



### COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION



**Death Valley National Park**  
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Refer to application instructions at the end of this application. Some parks have additional requirements for businesses that offer services to visitors relating to the safety and welfare of the visitors and protection of the resources. These requirements may include applicable operating licenses, certificates showing proof of training, operating plans, emergency response plans, group size limitations, etc.

1. **Service for which you are applying:** *[attach diagram, attach additional pages, if necessary, include locations within the park, frequency, estimated number of participants (per trip and annually), number of vehicles, support equipment (trailers, generators, etc.)]*

2. **Will you be providing this service in more than one park?** Yes  No  *If "Yes", list all parks and services provided.*

3. **Applicant's Legal Business Name:** *[Include any additional names (DBA) under which you will operate.]*

4. **Owner and Authorized Agents:** *(Give the name(s) of the owners and name(s) of the persons designated as Authorized Agents for your business. Authorized Agents have the power to sign on your behalf.)*

5. **Mailing Addresses**

**PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION** *(Dates to contact you at this address, if seasonal: \_\_\_\_\_)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALTERNATE CONTACT INFORMATION** *(Dates to contact you at this address, if seasonal: \_\_\_\_\_)*

*If same as "Primary Contact Information, check here  and go to question 6.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

6. **What is your Business Type?** *(Please check one below)*

Sole Proprietor

Partnership *(Print the names of each partner. If there are more than two partners, please attach a complete list of their names.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Limited Liability Company

Corporation

Non-Profit *(Please attach a copy of your IRS Ruling or Determination Letter)*

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Business License – State and Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Employer Identification Number (EIN):** \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Liability Insurance:**

Provide proof of liability insurance. The CUA operator must maintain General Liability insurance naming the United States of America as additional insured. Minimum coverage amount is \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Some activities will require increased coverage or other types of liability insurance; see Park-Specific CUA Insurance Requirements ("Attachment A").

10. **Will your business operate vehicles within NPS boundaries?**

Yes  No

Information for vehicles chartered from and operated by another company is NOT required. If "Yes," please give a description of each vehicle. Use additional paper, if necessary.

Make/Model of Vehicle	Year	Max # Passenger Capacity	Own/Rent/Lease

11. **Additionally Required Documentation:**

Parks may require proof of licenses, registrations and certificates, etc. Provide copies of additionally required documentation identified in "Attachment B".

12. **DOI Employment:**

Are you, your spouse, or minor children employed within the U.S. Department of the Interior?

Yes  No  If "Yes", please provide information below:

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Bureau or Office where employed: \_\_\_\_\_

If you selected yes, to 12., please contact your servicing ethics office for further guidance prior to submitting this form. A list of servicing ethics offices can be found at, <https://www.doi.gov/ethics>.

13. **Violations:** To your knowledge, have you, your company, or any current or proposed employees been convicted or fined for violations of State, Federal, or local law within the last 5 years? Are you, your company, or any current or proposed employees now under investigation for any violations of State, Federal, or local law or regulation? See instructions.

Yes  No  If "Yes", please provide the following information. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

Date of violation or incident under investigation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of business or person(s) charged: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify the law or regulation violated or under investigation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify the State, municipality, or Federal agency that initiated the charges: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Detail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

(Results) Action Taken by Court: \_\_\_\_\_

14. **Fee:** Please include the Application Fee as outlined in Attachment B.

15. **Signature:**

False, fictitious or fraudulent statements of representations made in this application may be grounds for denial or revocation of the Commercial Use Authorization and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001). All information provided will be considered in reviewing this application. Authorized Agents must attach proof of authorization to sign below.

*By my signature, I hereby attest that all my statements and answers on this form and any attachments are true, complete, and accurate.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name Title

## NOTICES

### Privacy Act Statement

**Authority:** The authority to collect information on the attached form is derived from 16 U.S.C. 5966, Commercial Use Authorizations.

**Purpose:** The purposes of the system are (1) to assist NPS employees in managing the National Park Service Commercial Services program allowing commercial uses within a unit of the National Park System to ensure that business activities are conducted in a manner that complies with Federal laws and regulations; (2) to monitor resources that are or may be affected by the authorized commercial uses within a unit of the National Park System; (3) to track applicants and holders of commercial use authorizations who are planning to conduct or are conducting business within units of the National Park System; and (4) to provide to the public the description and contact information for businesses that provide services in national parks.

**Routine Uses:** In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, records or information contained in this system may be disclosed outside the National Park Service as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) to other Federal, State, territorial, local, tribal, or foreign agencies and other authorized organizations and individuals based on an authorized routine use when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled as described under the system of records notice for this system.

**Disclosure:** Providing your information is voluntary, however, failure to provide the requested information may impede the processing of your commercial use authorization application.

### Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following. This information collection is authorized by The Concession Management Improvement Act of 1998 (54 USC 101911). Your response is required to obtain or retain a benefit in the form of a Commercial Use Authorization. We will use the information you submit to evaluate your ability to offer the services requested and to notify the public what services you will offer. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number. OMB has assigned control number 1024-0268 to this collection.

### Estimated Burden Statement

We estimate that it will take approximately 2.5 hours to prepare an application, including time to review instructions, gather and maintain data, and complete and review the proposal. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Information Collection Officer, National Park Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-242, Reston, VA 20192. Please do not send your completed form to this address; but rather to the address at the top of the form.

**The following explanations correspond directly with the numbered items on the Application Form. Please read this entire document prior to completing the application. Include the nonrefundable application fee when submitting this application.**

### COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Enter the service you are proposing to provide. These are the services which are currently approved in the park:

- a. Transportation
- b. Road Based Tours
- c. Guided 4x4 Trips
- d. Guided Motorcycle Trips
- e. Guided Bicycle Trips
- f. Guided Hiking – Frontcountry
- g. Guided Hiking – Backcountry
- h. Guided Horse and Pack Trips
- i. Guided Camping – Frontcountry
- j. Guided Camping – Backcountry (Backpacking)
- k. Photography and Arts Workshops

If the service you are proposing to provide is not a currently approved service listed above, contact the park CUA office at the number above.

2. Respond "No" or list other parks where you will be providing this service.
3. Enter the legal name of your business. If you have a secondary name under which you are doing business (d.b.a.), please enter that name also.
4. Give the name(s) of owners and name(s) of persons designated as Authorized Agents for your business. Authorized Agents have the power to sign on your behalf.
5. Provide contact information for both the main season and the off-season. Your contact information may also be published in the NPS Commercial Services Directory.
6. Check the box that identifies your type of business.
7. If the state in which you operate or the state where your business is domiciled requires a state business license, provide the state, license number and year of expiration.
8. Provide your Employer Identification Number (EIN). The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires us to collect an EIN or Social Security Number (SSN). The NPS will not collect SSNs, only EINs. The EIN is issued by the Internal Revenue Service. You may receive a free EIN at <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&Self-Employed/How-to-Apply-for-an-EIN>. We will use the EIN that you provide as needed to collect debts.
9. Provide proof of General Liability Insurance naming the United States of America, as additional insured in the amounts designated in the application. Provide proof of vehicle/vessel/aircraft liability insurance if you own, rent, or lease vehicles/vessels/aircraft and transport visitors by those means or if those owned, rented, or leased vehicle/vessel/aircraft are engaged in providing the service (i.e., hauling horses used in the activity). Insurance companies must be rated at least A- by the most recent edition of A.M. Best's Key Insurance Reports (Property-Casualty edition) or similar insurance rating companies (Moody's, Standard and Poor's, or Fitch). You may be subject to additional insurance requirements. Refer to "Attachment A".
10. Provide a description of each owned, rented, or leased vehicle/vessel/aircraft you will utilize during the course of the proposed commercial service. Information for vehicles/vessels/aircraft chartered from and operated by another company is not required.
11. Provide copies of additional documentation as required by "Attachment B".
12. Indicate if you, your spouse, or parent (if you are a minor child) is employed by the U.S. Department of the Interior (Department). Departmental ethics regulations at 5 C.F.R. § 3501.103(c) prohibit Department employees, their spouses, and minor children, from acquiring or retaining permits, leases, and other rights in Federal lands granted by the Department. This prohibition includes any commercial use authorization to conduct commercial activities or services on Department property.

13. Provide details if your business or business owners or current employees or proposed employees have been convicted or are currently under charges for violation of State, Federal, or local law or regulation in the last 5 years. Do not include minor traffic tickets.
14. Include payment of the Application Fee - \$300. See "Attachment " B.
15. Please sign and date your application. If the person SIGNING this application is an Authorized Agent for the business, proof of signing authority must accompany this application.

Attachment A: Insurance Requirements

Attachment B: List of Approved Services, Additionally Required Documentation, and Fee Information

**Additional Information:** The National Park Service has terms and conditions on all commercial service agreements. The following terms and conditions will apply to all Commercial Use Authorizations. There may be additional terms and conditions based on the services provided. These may include but are not limited to limits on locations, times, group size, and employee licenses and certifications and providing such information to the park superintendent for approval.

### CONDITIONS OF THIS AUTHORIZATION

1. **False Information:** The holder is prohibited from knowingly giving false information. To do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation: [RE: 36 CFR 2.32(a) (3)].
2. **Legal Compliance:** The holder shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the area Superintendent. The holder shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the area and terms and conditions of the authorization. The holder must acquire all permits or licenses of State or local government, as applicable, necessary to provide the services described above, and, must operate in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including, without limitation, all applicable park area policies, procedures and regulations. All vehicles/vessels/aircraft are required to be registered and the operators are required to have the proper licenses to operate them commercially, as required by law or regulation.
3. **Rates:** The holder shall provide commercial services under this authorization to visitors at reasonable rates satisfactory to the area Superintendent.
4. **Operating Conditions:** The holder shall provide the authorized commercial services to visitors under operating conditions satisfactory to the area Superintendent.
5. **Liabilities and Claims:** This authorization is issued upon the express condition that the United States, its agents and employees shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, injuries, or death to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether to the person or property of the holder, its agents or employees, or third parties, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this authorization or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by the holder in connection herewith, and the holder hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the United States, its agents, and employees from all liabilities, charges, expenses and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, deaths, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of the same.
6. **Insurance:** Holder agrees to carry general liability insurance against claims occasioned by the action or omissions of the holder, its agents and employees in carrying out activities and operations under this authorization. The policy shall name the United States of America as additional insured. Holder agrees to have on file with the park copies of the above insurance with the proper endorsements.
7. **CUA Fees:** At a minimum, the holder shall reimburse the park for all costs incurred by the park as a result of accepting and processing the application and managing and monitoring the authorized activity. Administrative costs for the application process must be paid when the application is submitted. Monitoring fees and any additional costs incurred by the park to support the commercial activity will be paid annually or on a more frequent basis as determined by mutual agreement between the Holder and the area Superintendent.
8. **Benefit:** No member of, or delegate to, Congress, or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this authorization or to any benefit that may arise from this authorization. This restriction shall not be construed to extend to this Contract if made with a corporation or company for its general benefit.
9. **Transfer:** This authorization may not be transferred or assigned without the written consent of the area Superintendent.
10. **Termination:** This authorization may be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the area Superintendent.
11. **Preference or Exclusivity:** The holder is not entitled to any preference to renewal of this authorization except to the extent otherwise expressly provided by law. This authorization is not exclusive and is not a concession contract.

- 12. Construction:** The holder shall not construct any structures, fixtures or improvements in the park area. The holder shall not engage in any groundbreaking activities without the express, written approval of the area Superintendent.
- 13. Reporting:** The holder is to provide the area Superintendent upon request a statement of its gross receipts from its activities under this authorization and any other specific information related to the holder's operations that the area Superintendent may request, including but not limited to, visitor use statistics, and resource impact assessments. The holder must submit annually the CUA Annual Report (NPS Form 10-660) and upon request the CUA Monthly Report (NPS Form 10-660A).
- 14. Accounting:** The holder is to maintain an accounting system under which its accounts can be readily identified within its system of accounts classification. This accounting system must be capable of providing the information required by this authorization. The holder grants the United States of America access to its books and records at any time for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms and conditions of this authorization.
- 15. Visitor Acknowledgment of Risks (VAR):** The holder is not permitted to require clients sign a waiver of liability statement or form, insurance disclaimer, and/or indemnification agreement waiving the client's right to hold the CUA holder responsible for accidents or injury occurring on NPS property. The holder is permitted to request or require a client to sign a form or statement acknowledging risk and/or indicating that certain prerequisite skills may be needed to participate in the commercial activity. The holder must provide the park with the current copy of all forms and/or statements used for this purpose and obtain written approval by the park to use the form and/or statement. A sample Acknowledgment of Risk form may be obtained by contacting the CUA office at 760-786-3241 or by going to the park CUA webpage at <https://www.nps.gov/deva/>
- 16. Intellectual Property of the National Park Service:** Except with the written authorization of the Director of the National Park Service, the Holder shall not assert any legal claim that the Holder or any related entity holds a trademark, tradename, servicemark or other ownership interest in the words "National Park Service", the initials "NPS", or official name of any unit or part thereof, including but not limited to any facility, logo, distinctive natural, archaeological, cultural, or historic site, within the National Park System, or any colorable likeness thereof, or the likeness of a National Park Service official uniform, badge, logo, or insignia.
- 17. Nondiscrimination:** The holder must comply with Applicable Laws relating to nondiscrimination in providing visitor services to the public and with all equal employment opportunity provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended.
- 18. Notification of Employee Rights:** The holder must comply with all provisions of Executive Order 13496 of January 30, 2009, (Notification of Employee Rights Under Federal Labor Laws) and its implementing regulations, including the applicable contract clause, codified at 29 CFR part 471, appendix A to subpart A, all of which are incorporated by reference into this authorization as if fully set forth in this authorization.

### SPECIAL PARK CONDITIONS

#### For Death Valley National Park

1. An annual report (NPS Form 10-660) for 2023 CUA activity is due by January 31, 2024. Failure to submit a complete and accurate 2023 annual report will result in suspension of your 2024 CUA or limit your ability to obtain a 2024 CUA.
2. All pages of this permit must be carried by the Holder, or the person named in the permit as in charge of permitted activity. Failure to be able to present all pages (paper or electronically) when requested, is a violation of the terms and conditions of the permit.
3. The Holder is responsible for the actions of all persons associated with the permitted activity. The Holder is responsible for ensuring those listed above are informed of and follow the conditions of this permit and all park rules and regulations. Holder is responsible for reading the Superintendent's Compendium and being familiar with all applicable laws and policies that govern Death Valley National Park: <http://www.nps.gov/deva/parkmgmt/rules-and-regulations.htm>.
4. In accepting this Authorization, the Holder acknowledges that the proposed activity, in order to qualify for a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA), must bear a direct relationship to the purpose for which the Park was established; for example, visitor understanding and enjoyment of the Park. Even though the activity may be primarily recreational in nature, the Holder agrees to provide time, stops, and talks to accurately explain the natural ecosystems, history and culture within the Park, to their clientele. Information may be found on the internet at <http://www.nps.gov/deva/index.htm>. A general outline of information to be provided must be submitted along with the application for CUA.
5. Any harassment and/or threats to any National Park Service employee by the Holder will result in the suspension and/or revocation of this Authorization.
6. This Authorization does not grant permission for still photography or commercial filming activities that require a Special Use Permit under 36 CFR 5.5. Contact the Office of Special Park Uses for more information.
7. The Holder is responsible for notifying the Park of any accident or injury that occurs within Park boundaries.
8. The Park reserves the right to suspend authorized activities or locations due to existing, expected, or unforeseen emergencies. Such emergencies include, but are not limited to, road damage, search and rescue, fire, flash flood, park closure, extreme weather

(including National Weather Service weather warnings, watches, or advisories), or other applicable unforeseen conditions. Holder remains responsible for all costs incurred.

