Sierra National Forest

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OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

(Recreation Residence Special Use Permit, Clause II.A.)

Name _____ Tract _____ Lot# _____

The recreation residence and all related improvements and/or structures will be listed on the face of the permit. Before beginning any alterations, repairs, maintenance, reconstruction, changes, etc. to the recreation residence, related improvements and/or structures, or lot, the permit holder must obtain written approval from the Forest Service.

Please review this plan and complete or correct any missing or erroneous data. This plan is part of your recreation residence special use permit. It details your responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the recreation residence and related improvements and/or structures (on and off the lot). This plan will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

I. MAINTENANCE OF VEGETATION:

Vegetation will be managed to maintain the natural forest setting, protect the native species, and prevent erosion. Noxious weeds, invasive or non-native plant species, lawns, ivy, etc. will be removed. List plants location to be removed, timeframe, and method of removal:_____

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Areas will be restored where soil has been compacted or where vegetation has been damaged from vehicle or foot traffic outside of approved roads, parking areas, and trails. Restoration will consist of tilling the soil and covering with a protective layer of mulch, wood chips, or locally obtained vegetative materials. The restored area may be planted with native plants on the list of suitable plants. The list is available from the Ranger District office. Describe areas to be restored and plants to be planted, sensitive areas to avoid:

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Hazard trees that could fall onto the recreation residence or related improvements and/or structures including but are not limited to roads, driveways, and parking areas will be felled, after written approval by the authorized officer. Slash will be treated so as to meet fire clearance requirements. Down and dead logs less than **10" diameter** and large wood debris may be used on the lot for fuelwood if the authorized officer determines the material is not needed for soil protection or other uses. Authorization will be documented on Hazard Tree Removal Authorization Form. Other unsafe conditions will be eliminated as directed and approved in writing by the authorized officer. List unsafe conditions: _____

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II. MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES:

No proposed work may begin until plans are submitted to the authorized officer and have been authorized in writing. Check the recreation residence and the type of related improvements and/or structures the lot currently has on National Forests System lands by completing the following:

Building or Improvement	☐	Size / Description / Notes
Recreation Residence - Cabin		
Guest Dwelling/Sleeping Cabin		
Deck		
Patio		
Wood / Tool / Storage Shed		
Garage		
Pump House		
Water Tank / Water Tower		
Generator Building (spark arrstr)		
Toilet Building		
BBQ / Incinerator / Fire ring		
Boat Dock / Boat House		
Antennas / Dishes / Solar Panel		freestanding, mounted
Walkway / Trail		
Hot tub / Spa		
Bridge / Boardwalk / Ramp		
Fence		
Flagpole		freestanding, mounted
Propane Tank		
Retaining Wall (size, materials)		
Sign		
Refuse Container (company)		
Outdoor Lighting		
Other		
Other		

Paint: All buildings will be painted or stained with color(s) approved by the authorized officer. Does the recreation residence need painting? No____ Yes____

If yes, what is the proposed color? (When possible, enclose color chart paint sample.)

Brand/Color #_____

Trim - Paint Brand/Color #_____

Chimney, stovepipe: Chimney and stovepipes will be maintained in good repair and supported as needed to resist damage from snow and ice accumulation / movement. Masonry will be repaired as needed to present a well kept appearance and to ensure the fire safe integrity of the chimney system. Metal pipes and supports will be painted black or other dark color to blend with the building or roof. Screens will be maintained as described under FIRE PROTECTION. Describe proposed work: _____

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Roof, eaves, etc.: Roofing materials will consist of fire resistant or fire proof composition tile, shingles, or metal roofing materials. Metal roofing must have factory-applied color. The color must blend with natural surroundings. Describe proposed work:

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Porches, deck, stairs, railing, etc.: All structures and related improvements will be safe and in good repair. Porches and/or decks will be left open, not enclosed. Describe proposed work: _____

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Window and Door Shutters: Removable window and door shutters will be stored out of sight under the recreation residence, in a storage shed, or other agreed upon location. Describe proposed changes or additions, and storage location: _____

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Outdoor Lighting: Outdoor lighting must be minimal, non-decorative, and conform to regional standards. Describe location and outdoor lighting fixtures: _____

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Underpinning and foundation: The area between the foundation and floor will be enclosed to comply with county ordinances and the fire safe guides for residential development in California. Underpinnings of decks will be enclosed if used for storage. Describe proposed work and type of materials to be used:

