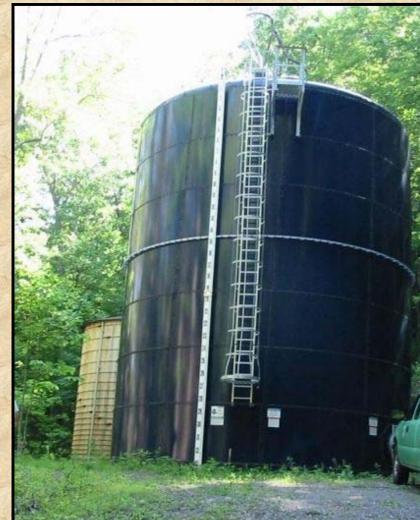


# Special Uses

The goals of the special use program are to provide and sustain benefits to the American People; to meet energy resource needs; sustain and enhance recreation opportunities; and improve the quality and availability of outdoor recreation experiences.



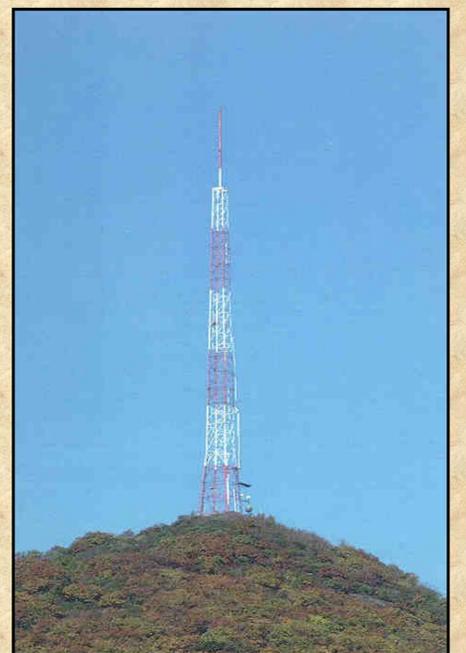
A special-use authorization is a legal document such as a permit, term permit, lease, or easement, which allows occupancy, use, rights, or privileges of NFS land. The authorization is granted for a specific use of the land for a specific period of time.



Forest Service regulations require the agency to deny uses that can reasonably be accommodated on private land.



Permanent structures associated with special uses are centrally located or concentrated on existing sites or designated corridors to minimize the number of acres encumbered.



# Special Uses

## Appalachian Ranger District

| Type of Use                     | Number of Permits | Acres Permitted | Service Use Days* |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Recreation Events               | 5                 |                 |                   |
| Outfitting and Guiding          | 31                |                 | 19,064            |
| Concession Campground           | 1                 |                 |                   |
| Other Recreational Uses         | 1                 |                 |                   |
| Non-Commercial Group Use        | 10                |                 |                   |
| Communication Sites             | 8                 |                 |                   |
| Utilities (power, phone, fiber) | 13                | 307.02          |                   |
| NCDOT Easements                 | 24                | 328.59          |                   |
| Forest Road Easements           | 1                 | 0.75            |                   |
| Private Road Easements          | 30                | 36.46           |                   |
| Other Land Uses                 | 60                |                 |                   |

## Cheoah Ranger District

| Type of Use                     | Number of Permits | Acres Permitted | Service Use Days |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Recreation Events               | 6                 |                 |                  |
| Outfitting and Guiding          | 14                |                 | 2,078            |
| Other Recreational Use          | 1                 |                 |                  |
| Mooring Point                   | 2                 |                 |                  |
| Non-Commercial Group Use        | 4                 |                 |                  |
| Communication Uses              | 10                |                 |                  |
| Utilities (power, phone, fiber) | 6                 | 212.72          |                  |
| NCDOT Easements                 | 45                | 580.42          |                  |
| Forest Road Easements           | 4                 | 10.43           |                  |
| Private Road Easements          | 37                | 34.56           |                  |
| Other Land Uses                 | 39                |                 |                  |

## Pisgah Ranger District

| Type of Use                     | Number of Permits | Acres Permitted | Service Use Days |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Recreation Events               | 18                |                 |                  |
| Outfitting and Guiding          | 92                |                 | 23,135           |
| Concession Campground           | 1                 |                 |                  |
| Other Recreational Uses         | 11                |                 |                  |
| Non-Commercial Group Use        | 8                 |                 |                  |
| Communication Uses              | 2                 |                 |                  |
| Utilities (power, phone, fiber) | 7                 | 180.45          |                  |
| NCDOT Road Easements            | 20                | 432.76          |                  |
| Forest Road Easements           | 1                 | 10.94           |                  |
| Private Road Easements          | 16                | 8.13            |                  |
| Other Land Uses                 | 51                |                 |                  |

## Tusquitee Ranger District

| Type of Use                     | Number of Permits | Acres Permitted | Service Use Days |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Recreation Events               | 2                 |                 |                  |
| Outfitting and Guiding          | 2                 |                 | 98               |
| Other Recreational Uses         | 12                |                 |                  |
| Marinas                         | 3                 |                 |                  |
| Non-Commercial Group Use        | 4                 |                 |                  |
| Communication Uses              | 1                 |                 |                  |
| Utilities (power, phone, fiber) | 9                 | 209.93          |                  |
| NCDOT Easements                 | 19                | 131.53          |                  |
| Forest Road Easements           | 1                 | 3.73            |                  |
| Private Road Easements          | 27                | 43.71           |                  |
| Other Land Uses                 | 21                |                 |                  |

## Grandfather Ranger District

| Type of Use                     | Number of Permits | Acres Permitted | Service Use Days |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Recreation Events               | 16                |                 |                  |
| Outfitting and Guiding          | 21                |                 | 51,752           |
| Non-Commercial Group use        | 2                 |                 |                  |
| Communication Sites             | 3                 |                 |                  |
| Utilities (power, phone, fiber) | 10                | 182.17          |                  |
| NCDOT Easements                 | 20                | 161.24          |                  |
| Forest Road Easements           | 7                 | 24.11           |                  |
| Private Road Easements          | 37                | 29.60           |                  |
| Other Land Uses                 | 49                |                 |                  |

\*Service Use Day = Number of clients x the number of days (eg. 25 clients x 5 days = 125 service use days.)

Many of the outfitting and guiding permits are issued for activities on the two forests and/or across district boundaries. The number of service use days for outfitting and guiding is reported by activity rather than by forest therefore, the total number of service use days could span across multiple districts and/or the two forests. Outfitting and guiding activities include hiking, biking, rock climbing, rafting, horseback riding, fishing, etc.

Other land uses include research permits, water line easements, spring box permits, cultivation permits, and apiary permits.

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## Nantahala Ranger District

| Type of Use                     | Number of Permits | Acres Permitted | Service Use Days |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Recreation Events               | 12                |                 |                  |
| Outfitting and Guiding          | 55                |                 | 176,948          |
| Concession Campground           | 4                 |                 |                  |
| Other Recreational Uses         | 5                 |                 |                  |
| Marinas                         | 2                 |                 |                  |
| Communication Uses              | 17                |                 |                  |
| Utilities (power, phone, fiber) | 11                | 506.57          |                  |
| NCDOT Road Easements            | 72                | 409.53          |                  |
| Forest Road Easements           | 2                 | 4.45            |                  |
| Private Road Easements          | 106               | 86.37           |                  |
| Other Land Uses                 | 83                |                 |                  |