9. Holder will comply with all terms and conditions of any third-party or external agency agreement or authorization required for the activity. Any violation of the conditions of an associated agreement or authorization is also a violation of the conditions of this authorization.
10. Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Death Valley National Park is prohibited.
11. All fire safety regulations will be complied with by the Holder, including compliance with temporary closures resulting from extreme fire conditions.
12. Any participation by an employee or volunteer of the National Park Service in the authorized activity must be requested in writing and approved in advance by the Office of Special Park Uses.
13. Groups will notify the Death Valley National Park permits office of all proposed trips and any proposed changes to trip itineraries via a Supplemental Activity Report submitted to the Special Park Uses Office at least 7 business days prior to proposed trip. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of a commercial use authorization as well as other associated permits.
14. No more than one guided day-use group per day is permitted in Mosaic Canyon, Natural Bridge Canyon, and Sidewinder Canyon. Holder must reserve any of these locations by date in advance of trip.
15. No more than one guided overnight group per day is permitted in Cottonwood/Marble Canyons. Holder must reserve any of these locations by date in advance of trip.
16. Holder will be held responsible for assuring that entry fees are paid by all participants and agrees to pay all applicable entrance fees in effect at the time of arrival at the Park. Under 36 CFR 2.23(b), failure to pay the designated entrance fee upon entering Death Valley National Park may result in a fine and the suspension or revocation of your authorization.
17. This authorization does not permit the Holder to advertise, solicit business, collect any funds, or sell any goods or services within Park boundaries. Additional participants may not be added to the tour while the Holder is in the Park. All bookings and financial transactions must take place outside of the Park.
18. The Holder and all participants in the activity must communicate with park staff and other visitors in a courteous, knowledgeable, and professional manner. Any harassment and/or threats to any National Park Service employee, volunteers, or the public by the Holder will result in the suspension and/or revocation of this Authorization.
19. Most of Death Valley National Park is congressionally-designated Wilderness. Trips taking place in Wilderness will be undertaken in a spirit which preserves and enhances the Wilderness character, as defined by the Wilderness Act of 1964. It is the responsibility of the Holder and trip leaders to understand Wilderness restrictions and which parts of the itinerary are in Wilderness. Maps of Wilderness are available at [www.wilderness.net](http://www.wilderness.net) but, in general, designated Wilderness begins:
  - a. 300' from centerline of road along Highway 190.
  - b. 200' from centerline of road along any paved park road.
  - c. 50' from centerline of road along unpaved park roads.
20. TRIP LEADERS:
  - a. Trip leaders are hereby defined as guides, drivers, employees, contractors, or other designated parties responsible for the activity or driving while in the park.
  - b. Trip leaders must be representatives of the CUA Holder, covered under the submitted liability insurance, and a minimum of eighteen (18) years old.
  - c. The Holder shall ensure that their trip leaders possess the knowledge, skills and experience necessary to safely lead or drive groups on day trips into the Park including being prepared to modify itinerary in case of potential hazards.
  - d. Trip leaders must provide additional documents as described in Attachment B.
21. VISITOR EXPERIENCE:
  - a. Loud noises (exceeding 60 decibels at 50 feet in distance) are prohibited between 10:00pm and 6:00am and must be minimized at all times to protect park soundscapes.
  - b. Public address systems and sound amplification equipment including speaker audio devices are prohibited unless otherwise specified in this permit. If approved, audio amplification may not interfere with other visitor activities. 36 CFR 2.12.

- c. Operating electrical generating equipment in a campground is limited to the hours between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm with the exception of Sunset Campground which is limited to the hours between 7:00 am and 9:00 pm, and Texas Springs Campground, where the use of electrical generating equipment is prohibited.
- d. Authorized activities will not unduly interfere or conflict with visitors' normal use and enjoyment of the park. Exclusive use of any park area is not permitted.
- e. Holder, trip leaders, and participants shall not block visitor access to trails, viewpoint, waysides, or restrooms.

## 22. ROAD & VEHICLE USE:

- a. The permitted activity will not stop or impact traffic (vehicle or pedestrian) in any way.
- b. Vehicles are not permitted to park off road but may park in pre-disturbed pullouts and shoulders along roadways and in a manner that does not impede the flow of traffic. When parking in a parking lot, Holder must use designated parking spaces.
- c. All vehicles must remain on established roads. This includes motorcycles, bicycles and four-wheel-drive vehicles.
- d. Off-road vehicles are prohibited from operating on all park roads, paved or unpaved. These types of vehicles include, but are not limited to, ATVs, dirt or motocross bikes, golf carts, UTV multiple passenger vehicles. Dual sport motorcycles are allowed on paved or unpaved roads as long as the vehicle is registered and street legal according to California state laws. Vehicles with off-road registration "green stickers" may not be operated in the park.
- e. Operating a motor vehicle in a manner that causes unreasonable damage to the surface of a park road or route is prohibited. 36 CFR §4.10(c)(2)
- f. Operating a vehicle so slowly as to interfere with the normal flow of traffic is prohibited. 36 CFR §4.13(b).
- g. Permittee will obey all speed limits. The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated. 36 CFR §4.21(a)
  - i. The maximum speed limit on paved park roads is 35 mph unless otherwise posted.
  - ii. The maximum speed limit on dirt roads is 25 mph unless otherwise posted.
  - iii. The maximum speed limit in all campgrounds is 15 mph unless otherwise posted.
- h. Removing, moving, or obscuring park road signs, speed limit signs, or wayside signs is prohibited.

## 23. RESOURCE PROTECTION:

- a. The Holder, trip leaders, and participants must follow Leave No Trace principles and ethics. The Holder must provide Leave No Trace information to all participants. A tri-fold brochure is available at: <https://int.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/LNT-7PrinciplesTrifold-2022.pdf>. Failure to follow Leave No Trace principles may result in the suspension or revocation of your authorization.
- b. Attaching anything to NPS facilities, structures, rocks, or vegetation is prohibited.
- c. Pets are prohibited in wilderness areas and on any trail. Pets must be restrained on a leash which shall not exceed six feet in length, or otherwise physically confined at all times. Pets must not be left unattended in a vehicle or tied to an object.
- d. Smoking is prohibited inside buildings, on boardwalks and in vegetated areas. All cigarette butts must be disposed of in appropriate containers and shall never be thrown on the ground.
- e. Walking on soft soils following rains is prohibited to prevent lasting damage including footprints.
- f. Ground disturbing activity (including digging or driving posts) is prohibited.
- g. Walking on, climbing, entering, ascending, descending, traversing, moving, or damaging any archaeological or cultural resource is prohibited. This includes all mine structures, features, and ruins (i.e. standing mill structures; aerial tram towers, terminals, and cables; ore bins; ore chutes; buildings; walls, gates, fencing etc.). 36 CFR §2.1(a)(5)
- h. Collecting, moving, damaging, cutting, removing, or disturbing any animal, plant, rock, or any other natural resource is prohibited.
- i. All unattended food, garbage, cooking equipment, or similar scented items must be sealed in a vehicle or a solid, non-pliable, animal-resistant container.



- j. All trash and debris shall be disposed of in appropriate container designated for this purpose or removed from the park by the Holder. Do not dispose of trash in a way that prevents the public from using trash facilities.
- k. Feeding, touching, harassing, frightening, hunting, trapping, or disturbing wildlife is prohibited. 36 CFR §2.2(a)(1&2).
- l. Viewing wildlife with artificial light is prohibited. This includes infrared and black lights. 36 CFR §2.2(e).
- m. Introducing plants and animals, wild or domesticated, including their reproductive bodies, into the park's ecosystem is prohibited. 36 CFR §2.1(a)(2).
- n. Vehicles must be clean and free of mud and vegetation on the body and undercarriage before entering the park to prevent the spread of invasive plants.
- o. Using a mineral or metal detector in the park is prohibited.
- p. Release of mylar or helium balloons is prohibited.
- q. Clean-up of spills or accidents involving hazardous/industrial wastes or materials must be in accordance with 40 CFR and all applicable state environmental quality laws regarding disposal and clean-up. The Holder must notify the Office of Special Park Uses immediately of any hazardous spill. Failure to give timely notification may result in the suspension or revocation of your authorization.
- r. The Holder and participants will not publish nor make available to the public - photographs, film, images, or information concerning the nature and location of any archaeological resource, without first being reviewed by the Park Archeologist, in accordance with park policies and principles related to ethical and responsible treatment of culturally sensitive sites and resources.

