



## San Juan Public Lands Center

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### How to Request a Permit for Commercial Photography/Filming on the San Juan National Forest

1. Contact the San Juan Public Lands Center office responsible for the area where you are interested in filming. You will want to contact the Ranger District Office where the decision will be made as to whether or not to issue a permit to film on National Forest System lands. The San Juan has three District Offices: the Columbine Office manages the Durango-Bayfield-Silverton areas, the Dolores Office manages the Mancos-Dolores-Rico areas, and the Pagosa Office manages the Pagosa Springs area. *(See below.)*
2. You will need to offer a detailed description of your planned filming activity. You will be provided a form called the Photography and Filming Request to describe your proposed use of National Forest System lands. You will also need to provide a map showing specific filming locations.
3. Typically, the Forest Service is not able to respond quickly to filming proposals. At a minimum you should plan to submit your proposal at least 30 - 90 days before you want to start filming. Complex filming proposal requests could require even more time to process depending on the level of analysis the Forest Service determines is necessary to complete before a permit can be issued.
4. Cost-recovery fees (to cover permit processing and monitoring), as well as additional land-use fees must be paid before commercial filming/photography can begin. Processing and monitoring fees vary, depending on the estimated hours of Forest Service time needed to process the application to monitor filming and for any reclamation required.
5. Liability insurance is required, naming the U.S. Government as "additional insured." The Forest Service will determine the appropriate amount of coverage. Depending on the location and type of production, the Forest Service may impose additional requirements such as bonding.

#### U.S. Forest Service Offices in southwestern Colorado:

- San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, 970 247-4874
- Dolores Ranger District, 29211 Hwy 184, Dolores CO 81323, 970 882-7296
- Pagosa Ranger District, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Pagosa, Pagosa Springs, Co 81147, 970 264-2268
- Columbine Ranger District, 367 S. Pearl St, Bayfield, CO 81122, 970 884-2512