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Dear Crater Lake National Park Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) Holders and Applicants:

Beginning January 1, 2021, Crater Lake National Park will be implementing changes to the CUA program, as outlined below:

- **Permit Length and Application Fee:** Crater Lake CUAs will no longer be issued in two-year increments. CUAs will now be valid for one year, with authorizations expiring annually on December 31st. CUA fees will not be pro-rated. The application fee will be \$200.
- **Certification Requirements:** Guides leading backcountry ski or snowshoeing trips must provide documentation of AIARE, NSP or American Avalanche Association (or Canada AA) Level 1 (or equivalent or higher) avalanche training certification.

The change to a one-year permit is intended to simplify the commercial use authorization process for park staff and commercial operators and eliminate confusion about renewal requirements for two-year permits. Note that the permit application fee remains the same. Two-year authorizations were \$400 (\$300 Application Fee in Year 1, a \$100 Renewal Fee in Year 2); Annual authorizations will now be \$200. All other fees and CUA requirements remain the same.

For any CUA holders currently operating under a two-year authorization at Crater Lake that will be valid beyond January 1, 2020, this change will be effective upon the expiration of your current authorization. You may continue to operate under the current terms of your authorization and may renew your permit next year for \$100 if eligible.

The Commercial Use Authorizations section of the Crater Lake webpage has been updated with the new application materials for 2021: <https://www.nps.gov/crla/getinvolved/cua.htm>

Please contact Sean Denniston, Chief of Commercial Services, with any questions regarding the CUA program at Crater Lake National Park. Questions may be submitted by email to [crla\\_commercial\\_services@nps.gov](mailto:crla_commercial_services@nps.gov) or by phone at 541-594-3008.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent