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Dale DePriest wrote:

> *Andreas van Hooijdonk wrote:*

>> *....based on experience with other permitted heli-ski operations.*

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>> *What did he mean?*

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<http://www.jhzone.com/viewinfo.cfm?ObjectID=C6CF317C-4279-40C5-BBB0328CE7D3BF70>

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> *A little bigger quote:*

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> *"The Forest Service will monitor compliance with the terms of the permit by requiring High-Mountain Heli-Skiing to file monthly and season-end activity reports. The agency had considered requiring the company to install a Global Positioning System device on board the company's helicopter to monitor compliance. But the agency concluded that current GPS technology "is of limited value and difficult to implement" based on experience with other permitted heli-ski operations."*

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> *I suspect he is not saying that a GPS is difficult to install but that it is difficult to use as a tracking device used to monitor compliance. A GPS is easy to disable temporarily and cannot be trusted for small data samples. Using it to verify that you have not gotten within a certain distance of a group of animals would be next to impossible.*

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> *Dale*

Unless both the heli and the animals are tracked in real-time.

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<http://www.gps-practice-and-fun.com>