#### **For Transportation**

1. For the purpose of this authorization, the term "Transportation Vehicle" shall mean any mode of transportation, which is used to carry paying passengers into and out of the park area.
2. Transportation Vehicles may travel on paved Park roads except as otherwise prohibited by vehicle length restrictions.
3. Transportation Vehicles may travel on the following front-country unpaved roads: Natural Bridge, Devil's Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon. Transportation Vehicles shall not travel on unpaved roadways within Death Valley except as noted above.
4. Idling is permitted while passengers are on board and 10 minutes prior to passenger boarding and in times of excessive heat when idling is necessary for the safety of the driver and/or passengers. Idling shall only occur in designated parking spaces. Idling shall not occur in loading zones in front of the Furnace Creek Visitor Center or any other park facility or building in order to reduce noise and air pollution.
5. Transportation Vehicles may pause in designated passenger loading and unloading zones to allow passengers to actively embark and disembark, and then must immediately park in designated parking areas. If no designated loading area exists at a park facility, Transportation Vehicles must board passengers from a designated parking space. Transportation Vehicles may not obstruct the flow of other vehicle traffic to allow passengers to embark and disembark.
6. CUA holders must submit monthly reports by email on the 10-660A form no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month, this replaces the requirement to use the sign-in book at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center.

#### **For Road Based Tours**

1. For the purpose of this authorization the term "Road Based Tour Vehicle" shall mean any mode of transportation, which is used to carry paying passengers into and out of the park area. Road based tours consist of one or more persons traveling on an itinerary that has been packaged, priced, or sold for leisure/recreational purposes by an organization that realizes financial gain through the provision of this service.
2. Road Based Tour Vehicles may travel on paved Park roads except as otherwise prohibited by vehicle length restrictions.
3. Road Based Tour Vehicles may travel on the following front-country unpaved roads: Natural Bridge, Devils Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon. Road Based Tour Vehicles shall not travel on unpaved roadways within Death Valley except as noted above.
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not occur in loading zones in front of the Furnace Creek Visitor Center or any other park facility or building in order to reduce noise and air pollution.

5. Road Based Tour Vehicles may pause in designated passenger loading and unloading zones to allow passengers to actively embark and disembark, and then must immediately park in designated parking areas. If no designated loading area exists at a park facility, Road Based Tour Vehicles must board passengers from a designated parking space. Road Based Tour Vehicles may not obstruct the flow of other vehicle traffic to allow passengers to embark and disembark.
6. CUA holders must submit monthly reports by email on the 10-660A form no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month, this replaces the requirement to use the sign-in book at the Furnace Creek Visitor Center.

**For Guided 4x4 Trips**

1. Maximum group size is limited to twelve (12) vehicles per group.
2. For frontcountry trips, trip leaders must be currently certified at the Basic First Aid/CPR level or higher for emergency medical care. Frontcountry trips include travel on paved roads and the following unpaved roads: Natural Bridge, Devil’s Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon.
3. For backcountry trips, trip leaders must be currently certified at the Wilderness First Aid level or higher for emergency medical care. Backcountry trips include travel on backcountry unpaved roads (i.e., all unpaved roads excluding Natural Bridge, Devil’s Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon).
4. To minimize impact to visitor experience, trip leaders shall keep a minimum of one-half (1/2) mile between their group and any other group visiting the area at all times.
5. CUA holders must submit monthly reports by email on the 10-660A form no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.
6. Groups are limited on unpaved roads as shown in the chart below. trips conducted on paved roads are not limited by location as indicated below.

<b>Group Size</b>	<b>Per Day/Per Location Group Limit</b>	<b>Per Week/Per Location Group Limit</b>
<b>1-3 Motor vehicles</b>	No Limit	No Limit
<b>4-12 Motor vehicles</b>	1 group	2 groups

**For Guided Motorcycle Trips**

1. Maximum group size is limited to twenty (20) motorcycles per group.
2. For frontcountry trips, trip leaders must be currently certified at the Basic First Aid/CPR level or higher for emergency medical care. Frontcountry trips include travel on paved roads and the following unpaved roads: Natural Bridge, Devil’s Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon.
3. For backcountry trips, trip leaders must be currently certified at the Wilderness First Aid level or higher for emergency medical care. Backcountry trips include travel on backcountry unpaved roads (i.e., all unpaved roads excluding Natural Bridge, Devil’s Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon).
4. To minimize impact to visitor experience, trip leaders shall keep a minimum of one-half (1/2) mile between their group and any other group visiting the area at all times.
5. CUA holders must submit monthly reports by email on the 10-660A form no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.
6. Groups are limited on unpaved roads as shown in the chart below. Trips conducted on paved roads are not limited by location as indicated below.

<b>Group Size</b>	<b>Per Day/Per Location Group Limit</b>	<b>Per Week/Per Location Group Limit</b>
<b>1-5 Motorcycles</b>	No Limit	No Limit
<b>6-20 Motorcycles</b>	1 group	2 groups

**For Guided Bicycle Trips**

1. Maximum group size is limited to twenty (20) people per group, including clients and trip leaders.

2. For frontcountry trips, trip leaders must be currently certified at the Basic First Aid/CPR level or higher for emergency medical care. Frontcountry trips include travel on paved roads and the following unpaved roads: Natural Bridge, Devil's Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon.
3. For backcountry trips, trip leaders must be currently certified at the Wilderness First Aid level or higher for emergency medical care. Backcountry trips include travel on backcountry unpaved roads (i.e., all unpaved roads excluding Natural Bridge, Devil's Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon).
4. Participants must remain in contact with either the trip leader or support vehicle at all times.
5. Roadside support and aid stations are only permitted at the locations listed in Appendix: Authorized Aid Station Locations. Aid stations include tents, tables, food, water, first aid, and portable toilets. All aid stations must be placed in previously disturbed areas. Aid stations are not permitted in roadways, they must be located on the graded surface between the fog line and the berm on the edge of the road shoulder between 6 and 20 feet from the fog line.
6. Support vehicles shall not travel alongside, or trail behind, any participant either on the road or shoulder. Vehicles must "leapfrog" ahead and park on the shoulder of the road, only in areas where there is sufficient shoulder to park completely off the road. Verbal communication and passing of objects between participants and support vehicle occupants while the vehicle is moving is prohibited.
7. Support, event, or team vehicles will not stop or park in a way that blocks roadways or restricts normal vehicle traffic except to protect an injured participant from oncoming traffic. Stopping is only permitted in designated parking areas, designated paved pullouts, previously disturbed unpaved pullouts, and the shoulder of the road when there is sufficient room for all tires to be completely off the roadway.
8. No signs or markings of any kind, including chalk to tape markings, shall be placed on park road surface or other park property.

#### 9. HEALTH & SAFETY

- a. Participants must ride single file except when passing a slower participant. Participants shall not be more than two abreast when passing.
- b. Cyclists on the roadway must ride as close as practicable to the right-hand edge of the roadway except when passing another bicycle proceeding in the same direction, consistent with CA VC 21202(a).
- c. All cyclists must wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet that meets the standards of either the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).
- d. Cyclists riding at night must have lighting in accordance with CA VC 21201. In addition to a primary rear facing red flashing light mounted to the bicycle, cyclists must have a second flashing red light mounted to either the bicycle or the cyclist. Both lights must be visible at a distance of no less than 500 feet when directly to the rear of the cyclist.
- e. Cyclists shall not be under the influence of alcohol and/or any drug while operating a bicycle on the roadway, consistent with CA VC 21200.5.
- f. No person operating any vehicle (including a bicycle) on the roadway, shall wear any headset covering, or any earplugs in, both ears. This prohibition does not apply to a person using a prosthetic device that aids the hard of hearing.
- g. Cyclists shall not use any hand-held photography device or cell phone while actively riding.

#### 10. LOCATION RESTRICTIONS:

- a. Bicycle trips are prohibited on closed roads, NPS service roads, off roadways, in the wilderness, on any trails, or on paved pedestrian walking paths.
- b. Airport Road: Bicycle trips are prohibited on Airport Road.
- c. Furnace Creek Wash Road (Dantes View Road): Bicycle trips are prohibited on the Furnace Creek Wash Road/Dantes View Road beyond the gate located near the Ryan Mine entrance, 2.5 miles south of State Route 190.
- d. Emigrant Canyon Road: Bicycle trips are prohibited between mile 13 and the junction with Wildrose Road. Use of Emigrant Canyon Road is permitted for the first 13 miles (from State Route 190) provided groups abide by the following restrictions:
  - i. Cyclists must be released in groups of up to four (4) at a time with a 10-minute interval between groups.
  - ii. Groups that are conducting up and back rides must ride to the turn-around point and wait for the entire group to gather at that location prior to making the return trip. For the return trip, cyclists must be released in groups of up to 4 at a time with a 10-minute interval between groups.