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Roads, Driveways, and Parking Areas: Roads (including gates) within tracts will be maintained by the tract permit holders under a special use permit and road maintenance agreement with the tract association. Lot driveways and parking areas will be maintained by the lot permit holder, and identified on the face of the permit. Driveways may not be managed to restrict public access. Culverts, pipes, and dips will be cleared of sediment or debris annually and maintained as needed. Paving and graveling will be authorized only to control erosion. Describe location and proposed maintenance work such as grading, gravelling, or culvert or waterbar installation: _____

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Driveway and Parking Area Location: The total area used for driveways and parking areas will be limited to minimize compaction, erosion, sedimentation, vegetation removal, and limit the potential for local and off-site pollution by auto fluids, and improve visual quality. Approved driveways and parking areas are shown on the attached sketch map for this lot. If driveways and parking areas have not been designated, describe work proposed to be done and show the proposed locations on the attached sketch map (see Section XIII). The authorized officer will provide written approval on final locations and materials to be used. Described proposed location, work to be completed and materials to be used:

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Retaining Walls: Retaining walls needed to prevent erosion affecting the stability and maintenance of the recreation residence will be shown on the attached sketch map (see Section XIII). Retaining walls that are not effective, are visually intrusive, or may be causing damage to the resources will be removed. Proposals to change or add a retaining wall will require written authorization from the authorized officer and a building permit that may include the development of engineered plans. Describe proposed location, repairs, maintenance, construction or removal work: _____

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Pathways, Walkways, and Trails: Pathways, walkways, and trails will be defined and maintained to prevent erosion. Multiple pathways, walkways, and trails will be consolidated wherever practicable. Pathways, walkways, and trails located on steep slopes will be repaired and maintained to prevent erosion by use of drainage control features such as but not limited to ditches and waterbars, armoring the walking surface, and/or using steps/stairs. The natural forest setting will be maintained through the use of natural materials such as but not limited to native surfacing, mulch, and fallen logs. Manufactured materials such as but not limited to brick and concrete will not be used. Authorized pathways, walkways, and trails will not restrict public access or cause an unsafe condition. Describe proposed pathways, walkways, and trail repairs, maintenance, or relocation work: _____

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Recreational Vehicle Storage: All vehicles will be located within approved driveways and parking areas. If a recreation vehicle such as but not limited to motor homes, trailers, campers, or camper shells, is to be used to expand the capacity of the recreation residence, list the proposed dates which are not to exceed 14 days:

From _____ To _____

Lots may not be used to store recreational vehicles and equipment such as but not limited to motor homes, trailers, camper/shells, boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles, off highway vehicles, etc. Unregistered or inoperable vehicles are not allowed on the premises. List all recreational vehicles and equipment proposed for temporary storage and seasonal usage which is defined as the period of time the recreation residence is actively being occupied and used. _____

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Hazardous Material Storage: Hazardous items such as but not limited to paint, fuel, pesticides, or other toxic substances will not be stored at recreation residences within flood prone-areas.

III. SIZE, PLACEMENT AND DESCRIPTION OF SIGNS:

Signs: No sign will be attached to or mounted on trees or rocks. List any sign proposed to be placed on the lot or cabin. Provide description as to size, color, wording, and location: _____

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Lot number: The lot number will be placed and maintained on recreation residence in where it is visible from the road. Boat docks must also be identified with a recreation residence number. Lot numbers are placed and maintained as required: Yes _____ No _____

IV. REMOVAL OF GARBAGE AND TRASH:

The lot will be kept clear of litter, appliances, building materials, etc. Household garbage and trash will be disposed of by one of the following methods. Describe method to be used:

1. Approved bear proof community use dumpster. Describe type, location, contracted company, etc.____

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2. Removal off National Forest System land to an appropriate disposal site. Describe location and method of removal and disposal: _____

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V. FIRE PROTECTION:

Defensible space around improvements and/or structures can be provided while maintaining live vegetation and ground cover. Live vegetation will be left when clearing flammable vegetation for fire clearance, unless otherwise agreed by the authorized officer in writing. In addition, maintain a year's worth of needlecast to provide a protective ground cover to prevent soil erosion. Nothing will be removed, except the minimum required for fire protection, within 100 feet of rivers and lakes, leaving a covering of one to two inches of decomposing vegetative debris such as but not limited to needles, leaves, sticks, limbs, or wood chips, unless requested and approved in writing by the authorized officer. Debris will be chipped and scattered when possible.

