultural Anthropologist, presented two individual customary and traditional use requests for Denali National Park and Preserve: ICTP 23-01 and ICTP 24-01. Member Opheim motioned to support both proposals, Member McLaughlin seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Council supported these two proposals because they would benefit subsistence users and would not unnecessarily restrict other users and there are no conservation concerns.

Thank you!
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