- e. Upper Wildrose Road: Use of Wildrose Road is permitted from the junction with Emigrant Canyon Road to the Charcoal Kilns. Bicycle trips are prohibited beyond the Charcoal Kilns.
  - i. Groups that are conducting up and back rides must ride to the turn-around point and wait for the entire group to gather at that location prior to making the return trip.
- f. Artists Drive: Bicycle trips are permitted to ride on Artist's Drive provided groups abide by the following restrictions:
  - i. Cyclists must be released in groups of up to four (4) at a time with a 10-minute interval between groups starting at the entrance of Artists Drive. Group must remain separate from each other for the entirety of Artists Drive.
  - ii. Two signs that read either "Caution Cyclists on Road" or "Caution Special Event Ahead" must be placed at the following locations on the right-hand side of the roadway where they are easily recognized and understood by road users:
    - 1. The entry of Artists Drive (just past the Artist Drive sign)
    - 2. North of the Artists Palette pullout.
  - iii. Signs must be in compliance with the California Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD).
  - iv. Signs must be freestanding and may not be attached to existing road signs or posts. Signs may not be secured using rocks or other artifacts from the park. The Holder must provide their own way to secure signs (weights, sandbags, bricks) and must remove from the park all weight devices when the sign is taken down.
  - v. Signs must remain in place until all cyclists have reached the end of Artist's Drive at the junction with Badwater Road. Holder must remove signs at that time.
  - vi. No aid stations may be located along Artists Drive or at the Artists Palette parking area.
- g. Zabriskie Point Pedestrian Walking Path: Bicycles trips are prohibited on the paved pedestrian path to the Zabriskie Point lookout area. All bicycles must be left at the bottom of the hill and must not block the two visitor information boards.

#### Appendix: Authorized Aid Station Locations

- 1. **Badwater Road:** from north junction with HWY 190 to south junction with HWY 178 at Park boundary.
  - a. Mile 3.0 – Golden Canyon parking lot, first (West most) RV parking spot. Aid station must not block vehicle traffic into and out of parking area.
  - b. Mile 3.1 ~ 3.1 – Both sides of road. Aid station must not block or hinder viewing of speed limit sign.
  - c. Mile 7.1 ~ 7.3 – Both sides of road.
  - d. Mile 8.4 – West side of road, South of sign. Aid station must not block or hinder viewing of sign.
  - e. Mile 10 – West side of road.
  - f. Mile 10.9 ~ 11.1 – West side of road. Aid station must not block or hinder view of Devils Golf Course road sign. Aid station must be located off pavement entering Devils Golf Course road and must not hinder traffic to Devils Golf Course road.
  - g. Mile 12 – East side of road.
  - h. Mile 13.7 – West side of road.
  - i. Badwater parking lot – Southernmost Bus/RV parking stall.
  - j. Mile 20.3 – Both sides of road
  - k. Mile 21.4 ~ 21.5 – West side of road
  - l. Mile 22.8 ~ 23 – Both sides of road
  - m. Mile 26.7 – West side of road
  - n. Mile 30.2 – West side of road (small pullout)
  - o. Mile 34.1 – West side of road
  - p. Mile 37 ~ 37.2 – Both sides of road
  - q. Mile 41.4 – West side of road
  - r. Mile 43.8 – Ashford Mill parking area by restroom – Aid station must not block visitor traffic.
  - s. Mile 47.4 ~ 47.6 – South side of road
  - t. Mile 48 – Both sides of road
  - u. Mile 49.7 – Both sides of road
  - v. Mile 52.1 ~ 52.3 – Both sides of road
  - w. Mile 52.4 ~ 53.7 – Both sides of road
  - x. Mile 56 – North side of road
  - y. INYO 178 (Badwater road) Mile 28.6 ~ 28.9 – Both sides of road
  - z. INYO 178 (Badwater road) Mile 31.4 – North side of road
  - aa. INYO 178 (Badwater road) Mile 36 – Both sides of road. Do not block access to Furnace Creek Road.
- 2. **Scotty's Castle Road/North Highway:** From south junction with HWY 190 to Grapevine Ranger Station.

- a. Northbound:
    - i. Mile .07 – Pullout – Northern end of pullout
    - ii. Mile 4.2 – E side wide area
    - iii. Mile 8 – E side
    - iv. Mile 11.9 – E pullout – no not block sign
    - v. Mile 13.4 – E side
    - vi. Mile 13.9 – E side
    - vii. Mile 15.6 – E side wide area
    - viii. Mile 16.8 – E side wide area
    - ix. Mile 18.0 – E side
    - x. Mile 19.4 – E side
    - xi. Mile 19.8 – E side wide area
    - xii. Mile 20.3 – E side wide area
    - xiii. Mile 20.7 – E side wide area
    - xiv. Mile 22.3 – E side
    - xv. Mile 24.75 – E side wide area
    - xvi. Mile 28 – E side wide area
    - xvii. Mile 28.8 – E side wide area
    - xviii. Mile 31.01 – E side wide area
    - xix. Grapevine Ranger Station parking lot, S end – Do not block traffic
  - b. Southbound:
    - i. Grapevine Ranger Station parking lot, S end – Do not block traffic
    - ii. Mile 31.01 – W side wide area
    - iii. Mile 28.8 – W side wide area
    - iv. Mile 24.01 – W side wide area
    - v. Mile 22.8 – W side wide area
    - vi. Mile 20.7 – W side wide area
    - vii. Mile 20.3 – W side wide area
    - viii. Mile 19.1 – W side
    - ix. Mile 18 – W side
    - x. Mile 16.8 – W side wide area
    - xi. Mile 15.6 – W side wide area
    - xii. Mile 13.9 – W side
    - xiii. Mile 12.3 – W side
    - xiv. Mile 4.2 – W side wide area
    - xv. Mile.07 - Pullout – Northern end of pullout
3. **Ubehebe Crater Road:**
    - a. Mile 3.3 – N & S side of road
    - b. Mile 5.9 – Parking lot at crater, 4 most N parking stalls
  4. **Bonnie Claire Road:** From west junction with Scotty's Castle Road/North Highway to east junction with HWY 267 at Park boundary.
    - a. Mile 36.3 – Scotty's Castle parking area
    - b. Mile 39.2 – S side of road
  5. **Daylight Pass Road:** From west junction with Scotty's Castle Road/North Highway to east junction with HWY 374 at Park boundary.
    - a. Scotty's Castle Road – Mud Canyon Kisok. South end of pullout, do not block roadway.
    - b. Mile 3.4 – Both sides of road
    - c. Mile 6.6 – Hells Gate Kisok – East turnout section, do not block roadway or access to pullout.
    - d. Mile 9.5 ~ 9.6 – South side of road
    - e. Mile 13 – Daylight pass pullout – North side of road
    - f. Mile 17.1 – East park entry sign pullout, East most parking stall, do not block roadway or access to pullout.
  6. **Beatty Cutoff:** From south junction with HWY 190 to north junction with Daylight Pas Road at Hells Gate Kiosk.
    - a. HWY 190 and Beatty Cutoff intersection - East side of Beatty road.
    - b. Mile 3.4 ~ 3.5 – Both sides of road
    - c. Mile 7.1 – Both sides of road
    - d. Hells Gate Kiosk – East turnout section, do not block roadway or access to pullout.

#### For Guided Hiking – Frontcountry

1. Frontcountry hiking is permitted up to two (2) miles from trailheads that are accessed from paved roads and the following unpaved roads: Natural Bridge, Devil's Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon.
2. Maximum group size is limited to twelve (12) people per group, including clients and trip leaders, and four (4) support vehicles.

3. Trip leaders must be currently certified at the Basic First Aid/CPR level or higher for emergency medical care.
4. For all wilderness locations to minimize impact to the wilderness, trip leaders shall keep a minimum of 1,000 feet between their group and any other group visiting the area at all times. Individuals may hike on their own without a trip leader but may not meet up in a wilderness location in groups larger than 12 people.
5. Water caches are prohibited under this type of CUA.

