Zigzag Recreation Residence Project Guidelines
Deck & Porch - Construction or Replacement

Any project proposals submitted will be reviewed for placement into the Project Queue, which starts on August 15 and ends on November 15 of each year. This dedicated timeframe gives the Special Uses Team the time it needs to adequately review project proposals and complete the documentation needed to approve/deny/or modify the proposal. If approval is given to proceed with the project within the review period, the project will be allowed to proceed in the dry season of the following year.

The following guidelines do not serve as authorization to implement your proposal.

Please be aware that any alteration to your cabin, lot or outbuilding, must be authorized by the Forest Service in writing prior to implementation of the alteration. This includes, but is not limited to new construction or changes in cabin or outbuilding dimension, roofs, doors, windows, porches and decks, stairways, siding, types of materials, paint colors, and any other changes.

Deck & Porch Construction or Replacement Guidelines:
Decks and porches are considered two different kinds of improvements. Decks are not covered and may or may not be attached to the residence; porches are always connected to the residence and are roofed over.

• Porches
  o The new construction of large porches, representing less than 25 percent of the square footage of the cabin, may be authorized if the porch is architecturally in balance with the style of the cabin and does not affect any historical qualities of the cabin or tract.
  o The porch may not be enclosed.
  o Small porches are permitted where the intent is to provide a small entryway that will protect the residence access from snow and provide a location for storing small quantities of wood. Porches that serve this type of purpose typically only require an area of less than 30 square feet. These additions must blend in with the existing architecture of the home. The porch must not be added to the living space of the home at some later date.

• Decks
  o The maximum allowable size of a deck is 400 square feet (other existing decks will be included in this figure). Not all deck proposals will be approved to the maximum square footage.
  o Decks may be constructed on no more than three sides of a home.
  o Decks shall be designed to meet the snow load of the area.
  o Tree removal to provide adequate room for deck construction will not generally be approved.
  o New deck construction will not be permitted in locations where the deck overhangs the stream (streamside passage for hikers and fishermen should always be provided). Decks may not be constructed on banks where the support piers are positioned on unstable ground. Deck construction should be at least 5 feet back from the edge of an escarpment above a stream to allow reasonable access around the cabin without having to cross the deck.
  o Cantilever deck designs may be permitted, however due to the stresses involved and complexity of the design a licensed architect or engineer must approve the plans.
  o Any deck that is more than 30 inches above the ground level will require a railing at least 42 inches high, designed so nothing larger than a 4 inch sphere will pass through the railing. For decks more than 30 inches above the ground, the permittee must also obtain a county building permit prior to construction.
  o Decks must be supported on concrete pier blocks or poured concrete piers; solid concrete foundations are not permitted. Solid concrete foundations are difficult to remove in the event the home is destroyed and the site must be returned to a natural condition. Such a foundation is also difficult to incorporate into any future deck modifications. Concrete pier blocks, either poured in place or prefab blocks are easily removed or modified should the situation...
require such measures. The concrete base provides a rot resistant support upon which treated beans and other supports may be positioned.

- It is preferable that the wood be stained or be left natural, painted and stained decks must conform to the guidelines included under considerations for colors. Generally painted decks are not desirable, as they require more maintenance than stained decks.
- Given the wet climate that the tracts are located in it is important that the permittee complete any deck construction with treated wood or cedar. Wood not resistant to rotting has a very limited life.
- Tree removal will not be authorized in order to accommodate a deck or porch.

If your project is ground disturbing, or if your cabin is located in the Barlow Road Historic District, the Mile Bridge, Still Creek, or Zigzag Ski Club Tracts, or if your cabin is individually eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, these circumstances may cause a delay in the approval process.

Please submit your proposal on the following Request for Project Authorization Form.

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<td>Attn: Recreation Residence Permit Administrator Mt. Hood National Forest Zig Zag Ranger District 70220 E. Highway 26 Zigzag, OR 97049</td>
<td>Bree Ellison <a href="mailto:breena.ellison@usda.gov">breena.ellison@usda.gov</a></td>
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## Request for Project Authorization

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**Project Type:** (Deck Construction, window, door or siding replacement, roof replacement, etc.)

**Detailed Project Description:** Include dimensions, materials to be used, colors, and details such as deck railing design, window pane type, replacement roofing material manufacturer, type and color (a sample may be necessary). Submit a sketch of the project. Show location of the project on the cabin (for windows, doors or decks) or on the lot (outbuildings).

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**Send Completed Form to:** Greg Martin, Zigzag Ranger District, 70220 E. Hwy 26, Zigzag OR 97049, or submit by fax (503) 622-5622, or by email: jaymartin@fs.fed.us, or drop your proposal off at the Zigzag Ranger Station front desk. Please use additional sheets of paper to continue your project description.