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The forms in this document are for commercial overnight backpacking operators who have been issued a Commercial Use Authorization by Grand Canyon National Park. A Commercial Use Authorization is required before a backcountry permit will be issued for a commercial overnight backpacking trip.

The National Park Service reserves the right to establish commercial user night limitations for the time periods and/or Use Areas as future conditions may warrant. This need shall be evaluated as part of the Backcountry Management Plan public review process. Backcountry commercial use (Corridor and non-Corridor), including North Rim winter use, will not be limited at this time except as follows:

1. An exception to the restrictions on overnight Corridor use may be made for commercially guided special populations (physically or otherwise handicapped). Commercial use for Corridor hikes for these organizations may be granted by the Superintendent on a need basis, after careful review of each request individually on its own merits.
2. Commercial Use Authorizations will not be issued for authorized activities granted to existing Concessionaires under the terms of current Concession contracts.

Commercial operators must compete for Backcountry Use Permits on the same basis as noncommercial groups and parties. No other special consideration or exceptions to reservation policies, campground and/or Use Area limits, etc., will be granted. All commercial operators may have equal access to the backcountry reservation system in order to book verifiable client reservations. Verifiable clients are trip participants whom the commercial operator can identify by name, telephone number, and address.

Information about obtaining a Commercial Use Authorization can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/businesswithpark.htm>

DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL USE

A commercial use is defined as any or all goods, activities, services, agreements, or anything offered to park visitors and/or the general public for recreational purposes which uses park resources or is undertaken for or results in compensation, monetary gain, benefit, or profit to an individual, organization, or corporation, whether or not such entity is organized for purposes recognized as non-profit under Local, State, or Federal law.

Guided trips or services which collect a fee in excess of the actual personal costs of the trip and/or for payment of other than actual personal trip expenses for guides or leaders, are considered commercial trips. This includes nonprofit organizations providing a livelihood for people through provision of these services.

Groups who are part of a school (and can meet the educational fee waiver requirements), church, family, or non-commercial organization are not required to obtain a Commercial Use Authorization. A non-commercial organization that is recognized under the Internal Revenue Service Code of Federal Regulations as Tax-Exempt and who can show proof that their activity is not taxable for commercial purposes does not need to obtain a Commercial Use Authorization. The organization must submit their request in writing stating why their proposed activity is not taxable and non-commercial to the Division of Concessions at Grand Canyon National Park along with a copy of their IRS determination letter.

Commercial Use Authorization Backcountry Permit - Verifiable Client List

Client name, address, and phone number are required. Email address is optional, but you are strongly encouraged to provide it.

1. Name	Phone	Email		
Address	City	State	Zip	Country
2. Name	Phone	Email		
Address	City	State	Zip	Country
3. Name	Phone	Email		
Address	City	State	Zip	Country
4. Name	Phone	Email		
Address	City	State	Zip	Country
5. Name	Phone	Email		
Address	City	State	Zip	Country
6. Name	Phone	Email		
Address	City	State	Zip	Country
7. Name	Phone	Email		
Address	City	State	Zip	Country
8. Name	Phone	Email		
Address	City	State	Zip	Country
9. Name	Phone	Email		
Address	City	State	Zip	Country
10. Name	Phone	Email		
Address	City	State	Zip	Country

By signing, I certify that stated client(s) initiated contact with my company and requested services for dates and locations indicated on the attached backcountry permit. I understand that a Grand Canyon Commercial Use Authorization backcountry permit is void without verifiable clients.

Organization _____

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