#### **For Guided Hiking – Backcountry (Backpacking)**

1. Backcountry hiking is permitted up to any distance from trailheads that are access from paved and unpaved roads.
2. Backpacking camping is permitted in previously disturbed areas free of vegetation, provided that the camp is at least one mile from the nearest paved road, developed area, or dirt roads that are closed to camping. Backpacking camping is additionally prohibited at the following areas:
  - a. Within 100 feet from a flowing stream, spring, or other natural body of open water.
  - b. On all paved roads within the limits of the national park boundary.
  - c. On the following unpaved roads: Titus Canyon Road, West Side Road, Wildrose Road, Skidoo Mine Road, Aguerberry Point Road, Mosaic Canyon Road, Cottonwood Canyon Road (first 8 miles), Grotto Canyon Road, Keane Wonder Mine Road, Racetrack Road (from Teakettle Junction to Homestake Dry Camp), Natural Bridge Canyon, Desolation Canyon, Pinon Mesa Road, and the 22 mile section of the Big Pine / Death Valley Road that is within the park's boundary.
  - d. Within one mile of certain mining areas: Ubehebe Lead Mine, Leadfield Mines, Keane Wonder Mill, and Skidoo Mill
  - e. The floor of Death Valley, from the Ashford Mill to the north end of the shifting sands of the Mesquite Sand Dunes.
  - f. The active, shifting sand areas of Eureka Dunes.
  - g. Within one mile of Darwin Falls trail and Greenwater Canyon.
3. Backpacking along the cottonwood-marble loop is only permitted with a permit obtained in advance of trip. A permit is recommended but not required for backpacking trips at other locations. Before permits are required via [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), email the Office of Special Park Uses at least two (2) weeks in advance of your trip. When permits are required via [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), permits must be obtained through commercial user accounts when available. Permits obtained under a personal (individual or participant) account are prohibited.
4. Only one commercial camping group per day is allowed in Cottonwood Canyon or Marble Canyon. Email the Office of Special Park Uses in advance to reserve your dates.
5. Trip leaders must be currently certified at the Wilderness First Aid level or higher for emergency medical care.
6. Holder and participants must abide by quiet hours from 10:00PM – 7:00AM.
7. Group size is limited to twelve (12) persons, including clients and trip leaders, and no more than four (4) vehicles parked at the trailhead. Groups larger than twelve (12) must split up into smaller groups and must camp, hike, and eat at least a half-mile apart from any other group.
8. Pets are prohibited.
9. All solid waste must be strained from dish and cooking water and packed out. Remaining wastewater must be either dumped in a vault toilet where available or spread out over the ground.
10. Where available, holder and clients must utilize vault toilets. Where toilets are not available, holder must either pack out waste using an approved waste disposal (WAG) bag or buried in a cat hole. Cat holes must be dug 4-6 inches deep at least 200 yards from any water source or campsite.
11. FIRES
  - a. The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited, except in NPS provided fire grates or grills.
  - b. Gathering, cutting, or scavenging of firewood or kindling is prohibited.
  - c. Fires shall not be left smoldering or unattended.
  - d. Leaving trash, including glass, in the fire grates is prohibited.

- e. Debris burning is prohibited.
- f. Construction of fire rings or use of illegally constructed fire rings is prohibited.
- g. Natural gas or white gas produced fires are permitted in appropriately designed units wherein the flow of gas can be controlled and instantaneously discontinued.

## 12. FOOD & TRASH

- a. All unattended food, garbage or cooking equipment must be sealed in a solid, non-pliable, animal-resistant container
- b. Trash must be disposed of in receptacles provided or packed out.
- c. Do not dispose of food, trash or feminine products in vault toilets.

## 13. HIKING

- a. Maximum group size is limited to twelve (12) people per group, including clients and trip leaders, and four (4) support vehicles.
- b. For backcountry trips, trip leaders must be currently certified at the Wilderness First Aid level or higher for emergency medical care. Backcountry trips include travel on backcountry unpaved roads (i.e., all unpaved roads excluding Natural Bridge, Devil's Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon).
- c. For all wilderness locations to minimize impact to the wilderness, trip leaders shall keep a minimum of 1,000 feet between their group and any other group visiting the area at all times. Individuals may hike on their own without a trip leader but may not meet up in a wilderness location in groups larger than 12 people.

## 14. Backcountry cabins may be used for overnight camping or day-use subject to the following conditions:

- a. Cabins must remain unlocked.
- b. Human waste must be packed out or disposed of at least 400 feet from a cabin, unless a toilet is present.
- c. Cabins are to be used on a first-come, first-served basis, and for short-term occupancy not to exceed seven days, with the exception of Butte Valley and Warm Springs, which is three days.
- d. All cabin maintenance will be performed only with written approval from the superintendent.
- e. Fires in backcountry cabins are not permitted. Fires outside of cabins must be in NPS provided metal fire grates.

## 15. WATER CACHES:

- a. Water caches are an extreme measure and are only permitted when there is no other alternative (e.g. resupply at road crossings, carry enough water for the trip, plan a route to follow perennial natural water sources, etc.).
- b. Water caches must be transportable using non-motorized, non-mechanized methods (e.g. hikers must transport the water either by pack stock or by backpacking).
- c. Water caches are limited to 30 days duration from the time the water is initially cached until it is consumed and the containers removed.
- d. Water caches shall not involve digging or any disturbance to natural or cultural resources.
- e. Use of a water cache is at the Holders own risk. Holder shall accept responsibility for potential health risks including water contamination and unexpected loss of the cache (due to weather, wildlife, vandalism, etc.).
- f. Proposed caches must be identified in the Operating Plan including locations, volumes to be cached, and the dates the cache will be left and when it will be removed.

### **For Guided Horse and Pack Trips**

- 1. Maximum group size is limited to fifteen (15) people, including clients and trip leaders, and fifteen (15) stock animals.
- 2. For frontcountry trips, trip leaders must be currently certified at the Basic First Aid/CPR level or higher for emergency medical care. Frontcountry trips include hiking up to two (2) miles from or travel on paved roads and the following unpaved roads: Natural Bridge, Devil's Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon.
- 3. For backcountry trips, trip leaders must be currently certified at the Wilderness First Aid level or higher for emergency medical care. Backcountry trips include hiking more than two (2) miles from any trailhead or travel on backcountry unpaved roads (i.e., all unpaved roads excluding Natural Bridge, Devil's Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon).

4. Horses, mules, and burros may be used as stock animals. No other species may be used for purposes of transporting equipment or riding.
5. Free ranging or grazing is not permitted in order to minimize damage to natural resources. All feed brought into the park must be weed free feed in order to prevent the spread of invasive species. The Office of Special Park Uses may request copies of the documents certifying weed free feed.
6. All manure shall be removed or spread over a large area.
7. Horses and pack animals are permitted on dirt roads, in wilderness areas, in other natural areas, on designated horse trails in the Furnace Creek area, and non-paved trails and areas that are not closed to stock. Holder is prohibited from conducting horse and pack trips at the following locations:
  - a. Badwater Boardwalk and Trail
  - b. Darwin Falls Trail
  - c. Devils Hole Unit of DVNP
  - d. Golden Canyon Trail
  - e. Harmony Borax Works
  - f. Ibex Dunes
  - g. Eureka Sand Dunes
  - h. Mesquite Flat Dunes (Stovepipe Wells area)
  - i. Mosaic Canyon Trail
  - j. Salt Creek Trail
  - k. Telescope Peak Trail
  - l. Ubehebe Crater Trail
  - m. Zabriskie Point Trail
  - n. Trail to Scotty's Grave
  - o. Trail from Scotty's Castle to Lower Vine Ranch
  - p. All campgrounds and picnic areas
  - q. All lawn areas
  - r. All areas closed to public use

#### **For Guided Camping – Frontcountry**

1. Front country camping is permitted at the following developed campgrounds: Furnace Creek, Sunset, Texas Springs, Stovepipe Wells, Mesquite Springs, Wildrose, and Emigrant.
2. Trip leaders must be currently certified at the Basic First Aid level or higher for emergency medical care.
3. Where reservations are available or required, Holder shall reserve sites in competition with the public via [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). When commercial user accounts become available on [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), holder must make reservations with a commercial user account and reservations made under a personal (individual or participant) account will be prohibited.
4. Holder and participants must abide by quiet hours from 10:00PM – 7:00AM.
5. Holding or reserving a campsite in any designated campground for another party is prohibited. Sites may not be paid for by those who do not intend to occupy the site immediately. Sites must be occupied with a camp unit (tent, trailer, or other sleeping unit) and by persons using the area for overnight sleep purposes. Sites may not be unattended for more than 24 hours.
6. Where campground use fees apply, fees shall be paid within 30 minutes of arrival.
7. Check out time for all campgrounds is 12:00 noon.
8. GENERATORS:
  - a. Generators are defined as a motor, engine, or equipment capable of producing electrical energy.



