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# Commercial Use Authorization—Appendix F Guided Frontcountry and Backcountry Bicycling Trips

## I GENERAL INFORMATION

A. The following provisions apply to CUAs for Frontcountry and Backcountry Bicycling Trips:

1. CUA holder will have at least one support vehicle with cycling group at all times. There will be communication between the support vehicle and the guide/leader at all times.
2. Support vehicle will not pace group and will use pullouts that are paved or otherwise impacted.
3. Riders will not bunch up on roadway blocking the roadway and will not ride more than one abreast.
4. Bicycles will meet California State requirements for travel at night..
5. Leave No Trace principles and ethics are in effect for all campers. Group leaders must be trained in Leave No Trace camping principles.
6. Group leaders and guides must currently be certified in First Aid/CPR for all guided frontcountry rides, and in Wilderness First Responder/First Responder for all guided backcountry rides. Group leaders will provide initial response to emergency medical incidents.
7. Off-road travel is prohibited. Keep all bicycles, automobiles and trailers on established roadways and shoulders. Maximum speed limit for all dirt roads is 25MPH.
8. All natural and cultural features are protected by law and must not be disturbed or molested. Non-native or exotic species of plants or animals will not be introduced to the park by any proposed activities.
9. Groups will notify the Death Valley National Park permits office of all proposed trips and any proposed changes to trip itineraries. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of a commercial use authorization as well as other associated permits.
10. Group leaders and guides are required to ensure that participants pay their park entry fees at the individual rate (currently \$10.00 per person, valid for 7 consecutive days). Holders of a commercial use authorization will be held responsible for assuring that entry fees are paid by all participants.
11. CUA does not imply exclusive use of any area in the Park. All campgrounds and other park facilities are available for use on a first-come, first-served basis.

**B. Closures:****The following areas are closed to backcountry camping.**

- **Dirt Roads and rights-of-way:** Titus Canyon Road, West Side Road, Wildrose Road, Aguerberry Point Road, Cottonwood Canyon Road (first 8 miles), Racetrack Road (From Teakettle Junction to Homestead Dry Camp, including the Racetrack playa).
- **Short, maintained roads** such as Keane Wonder Mine, Mosaic Canyon, Grotto Canyon, Natural Bridge and Devil’s Golf Course.

**Mining Areas:** Lost Burro Mine, Ubehebe Lead Mine.

**Other Geographic Areas:** Anywhere on the floor of Death Valley from Ashford Mill to 2 miles north of Stovepipe Wells, on the active shifting sand dunes of Eureka Dunes, anywhere in the park below sea level.

**The following areas are closed to all entry, except when accompanied by National Park Service personnel:**

Copper Canyon, Devil’s Hole, Titus Canyon Cave, Lower Vine Ranch, American Borate Company mines near Ryan, Timbisha-Shoshone tribal areas near Texas Springs Campground, Crystal Cave/Leadfield Mine/Lower Leadfield Mines in Leadfield, Skidoo Stamp Mill, any mines covered by safety nets or gates, Eureka Mine in Harrisburg Flats (from October 15 through April 15), and any facilities or buildings used for the storage, treatment, or transmission of electricity, gas, telephone, waste disposal or domestic water.

- C. The area(s) authorized for use under this permit must be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the conduct of the activity.
- D. The CUA operator is responsible for notifying the Park of any accident that results in an injury requiring the care of a physician.
- E. (E)Commercial use authorizations issued by Death Valley National Park are only valid for planned and approved activities within Death Valley National Park and are not transferable to other National Park Service units.

**I. APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

The following requirements must be met in order for authorization of the Frontcountry and Backcountry Bicycling CUA’s to be issued from Death Valley National Park (hereinafter “Park”).

	<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Checklist</b>
A.	The Applicant must present the Park with an outline of the client orientation. At a minimum, the orientation will cover: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Death Valley National Park mission.</li> <li>2. Leave No Trace practices to be followed while conducting activities within the Park.</li> <li>3. Overview of safety hazards associated with a visit to the Park.</li> </ol>	Outline is attached and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mission</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> LNT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hazards</li> </ul>
B.	Guides must be certified in First Aid/CPR for all guided frontcountry rides, and in Wilderness First Responder/First Responder for all guided backcountry rides.	<input type="checkbox"/> Responder Certificates Attached
	<i>NOTE: Include copies of current LNT documentation and Wilderness First Responder or First Responder certification</i>	

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	<i>of guides who will be providing services in Death Valley National Park with your application packet. If you hire additional guides for Death Valley after receiving a permit for your activity, forward their certificates to the CUA office or your permit for guiding may be revoked.</i>	
C.	<p>Applicant must present the Park with a <b>Standard Operating Plan</b>. All Operating Plans will be reviewed by NPS for approval. The operations plan will be evaluated for compatibility with the guidelines for commercial services, interpretation, and resource protection at Death Valley National Park. CUA's will not be issued and trips must not begin until the Operating Plan has been approved.</p> <p>The Operating Plan, at a minimum, should include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explanation of services to be provided.</li> <li>2. Beginning and ending dates of service.</li> <li>3. Average and maximum size of group(s) for each type of activity planned.</li> <li>4. Qualifications roster of individuals guiding in the Park.</li> <li>5. Outline of Environmental education information that will be provided to your clients.</li> <li>6. Safety and/or sanitation precautions/procedures that apply to your service.</li> <li>7. Resource protection measures including LNT.</li> <li>8. Explanation of the procedures to be taken in case of accidents or other emergencies.</li> <li>9. Identify why it is important that these activities occur within Death Valley National Park and not on public lands elsewhere.</li> </ol>	<p>Operating Plan is attached and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Service Explanations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Service Dates</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Group Size by Type</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Guide Qualifications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Environment Outline</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Safety Procedures</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Procedures</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Relevance to Park</li> </ul>
D.	Copy of the rate schedule for services that the entity proposes to offer through the CUA.	<input type="checkbox"/> Rate Schedule Attached
E.	Current Certificate of Liability Insurance and Workers' Compensation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance
F.	Application processing fee: \$210.00 made payable to the National Park Service as a check or money order in US funds.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210 check or money order
G.	Visitor's Acknowledgement of Risks Form - If the Applicant uses an acknowledgement of risk form, the language must follow the NPS format and it must be approved by the Park. The NPS format for this type of document is included as Exhibit 1. Waivers of liability may not be used.	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Risk Form