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Truckee Ranger District Implementing New Temporary Outfitting and Guiding and Recreation Event Permit Policies

TRUCKEE, Calif. – The Truckee Ranger District will be implementing new temporary Outfitting and Guiding and Recreation Event permit policies according to Joanne Roubique, Truckee District Ranger “The public has been asking us for a process to accept more Special Use Permit applications for Recreation Event and Outfitting and Guiding for some time. This new process would meet that need” said Roubique.

New Policies

The revised Forest Service objectives for Outfitting and Guiding Special Uses and Recreation Event Special Uses include:

- Providing for Outfitting and Guiding services that address concerns of public health and safety and that foster successful small businesses consistent with the applicable land management plans.
- Facilitating greater participation in the Outfitting and Guiding program by organizations and businesses that work with youth and educational groups

- Encouraging skilled and experienced individuals and entities to conduct Outfitting and Guiding activities in a manner that protects environmental resources and ensures that national forest visitors receive high-quality services.

Implementation

The Truckee Ranger District will begin administering temporary Recreation Special Use permits this coming summer 2016. These permits are limited in number, temporary in nature and to be used for non-complex, short term uses. The new permits are only valid for a maximum 180 day operating period and are non-renewable. Authorized activities will be limited to a maximum of 200 service days per use area and in some cases authorized permits may be allocated less than the maximum number of days available. The new program policies include, but are not limited to:

- Administrating all new Outfitting and Guiding Special Use and Recreation Event Special Use Permits request through a temporary permit system. This temporary permit system includes a limited open application period (March 1st, 2016 to March 31st, 2016) for summer 2016 activities. Winter 2016/17 activities will have a open application period Fall 2016 TBA. For more information on how to apply for a temporary permit, please visit [LINK].
- Current authorized Outfitter and Guides may also use the temporary permit process to offer new activities in Truckee Ranger District areas not covered under their current permit.

For more Tahoe National Forest information, or to apply for a Temporary Outfitting and Guiding Special Use and/or Recreation Event Special Use Permit, go to [LINK]. Please contact Mary Westmoreland mwestmoreland@fs.fed.us or John Groom jgroom@fs.fed.us at the Truckee Ranger District (530) 587-3558 for any additional questions.

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