- b. Generators are prohibited at Furnace Creek group sites and at all sites in Texas Springs Campground.
- c. Generators shall not run unattended.
- d. Generator hours for Sunset campground are from 7:00AM – 9:00PM.
- e. Generator hours for all other campgrounds are from 7:00AM – 7:00PM, where not prohibited.

9. GROUP SIZE LIMITS:

- a. Nine (9) to forty (40) people are permitted at Furnace Creek group sites 1 & 2. Nine (9) to fifteen (15) people are permitted at Furnace Creek group sites 3 & 4.
- b. No more than eight (8) people are permitted at every other campsite.
- c. Up to eight (8) people may visit the registered campers in a designated campsite between the hours of 7:00AM and 10:00PM.
- d. Up to ten (10) vehicles are permitted at Furnace Creek group sites 1 & 2. Up to four (4) vehicles are permitted at Furnace Creek group sites 3 & 4. No driving or parking into group sites, even to unload.
- e. No recreational vehicles (trailers, motor homes, or pop-ups) shall be parked at the tent only sites in Furnace Creek Campground, Stovepipe Wells Campground and the lower loop of Texas Spring Campground. In tent only sites vehicles can be used as sleeping facilities.
- f. Two (2) vehicles, one (1) RV and one (1) vehicle, or four (4) motorcycles are permitted at every other campsite. Where campsites provide paved pad, all wheels must be on pavement.
- g. Holder must comply with maximum vehicle length of 8.5 feet or a total of 17 feet for both vehicles for each tent only site or what is listed on recreation.gov.

10. FIRES

- a. The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited, except in NPS provided fire grates or grills.
- b. Gathering, cutting, or scavenging of firewood or kindling is prohibited.
- c. Fires shall not be left smoldering or unattended.
- d. Leaving trash, including glass, in the fire grates is prohibited.
- e. Construction of fire rings or use of illegally constructed fire rings is prohibited.
- f. Debris burning is prohibited.
- g. Natural gas or white gas produced fires are permitted in appropriately designed units wherein the flow of gas can be controlled and instantaneously discontinued.
- h. At Wildrose campground the setting, maintain, attending, or using of open flame of any kind is prohibited between June 15th and September 15th or during other periods of high fire danger. Controlled flame devices such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves that use gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed.

11. WASTEWATER

- a. Dump all liquid waste, including dish water, only at sanitary stations.
- b. Wash dishes in deep sinks; do not bathe at sinks, spigots or in rest rooms.
- c. Do not wash vehicles at RV dump stations or in campsites.
- d. Containers must be placed under trailers or camper drains to collect liquid to be disposed of in designated disposal areas.
- e. Wash dishes in designated areas only, not restrooms or drinking water spigots; bathing facilities are not available in campgrounds.

12. PETS

- a. Maximum limit of four pets per campsite in all designated campgrounds in the park.
- b. Pets must be confined or leashed at all times.
- c. Pets shall not be left unattended.
- d. Holder must clean up and dispose of pet waste promptly.

- e. Pets are only permitted in developed areas or along roads.

### 13. FOOD & TRASH

- a. All unattended food, garbage, cooking equipment, or similar scented items must be sealed in a vehicle (not a truck bed) or a solid, non-pliable, animal-resistant container when it is not being consumed or prepared for consumption.
- b. Trash must be disposed of in receptacles provided or packed out.
- c. Do not dispose of food, trash or feminine products in rest room sinks or toilets.

#### **For Guided Camping – Backcountry (Backpacking)**

- 1. Trip leaders must be currently certified at the Wilderness First Aid level or higher for emergency medical care.
- 2. Holder and participants must abide by quiet hours from 10:00PM – 7:00AM.
- 3. Holding or reserving a campsite in any primitive campground or road-side camp site or location for another party is prohibited. Sites must be occupied with a camp unit (tent, trailer, or other sleeping unit) and by persons using the area for overnight sleep purposes. Sites may not be unattended for more than 24 hours.
- 4. Where available, holder and clients must utilize vault toilets for human waste. Where toilets are not available, holder must either pack out human waste using an approved waste disposal (WAG) bag or buried in a cat hole. Cat holes must be dug 4-6 inches deep at least 200 yards from any water source or campsite.

### 5. FIRES

- a. The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited, except in NPS provided fire grates or grills.
- b. Gathering, cutting, or scavenging of firewood or kindling is prohibited.
- c. Fires shall not be left smoldering or unattended.
- d. Leaving trash, including glass, in the fire grates is prohibited.
- e. Debris burning is prohibited.
- f. Construction of fire rings or use of illegally constructed fire rings is prohibited.
- g. Natural gas or white gas produced fires are permitted in appropriately designed units wherein the flow of gas can be controlled and instantaneously discontinued.
- h. At Thorndike and Mahogany Flats campgrounds, the setting, maintain, attending, or using of open flame of any kind is prohibited between June 15th and September 15th or during other periods of high fire danger. Controlled flame devices such as portable stoves and lanterns with shut-off valves that use gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed.

### 6. WASTEWATER

- a. Dumping is prohibited.
- b. All solid waste must be strained from dish and cooking water and packed out. Remaining wastewater must be either dumped in a vault toilet where available or spread out over the ground.

### 7. PETS

- a. Maximum limit of four pets per campsite in all designated campgrounds in the park.
- b. Pets must be confined or leashed at all times.
- c. Pets shall not be left unattended.
- d. Holder must clean up and dispose of pet waste promptly.
- e. Pets are only permitted in developed areas or along roads.

### 8. FOOD & TRASH

- a. All unattended food, garbage or cooking equipment must be sealed in an enclosed vehicle (not a truck bed) or a solid, non-pliable, animal-resistant container.

- b. Trash must be disposed of in receptacles provided or packed out.
- c. Do not dispose of food, trash or feminine products in vault toilets.

**Primitive Campground Camping:**

- 9. Primitive campground camping is permitted at Thorndike, Mahogany Flat, Eureka, Homestake, and Warm Springs (Saline Valley) Dry Camps.
- 10. Group size per campsite is limited to eight (8) persons, including clients and trip leaders, and two (2) vehicles, one (1) RV and one (1) vehicle, or four (4) motorcycles per campsite. Vehicles and RVs must be shorter than 25 feet and high clearance. Four-wheel drive may be necessary. Groups larger than eight (8) must split up into separate sites.
- 11. Up to eight people may visit the campers in a designated campsite. Between the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am, no more than eight people may occupy a campsite.
- 12. Check out time for all campgrounds is 12:00 noon.
- 13. GENERATORS:
  - a. Generators are defined as a motor, engine, or equipment capable of producing electrical energy.
  - b. Generators shall not run unattended.
  - c. Generator hours for all primitive campgrounds are from 7:00AM – 7:00PM.

