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Dear Interested Party:

The USDA Forest Service, Rio Grande National Forest, Divide Ranger District is soliciting proposals from interested parties to provide outfitter and guide services. The District intends to authorize more than one special use permit to selected applicants.

This offering will allow individuals or organizations an opportunity to provide a range of commercial services to the public including guided OHV trips, shuttle services, mountain biking, snowmobiling, and other additional services. The offering is limited to those lands administered by the Divide Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest.

The Forest Service, as a multi-use land agency manages the Forest resources for a variety of non-commercial and commercial purposes. To obtain the most qualified individuals and/or organizations providing for commercial outfitter/guide services the Forest Service may utilize a prospectus. The goal in permitting commercial outfitting and guiding services on National Forest System lands it to address a public need, protect the natural resources, provide a quality recreational experience in a safe fashion, and support the economy of local communities.

Permits awarded by this prospectus may be authorized under an initial two-year probationary special use permit that may be extended for an additional eight years contingent on acceptable performance during the probationary period. Depending on an applicant's permit history, a full ten-year special use authorization may be issued. Provided the permit holder has performed acceptably, permits may be re-issued non-competitively prior to the authorization expiring for up to ten years. The decision whether to issue a permit is at the sole discretion of the Authorized Officer, the Divide District Ranger.

To obtain a copy of the prospectus, including how to submit a proposal, visit the Rio Grande National Forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/riogrande> and navigate to Passes and Permits. Applications must be received at the Divide District office no later than 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time on July 1, 2016. For additional information, contact Jody Fairchild by phone at 719 852-6221 or 719 850-1275 or email at [jfairchild@fs.fed.us](mailto:jfairchild@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

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