If fuel reduction is accomplished through pile burning, use areas already free from vegetation such as parking areas or fire pits. Locate piles away from trees, wet areas, and 100 feet from waterfronts. Check the following items that have been completed:

_____Flammable debris (not all vegetation) has been trimmed or removed around improvements and/or structure to a minimum of 30 feet or the permit boundary line, as specified above and by California Public Resource Code, Sec. 4291.

_____No tree limbs are within 10 feet of chimneys and/or stovepipes.

_____Firewood is stacked neatly in one area that is located away from the recreation residence, propane tanks, storage sheds, and any other related improvements and/or structures.

_____There is a 1/2-inch screen mesh over the outlet of every chimney or stovepipe.

_____The roof and gutters are free of leaves, needles, or other dead vegetative growth.

_____Approved spark arrestors are on all internal combustion engines such as but not limited to mowers, chainsaws, motorcycles, etc.

_____Slash from hazard tree removal or other vegetation cutting properly disposed of away from the lot.

VI. SANITATION:

Current sanitation system at the recreation residence:

Septic tank and leach field _____ Vault toilet _____ Pit toilet (outhouse) _____

Describe any separate gray water (sink, shower, tub, etc.) drain, pipe, sump, etc.: _____
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Describe proposed repairs, maintenance, construction or changes to the sanitation system: _____
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VII. DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY:

Use screens and pumps with low entry velocity when drafting from rivers and lakes.

Describe water source: _____

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Describe water system: _____

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III. RECREATION RESIDENCE RENTAL INFORMATION:

Incidental rental for a recreation residence is a maximum of 14 days, and may be permitted with written approval of the authorized officer.

Proposed rental dates, and name, address including zip code and (area code) phone number of individuals or families: _____

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IX. RECREATION RESIDENCE TRACT ASSOCIATION(S):

List the recreation residence tract association(s) you are a register member of such as but not limit to road and/or bridge association, homeowner association, water system association, etc:_____

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X. PET MANAGEMENT:

Be aware of leash laws of the county in which the recreation residence is located. Do not feed animals outdoors or leave/store their food outdoors, as this will attract wildlife.

XI. WILDLIFE PROTECTION:

Food may not be stored or disposed of outside. Food inside the recreation residence should be removed seasonally, to prevent unwanted wildlife encounters. Scattering birdseed may attract unwanted rodents, and hummingbird feeders may attract bees or ants. Salt licks are not allowed.

XII. LOCAL CONDITIONS:

REMEMBER: Use of the recreation residences and lots should be consistent with maintaining a non-urban setting and reducing impacts to National Forest System lands.

XIII. SKETCH MAP OF RECREATION RESIDENCE LOT SHOWING RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND/OR STRUCTURES:

Please provide a sketch of the lot, on this sheet, showing the locations of all improvements and/or structures, including on-lot improvements such as but not limited to the recreation residence, deck, porches, walkways, sleeping/guest cabin, outbuilding(s), septic tank and leach field, propane tank, fire ring, driveway, parking area, retaining walls, etc.; and off-lot improvements such as but not limited to water tank, water line, boat dock, mailboxes, etc.

XIV. CONTACT INFORMATION: The following information must to be kept current in your file:

Permit Holder Name(s): _____ Driver's License: _____

Permanent Home Address / Zip Code: _____ State: _____

Mailing Address / Zip Code (if different) _____

Home Phone #: ( ) _____ Cell Phone ( ) _____

Work Phone #: ( ) _____ Time Available to be Contact: _____

Co-Owners Names: _____ (Area Code) Phone Numbers _____

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Person to contact in case of emergency:

Relationship: _____ _____

Home Phone #: ( ) _____ Work Phone #: ( ) _____

If contracting with individual or company to have operation and maintenance work completed, please complete the following:

Company/Individual: _____ _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone # : ( ) _____

Address / Zip Code: _____

We are available to meet with you regarding the Recreation Residence Operation and Maintenance Plan. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting please contact, **Darcy Brown, Permit Administrator,** at **(559) 855-5355 x3374 or dlbrown02@fs.fed.us**.

Holder Comments: _____

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Holder Signature: _____ Date _____

Permit Holder _____ _____

Reviewed by: _____ Date _____

Darcy Brown, Permit Administrator _____ _____

Authorized Officer: _____ Date _____

Ray Porter _____ _____

Title: District Ranger _____ _____