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DECISION

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30 November 2020
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Case no
A 39579-2020
Your reference
20200609Fredrik

Property designation
Arjeplog ALLMÄNNINGSSKOGEN S:1

Arjeplogs Allmänning
Fredrik Gustafsson
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Decision not to require concessions reindeer husbandry

Decision

The Swedish Forest Agency decides not to impose conditions or prohibit the notified measures.

The measures are specified in the notification of logging and apply to the property ALLMÄNNINGSSKOGEN S:1, see map (Annex 1).

The decision is effective immediately even if it is appealed. Instructions on how to appeal can be found below.

Account of the matter

In a notification on regeneration felling received by the Swedish Forest Agency on 24 August 2020, you write that you plan to undertake logging in an area of 25.5 hectares (Annex 1).

The specified area is within the Semisjaur-Njarg Sami village. It has emerged that on at least two occasions during the consultations carried out, the Sami village had differing views on logging in the area. In September 2020, the Swedish Forest Agency requested a comment from the Sami village as to what concessions Arjeplogs allmänning should make when conducting logging and reforestation operations in the relevant area.

Via its representative Jenny Wiik Karlsson, the Sami village submitted a reply on 26 October 2020. This stated that logging would result in the area losing its functions as a gathering and holding area. The reindeer would no longer stay in the area; they would move past and continue east. The functionality of the area as a gathering area and working pasture would also be lost.

Grounds for the decision

Pursuant to Section 35 of the Forestry Act (1979:429), the Swedish Forest Agency may take decisions on any orders and prohibitions needed to ensure compliance with the Forestry Act and associated provisions. Orders and prohibitions may be combined with financial penalties.

Under Section 31 of the Forestry Act, any necessary adjustments of forest management measures that are manifestly called for in view of reindeer husbandry must be made. These measures can concern the size and layout of the felling area, afforestation, the retention of tree groups and the routing of forest roads. When planning and implementing the measures, an effort must be made to ensure that the Sami village concerned has annual access to a continuous grazing area and to an ample amount of vegetation in the areas for gathering, moving and resting the reindeer.

According to the general advice in Section 31 of the Forestry Act, forestry management concessions to reindeer husbandry refers to the areas where, pursuant to Section 3 of the Reindeer Husbandry Act (1971:437), reindeer husbandry may be conducted ('reindeer husbandry area').

In the statement submitted by Arjeplogs allmänning, the landowner points out that previous regeneration felling in the vicinity was designed to avoid large consecutive cleared areas.

The planned area consists of 70 hectares of consecutive and even-aged forest. There are now plans to fell 25.5 hectares of that area. According to the notification of logging received on 24 August 2020 and the statement submitted by Arjeplogs allmänning on 19 November 2020, as a concession to reindeer husbandry, they intend to leave broader field boundaries, primarily towards the south along route 95, but also to the north. A forest area just over 700 metres wide will be left along route 95. Groups of trees with hanging lichen will also be left if they are found in the area. The area will then be scarified by means of gentle mounding and planted with Swedish pine. Arjeplogs allmänning states that the area they will leave as a concession to reindeer husbandry amounts to just over 20 per cent of the logging operation in question, or just over 60 per cent in terms of the area that is now retained but is available for final felling. Accordingly, Arjeplogs allmänning considers that it meets the requirements regarding concessions to reindeer husbandry under the Forestry Act.

In an overall assessment, the Swedish Forest Agency considers that planned logging may to some extent affect reindeer migration patterns, but does not consider that the area's functions as a gathering or holding area will be lost due to the logging operation.

Furthermore, taking account of Arjeplogs allmänning's statement, the Swedish Forest Agency considers that a significant share of the growing stock (approximately 20 percent) is intended to be saved as a concession either to reindeer husbandry or to the natural environment. The Swedish Forest Agency considers that the concessionary measures presented in the notification meet the need for concessions to reindeer husbandry.

The planned logging operation thus meets the requirement of concessions to reindeer husbandry. The Swedish Forest Agency therefore considers that no decisions on additional concessions can be required under the Forestry Act. Likewise, no further concession are otherwise necessary to meet the requirements of concessions in the applicable regulations.

How to appeal

If you wish to appeal the Swedish Forest Agency's decision, you must do so in writing. The appeal is to be addressed to the Administrative Court in Luleå, Box 849, 97126 Luleå, but sent to the Swedish Forest Agency Södra Norrbotten district, Box 6, 933 21 Arvidsjaur. The appeal must be received by the Swedish Forest Agency within three weeks of the date on which you received the decision. Specify in the letter which decision you want to appeal, what you request to be changed and the reasons.

Participants in the procedure

District Manager Carina Olofsson Boström was the decision-making official in this matter and forestry consultant Anders Vikstrom presented the case. Supervisory specialist Bert Krekula also took part in the final procedure.

Carina Olofsson Boström

Anders Vikström

This document has been signed electronically.

Annexes

- 1 Notification of regeneration felling
- 2 Petition from the National Union of the Swedish Sami People (SSR)
- 3 Petition from Arjeplogs allmänning

Copies to:

Semisjaur-Njarg Sami village
Jenny Wik Karlsson (SSR)

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Maps' centre point coordinates:
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WGSB4 (Lat, Lon) 66.12164, 17.45861



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Key

Notification/Application

Additional item

Birds Directive

Advice/consultation/guidance

Habitats Directive

Orders/prohibitions

Additional line

Advice/consultation/guidance

Permit

Orders/prohibitions

Base road/tractor road

Ditch

Rejection

Additional area

Advice/consultation/guidance

Permit

Orders/prohibitions

Rejection

Reported concessionary area

Concession

Concession Reindeer husbandry

Protective ditches/Ditch cleaning

Outbound transport

Consideration

Biotope protection

Nature conservation agreements

Key biotype

Objects with nature values

Ancient and cultural remains Item

Ancient and cultural remains Line

Ancient and cultural remains Area

Forestry Key biotypes

Nature reserve

National park

Water protection areas

Natura 2000

Natura 2000