**Dispersed Road-Side Camping:**

- 14. Camping on Echo Canyon Road, Hole in the Wall Road, Cottonwood Canyon Road, and Marble Canyon Road is only permitted in designated road-side sites with a permit obtained in advance. Before permits are required via [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), email the Office of Special Park Uses at least two (2) weeks in advance of your trip. When permits are required via [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), permits must be obtained through commercial user accounts when available. Permits obtained under a personal (individual or participant) account are prohibited.
- 15. Only one commercial camping group per day is allowed on Cottonwood Canyon Road or Marble Canyon Road. Email the Office of Special Park Uses in advance to reserve your dates.
- 16. Dispersed road-side camping, outside of Echo Canyon Road, Hole in the Wall Road, Cottonwood Canyon Road, and Marble Canyon Road, is permitted in previously disturbed shoulder areas along open dirt roads, provided that the camp is at least one mile from the nearest paved road, developed area, or dirt roads that are closed to camping. Road-side camping is additionally prohibited at the following areas:
  - a. Within 100 feet from a flowing stream, spring, or other natural body of open water.
  - b. On all paved roads within the limits of the national park boundary.
  - c. On the following unpaved roads: Titus Canyon Road, West Side Road, Wildrose Road, Skidoo Mine Road, Aguerberry Point Road, Mosaic Canyon Road, Cottonwood Canyon Road (first 8 miles), Grotto Canyon Road, Keane Wonder Mine Road, Racetrack Road (from Teakettle Junction to Homestake Dry Camp), Natural Bridge Canyon, Desolation Canyon, Pinon Mesa Road, and the 22 mile section of the Big Pine / Death Valley Road that is within the park's boundary.
  - d. Within one mile of certain mining areas: Ubehebe Lead Mine, Leadfield Mines, Keane Wonder Mill, and Skidoo Mill
- 17. Generators are prohibited.
- 18. Group size is limited to twelve (12) persons, including clients and trip leaders, and no more than four (4) vehicles. Groups larger than twelve (12) must split up into smaller groups and must camp and eat at least a half-mile apart or must obtain a permit for an additional designated site in required areas.
- 19. Backcountry cabins may be used for overnight camping or day-use subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Cabins must remain unlocked.
  - b. Human waste must be packed out or disposed of at least 400 feet from a cabin, unless a toilet is present.
  - c. Cabins are to be used on a first-come, first-served basis, and for short-term occupancy not to exceed seven days, with the exception of Butte Valley and Warm Springs, which is three days.

- d. All cabin maintenance will be performed only with written approval from the superintendent.
- e. Fires in backcountry cabins are not permitted. Fires outside of cabins must be in NPS provided metal fire grates.

**For Photography and Arts Workshops**

1. Maximum group size is limited to twelve (12) people per group, including clients and trip leaders, and four (4) support vehicles.
2. Sale of photography equipment, gear, or other items, as well as photographs is prohibited within the park.
3. Hiking or walking routes used to access workshop destinations must be chosen so as to minimize biophysical and social impacts, including utilizing NPS established trails where possible.
4. For frontcountry trips, trip leaders must be currently certified at the Basic First Aid/CPR level or higher for emergency medical care. Frontcountry trips include hiking up to two (2) miles from or travel on paved roads and the following unpaved roads: Natural Bridge, Devil's Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon.
5. For backcountry trips, trip leaders must be currently certified at the Wilderness First Aid level or higher for emergency medical care. Backcountry trips include hiking more than two (2) miles from any trailhead or travel on backcountry unpaved roads (i.e., all unpaved roads excluding Natural Bridge, Devil's Golf Course, Salt Creek, and Mosaic Canyon).
6. For all wilderness locations to minimize impact to the wilderness, trip leaders shall keep a minimum of 1,000 feet between their group and any other group visiting the area at all times. Individuals may hike on their own without a trip leader but may not meet up in a wilderness location in groups larger than 12 people. It is the responsibility of the trip leader to understand the wilderness boundary locations,
  - a. At Badwater Basin, wilderness begins immediately off the boardwalk.
  - b. At Mesquite Sand Dunes, wilderness begins immediately off the paved sidewalk.

## ATTACHMENT A

### CUA Insurance Requirements

#### Commercial General Liability (CGL) Insurance

Liability insurance is required for all CUA holders under the terms of the authorization. Such insurance should be of sufficient scope to cover all potential risks and in an amount to cover claims that can reasonably be expected in the event of serious injury or death. The minimum commercial general liability insurance is \$1,000,000 USD. Liability insurance policies must name the United States of America as additional insured. The business or person that is providing the service must be the named insured (policy holder). Companies that provide transportation only are not required to have Commercial General Liability as long as the passengers do not disembark.

#### Other Required Insurance

**Commercial Auto Liability Insurance** is required if a CUA holder transports passengers or uses owned/leased/rented vehicles in the performance of the service in the park. If a CUA holder charters the vehicle and those chartered vehicles are owned and operated by another company, the CUA holder is not required to have Commercial Automobile Liability insurance. The minimum Commercial Auto Liability Insurance is:

Commercial Vehicle Insurance – Passenger Transport (bodily injury and property damage)	Minimum per Occurrence Liability Limits*
15 or fewer passengers	\$1,500,000
16 or more passengers	\$5,000,000

The NPS has not established commercial automobile liability minimums for intrastate auto use by CUA holders because each state has unique rules and regulations. Intrastate CUA holders must meet individual state requirements for Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance or the interstate requirements above, whichever are greatest.

If the CUA applicant or holder will use rented or leased vehicles in performance of the authorized service, the applicant or holder must secure appropriate insurance for that rented or leased vehicle in the amount required by the CUA application. Proof of insurance secured directly from the rental or lease company may not be available upon application submission, but applicants are required to provide proof of insurance coverage after application submission upon NPS request.

#### Insurance Company Minimum Standards

The NPS has established the following minimum insurance **company** requirements. All insurance companies must meet the following minimum standards. These standards apply to foreign insurance companies as well as domestic companies.

1. All insurers for all coverages must be rated no lower than A- by the most recent edition of Best's Key Rating Guide (Property-Casualty edition), or similar insurance rating companies (Moody's, Standard and Poor's, or Fitch), unless otherwise authorized by the Service.
2. All insurers for all coverages must have Best's Financial Size Category of at least VII according to the most recent edition of Best's Key Rating Guide (Property-Casualty edition), or similar insurance rating companies (Moody's, Standard and Poor's, or Fitch), unless otherwise authorized by the Service
3. The insurance ratings must be submitted with the CUA Application. The rating companies do not issue certificates. We require the insurance broker to note this rating in the Certificate. If the rating does not appear on the certificate, the insurance broker must provide it in another document.

#### Proof of Insurance Submission

Applicants must submit proof of insurance with the CUA Application. The proof of insurance must:

- Be written in English with monetary amounts reflected in USD
- Reflect that insurance coverage is effective at time of CUA Application submission
- Name as insured the business or person that is providing the service
- Name the United States as additional insured
- Reflect a General Commercial Liability Policy with the minimum coverage amount required in the CUA Application
- Reflect required additional insurances (commercial vehicle, vessel, aircraft, etc.) with the minimum coverage amount required in the CUA Application
- Include insurance provider rating or provide in separate document

### ATTACHMENT B

#### List of Approved Service, Additionally Required Documentation, and Fee Information

AUTHORIZED COMMERCIAL SERVICE	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	REQUIRED CUA FEES
Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability Insurance. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance (if applicable, see attachment A).	\$300.00 Plus \$50 for each additional activity
Road Based Tour	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability Insurance. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance (if applicable, see attachment A).	\$300.00 Plus \$50 for each additional activity
Guided 4x4 Trip	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability Insurance. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance (if applicable, see attachment A). <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Certification (see activity specific conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan/Trip Plan	\$300.00 Plus \$50 for each additional activity
Guided Motorcycle Trip	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability Insurance. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance (if applicable, see attachment A). <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Certification (see activity specific conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan/Trip Plan	\$300.00 Plus \$50 for each additional activity
Guided Bicycle Trip	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability Insurance. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance (if applicable, see attachment A). <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Certification (see activity specific conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan/Trip Plan	\$300.00 Plus \$50 for each additional activity
Guided Hiking – Frontcountry	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability Insurance. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance (if applicable, see attachment A). <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Certification (see activity specific conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan/Trip Plan	\$300.00 Plus \$50 for each additional activity
Guided Hiking – Backcountry	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability Insurance. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance (if applicable, see attachment A). <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Certification (see activity specific conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan/Trip Plan	\$300.00 Plus \$50 for each additional activity
Guided Horse and Pack Trips	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability Insurance. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance (if applicable, see attachment A). <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Certification (see activity specific conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan/Trip Plan	\$300.00 Plus \$50 for each additional activity
Guided Camping – Frontcountry	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability Insurance. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance (if applicable, see attachment A). <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Certification (see activity specific conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan/Trip Plan	\$300.00 Plus \$50 for each additional activity
Guided Camping – Backcountry (Backpacking)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability Insurance. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance (if applicable, see attachment A). <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Certification (see activity specific conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan/Trip Plan	\$300.00 Plus \$50 for each additional activity
Photography and Arts Workshops	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of General Liability Insurance. <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Commercial Auto Liability Insurance (if applicable, see attachment A). <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Certification (see activity specific conditions) <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan/Trip Plan	\$300.00 Plus \$50 for each additional activity