

U.S. Forest Service, Truckee Ranger District Recreation Special Use Permit, Outfitter & Guide Requirements

Guide Qualifications: *At the discretion of the authorizing officer another nation's guide certification will be accepted if it is generally recognized / reciprocal with an equivalent U.S.A nationally recognized certification. An example of this would be a Canadian Avalanche Association Level 1 with an AIARE Level 1.*

General Medical Requirements: *An activities possible speed, remoteness and mechanism of injury determine the level of medical qualifications required of Guides. In general a current Wilderness First Responder (WFR) or higher qualification is required of guides.*

Resource Protection: *All Outfitter and Guides operating on public land under special use permit are required to promote physical and social resource protection. Training in Leave No Trace (LNT) or Tread Lightly travel techniques are favored.*

Alpine Climbing / Skiing Outfitter & Guide Requirements: (Includes: single and multi-pitch rock climbing, snow and ice climbing, winter mountaineering and technical peak ascents)

Single Pitch / Top Rope instruction qualifications: International Federation of Mountain Associated Guides, (IFMGA) American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA), Professional Climbing Instructors Association (PCIA), Professional Climbing Guides Institute (PCGI) Single pitch instructor certification. Current Wilderness First Responder (WFR) or higher medical qualification required.

Multi Pitch Rock Guiding, instructing / Winter Alpine Climbing, Skiing Guiding, instruction: Applicable activity level guide certification from - International Federation of Mountain Guides, (IFMGA) American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA)

Avalanche course Instructor Requirements:

Appropriate level of certification for the level of course being offered to public.
Recognized certifying organizations: American Institute of Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE), American Avalanche Association (AAA), National Ski Patrol (NSP) in conjunction with AAA. Canadian Avalanche Association (CAA). Current Wilderness First Responder (WFR) or higher medical qualification required.

Backcountry Skiing Instructor Requirements:

Appropriate guide and associated avalanche certification through IFMGA / AMGA.
Accredited educational organizations may provide instructor qualification narratives for review by Truckee R.D. Current Wilderness First Responder or higher medical qualification required.

Snow Shoeing Guide Requirements:

Flat uncomplicated terrain: No guide or avalanche certification required, however favored. Wilderness First Aid and higher medical qualifications required, remote geographical areas may require higher level of medical qualifications.

Complicated, avalanche associated terrain: Current Level 1 avalanche training through AIARE, AAA, NSP, CAA. Higher level avalanche qualifications strongly favored. Snowshoe guides leading trips through continuous complicated avalanche terrain will be required to maintain qualifications of an Alpine guide.

Snowmobiling Guide Requirements:

Flat uncomplicated terrain: No guide or avalanche certification required, however favored. Wilderness First Responder or higher medical qualifications required.

Complicated avalanche associated terrain: Minimum, current Level 1 avalanche training through AIARE, AAA, NSP, CAA. Higher level avalanche qualifications strongly favored.

Off Highway Vehicles Outfitter & Guides:

Jeep Tours: Applicable state Licensure. Current First Aid or higher medical qualification required, higher levels favored.

Dirt Bike / Quad / UTV: Instructor certification from a nationally recognized organization such as ATV Safety Institute is highly favored. Current Wilderness First Responder or higher medical certification required.

Mountain Biking Guides:

Instructor Certification from Professional Mountain Bikers Instructors Association (PMBIA) or International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) highly favored.

Current Wilderness First Responder or higher medical qualification required.

Equestrian Outfitter & Guides:

Guide Qualification not identified, however a guiding background resume is required. Current First Aid medical qualification required.

Hiking / Backpacking Guides:

Guide qualification not identified, however a guiding resume of experience is required. Current Wilderness First Aid or higher medical qualification required.

Fishing Guides, River & Reservoir:

Applicable state licensure, current First Aid or higher medical qualification required.

Educational Institutions and Non-Profit Organizations:

Accredited educational institutions which offer technical courses as part of a greater program breadth may supply Instructor qualifications and resume per activity for consideration. Applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis. If institutional trip leaders cannot support their qualifications, a certified guide may be required on the course outing.

Non-accredited institutions and non-profit organizations which offer solely technical courses will be required to meet applicable guide or educational standards for the activities offered. If trip / course leaders do not meet technical qualifications for the activities offered, a certified guide may be required.