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September 17, 2021

Thirsty Camel Productions, Inc.
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Re: Letter of Permission (LOP), Movie Production & Related Activities for The Menu, Temporary Activities in the State's Shore Protection Act Jurisdiction, Driftwood Beach, Jekyll Island, Glynn County, Georgia.

Dear Ms. Bryant:

This Letter of Permission (LOP) is in response to your request dated August 18, 2021, to carry out filming activities for The Menu on Driftwood Beach, Jekyll Island, Georgia. The proposed project includes temporary vehicular access to the beach for transport of production equipment and props, site preparation, prop staging and filming within the State's Shore Protection Act (SPA) Jurisdiction. Filming within the State's SPA Jurisdiction will begin no sooner than 15 days from the date of this letter and will be completed no later than October 30, 2021.

Filming and Rain Dates:

Set-up and/or filming will occur over one-day on October 15, 2021. Scenes will be filmed during the daytime and evening hours. Approximate crew and cast call time will be 8:00am and will continue until approximately 9:00pm. These dates are subject to change due to work schedules and weather but will absolutely occur no earlier than 15 days from the date of this letter and be completed by October 30, 2021.

Filming Location:

Filming will occur on the beach seaward of the toe of the dunes, located approximately between GPS Points: 31.10444°N/-81.40461°W & 31.10235°N/-81.40378°W, and consist of approximately 120 cast/crew members, although not all will be present at the shooting location. A detailed location of the film and staging locations can be found in the attached map. To ensure there will be no encroachment into the vegetated sand dunes by equipment or crew, 3ft. wooden stakes will be hammered into the beach area to mark the beach/dune interface.

Beach Access Locations:

Access into the jurisdiction for both people and equipment will be using Jekyll Island's Approved Beach Access Points at:

- 1.) Driftwood Beach/ North Loop Trail Access (people, equipment, and vehicles)
- 2.) Pedestrian Beach Access Trail south of the Driftwood Beach/North Loop Trail Access (people and hand-carried/rolled equipment)

Equipment in Jurisdiction:

Accessing the filming location using the Driftwood Beach Access and North Loop Trail:

- Lull or Pettibone
- 20ft. x 20ft. “flyswatter” screen for light distribution and evening
- Absorbing mats, mud mats, 4ft. x 8ft. sheets of 3/4in. plywood
- Camera crane
- Four (4) gators and/or golf carts with small trailers attached
- 3’ wooden stakes in the soft and hard sand of the beach
- Daytime lighting equipment
- Grip Equipment
- Cameras and dolly tracks
- Video village – 10ft. x 10ft. tents, directors chairs, and video monitors for production

Boats offshore within less than 1000 feet of Driftwood Beach and entering the water from public boat ramps or private slips:

- Rowboat
- 28’ Custom Built single outboard– registration GA 9054KU – For safety
- Two (2) Jet Skis – For safety
- 27’ Carolina Skiff under Jekyll Dolphin Tours – Camera Boat

To prepare for filming:

- On the date of filming, the existing beach sand in the filming area will be hand raked to remove any footprints. The proposed area to be raked is approximately 75 yards by 110 yards and up to three inches deep. At the completion of filming, Production crew will spread out any sand over a large area to make it consistent with the natural topography and fully restore the beach to its natural state.
- JIA will temporarily remove any signage near or around set that may interfere with filming.
- On the day of filming and per JIA approval, a generator will be placed on the asphalt near the North Loop Trail split as depicted in the Project Description. The generator will always have rubber mats underneath it. Approximately eight (8) cables the size of a garden hose will be placed on the ground and continue through the Pedestrian Beach

- Access Trail, hugging the side of the access trail for safety. Once on the beach and for the purpose of filming, the cables will be covered up with existing sand.
- Mud mats or 4'x8' sheets of 3/4in. plywood will be temporarily placed along the approved beach access points.

One scene will take place within SPA jurisdiction. In the scene, the characters will be talking back and forth and can't believe their surroundings. In the background a short distance from the shore, a person will appear to be fishing from a rowboat.

Public Access:

Public access will temporarily be closed on the beach from the low waterline to the toe of the seaward most dune from the North Loop Trail Access to 300 yards beyond the filming site to the south and 100 yards to the north. Production will post a Production Assistant at each end of the requested closed beach area. When a pedestrian approaches the filming area, a Production Assistant will explain what is happening and ask them to wait to enter the filming area until filming is complete.

General Provisions:

- This LOP does not give permission to hand-trim dead vegetation within the State's SPA jurisdiction.
- At the specified vehicular access point, all production equipment will access the production location across temporary, pre-fabricated mats placed along a travel corridor that is landward of ordinary high water and seaward of the dunes. Mats will help minimize impacts to the ecosystem at the location while allowing for vehicular ingress and egress across the dry sand beach. The travel corridor will enhance public safety, protect the integrity of the dynamic dune field and existing emergent vegetation at each location. Production vehicles will not drive in or enter the sand dune area.
- Gas and diesel production vehicles needing to be refueled during production will be driven off the beach using the approved beach access point and refuel on the asphalt road or parking spot. An absorption mat will be placed on the ground in the parking spot to avoid any fuel spillage onto the ground. All fuel storage containers must remain in the Driftwood Beach Parking Area.
- Production Vehicles are solely for the transportation of production equipment. All crew and talent will access the set via the approved beach access points.
- Cast & crew, vehicles, and/or equipment may not enter the sand dunes area.
- At the end of production, all matting, equipment, and debris will be removed, and the beach will be hand raked in a manner to be consistent with the topography of the immediate surrounding areas.

- Although public access may be temporarily restricted, all efforts shall be made to allow reasonable public access to the beach at and around the filming location.
- Since a portion of the activities will occur during the period of May 1st to October 31st, all areas must be surveyed daily by a person in possession of a DNR Sea Turtle Cooperators Permit prior to commencement of any activities. If a nesting site is located, nests must be marked and avoided. No activity may occur within 20 feet of a nest. Production lights used after dark during nesting season are required to have red light filters that emit wavelengths greater than 560 nanometers. This includes handheld lights, vehicle lights, and production lights.
- Parking of production vehicles in designated parking lots must be coordinated with and approved by the Jekyll Island Authority and may not occur within SPA jurisdictional areas.

The Department acknowledges the filming activities as depicted in the description and has no objection to the action provided best management practices are used, as may be required by Glynn County or the Jekyll Island Authority. Any deviations from the current project description, equipment list, or location footprint may require further review.

The Department will inspect all areas as described above during and at the termination of the temporary activities to ensure that those areas are in a condition consistent with the authorization granted by the LOP. All persons associated with The Menu must remain seaward of the dunes and dune vegetation during setup, filming, and breakdown at the approved location. No thriving vegetation is to be disturbed during approved activities. **No unauthorized equipment, materials or debris may be placed, disposed of, or stored in jurisdictional areas.** Any incidental damage or impacts associated with this project must be rectified by fully restoring areas to their pre-construction topographic and vegetative state as determined by the Department.

This LOP is valid for the above referenced project. Any change in the use, location, type of activities, or date without prior notification and approval from this office could result in the revocation of this Letter of Permission and the requirement to immediately cease all activities followed by removal of materials and related structures. **This project must comply with all other Federal, State, and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations.**

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Beth Byrnes at (912) 266-0277.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Andrews". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jill" being more prominent than the last name "Andrews".

Jill Andrews
Chief, Coastal Management Section

Enclosed: Attachment A Detailed Project Description and Map
Marine Event Permit

File: LOP20210115

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