

SAWTOOTH NATIONAL FOREST
Sawtooth National Recreation Area

TEMPORARY PERMIT PROCESS AND GUIDELINES

Temporary Permits

Temporary Permits are authorizations for a commercial use or activity that allows specified, short-term, non-recurring, non-renewable recreational use of National Forest System (NFS) lands.

- Temporary Permits must be requested a minimum of 90 days in advance of intended use.
- Temporary Permits are authorized in increments of 50 service days, up to a maximum of 200 service days for use within a 180-day period.
- No more than 2 permits may be issued per holder within a 5 year period.
- Only low risk activities may be authorized as generally defined by the insurance categories listed in FSM 2700, Chapter 2710 - Special Use Authorizations, 2713.1 - Liability and Insurance.

Temporary Pools

Temporary Pools are a set number of service days reserved for Temporary Permits. The Sawtooth NRA maintains a total of 2000 service days in a pool for the following activities areas:

- Day Use - Hiking/Nordic Skiing/Snowshoeing
- Overnight Use - Summer Backpacking, Winter Skiing/Touring
- Biking on NFS roads

Other activities **may** be considered as long as they are low impact, low risk and have no extraordinary circumstances or other concerns.

Sawtooth National Recreation Area Temporary Pools will be evaluated periodically and modifications may be made to add or remove activities and/or increase or decrease the number of service days in the pool. Any change to this policy will consider the demand for services, the impact to forest resources and the general public, and staff workload.

NEPA

Short term permits (1 year or less), that have no extraordinary circumstance or other concerns, fit into the CE category 36 CFR 220.6(d)(8) and require no Decision Memo.

Only those activities that fit into this category will be considered.

Application Process

Applications are accepted annually beginning January 1st of each year. Pool days are distributed to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the 2000 service days in the pool have been issued in the form of a permit, no further proposals will be accepted.

All applications are subject to the standard special uses screening process. See the attached screening form.

Who May Apply?

- Applications will be accepted from individuals or groups including accredited educational entities such as universities that demonstrate they have the technical ability to conduct the proposed activity.
- Applicants must provide proof of adequate insurance.
- Applicants must be approved by the Idaho Outfitter and Guide Licensing Board for the activity and operating area proposed.

Fees

Fees are based on the flat fee rates for a block of use issued in 50 service day increments (see FSM 2709.11 (37.21b)). Fees as of 2012 are as follows:

Number of Service Days	Flat Fee	Maximum Gross Revenue for Each Bracket of Service Days
1 to 50	\$150	\$10,000
51 to 100	\$300	\$20,000
101 to 150	\$450	\$30,000
151 to 200	\$600	\$40,000

Unused days are not refundable.

In general, fees for temporary permits may not be waived. There may be exceptions, such as permits for accredited schools (universities, colleges, etc.) for bona fide course work which leads to degree completion.

Definitions

Commercial Use. Commercial use is defined as recreational use of the NFS lands for business or financial gain (a) where an entry or participation fee is charged or (b) where the primary purpose is the sale of a good or service. A permit is required in either case regardless of whether the intent is to produce a profit. Financial gain includes gratuities, donations, gifts, bartering, etc.

Guiding. Providing services or assistance (such as supervision, protection, education, training, packing, touring, subsistence, transporting people, or interpretation) for a fee or other gain to individuals or groups on National Forest System lands. The term "guide" includes the holder's employees and agents.

Outfitting. Renting on or delivering to National Forest System lands for a fee or other gain any saddle or pack animal, vehicle, boat, camping gear, or similar supplies or equipment. The term "outfitter" includes the holder's employees and agents.

Service Day. An allocation of use constituting a day or any part of a day on National Forest System lands for which an outfitter or guide provides services to a client. The total number of service days is calculated by multiplying each service day by the number of clients on the trip.

Temporary Use. Short-term, non-renewable outfitting and guiding use that is authorized in increments of 50 service days, up to a maximum of 200 service days in a 180-day period.

Temporary Use Pool. A pool of service days or quotas in a use area that are reserved for short-term, non-recurring, seasonal distribution during an open season to qualified applicants who do not hold a priority use permit in that use area, and thereafter may be distributed to all qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.

Approved by:


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Date

