



Frequently Asked Questions

South Park Ranger District, Pike National Forest

Winter Outfitting and Guiding Proposals

1. How will applicants know if they are selected for a permit?

Following the response deadline, all received proposals will be compiled and sorted. Respondents that submit proposals meeting all the screening criteria will be contacted directly to initiate the permit application process. If a prospectus is warranted due to competitive interest for an area with limited capacity, respondents that have submitted a related proposal will be notified and advised on next steps.

2. When can applicants expect to be notified whether they were selected or not?

Proponents should be notified within a month of the response deadline whether their proposal has been accepted as a formal application and will be moved forward in the process, or whether a prospectus is needed to evaluate applications in areas where competitive interest exists.

3. How long does the permit process take?

Depending on the scope and complexity of the proposed activity, the permit process can take between 6 months and a year.

4. When do you expect to have new O&G permits operating?

Depending on the scope of the proposed activity and the environmental analysis necessary to finalize the permit, the South Park Ranger District expects to have new Priority Outfitter & Guide Permit holders operating in winter of 2022-23.

5. What are the fees associated with Outfitting and Guiding permits?

If a priority permit is issued, a fee will be charged. Permit fees generally represent land use rent for commercial use on public lands, among other potential charges, and help cover the costs of administering the permit. Fees are typically calculated as a set

percentage of revenue. The minimum fee for outfitting and guiding on National Forest System lands is \$115 annually per permit.

6. When will the Forest know if a prospectus is needed?

Following the request for proposal deadline, all proposals received will be compiled and sorted. If multiple proposals with the same scope and activity are submitted, the Forest will determine how many permits can be offered. If it is determined that there is not enough space to accommodate all the requests, a prospectus will be initiated for competitive interest for that specific activity type and/or location.

7. If a prospectus is needed, how long will that process take?

A prospectus can take one year to complete. If one is necessary, the process would begin in early spring of 2022 with the expectation that selection of new permittees would occur in the fall of 2022. The intention would be for newly selected Priority Use Outfitter & Guides to begin operating in January of 2023.