

# Forest Feature

## Gifford Pinchot National Forest



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## Seeking the Greatest Good with Your Help

Gifford Pinchot National Forest employees, along with the entire Forest Service, seek the greatest good by working with the communities most affected by what happens on the forest.

Outfitters and guides provide forest visitors with experiences they may otherwise not have the equipment or experience to attempt safely. Professional assistance can be valuable in helping people learn how to enjoy all nature provides. Once people have spent a day with a guide learning what it takes to get out and enjoy the forest in a new way, they can gain a better idea of why nature matters to them personally.

Forest recreation managers want to know this need is filled in the best possible way. In order to do so, forest users and service provider organizations are invited to comment via an online questionnaire. This feedback will help complete an analysis of the current outfitter and guide program.

All comments received by April 12, 2013 will be considered. The questionnaire, a link to the feedback system and occasional updates on the status of this analysis are available at

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/giffordpinchot/passes-permits/event-commercial/?cid=stelprdb5412755>.

Forest personnel anticipate completing the analysis by fall 2013.

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Please copy and paste into the "Letter Text" field at the Web page linked to below or number your answers to the following questions:

1. What principal recreation activity(s) do you participate in on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest?
2. Have you used an outfitter or guide for these or other recreation activities? If yes, what activities? How did having an outfitter-guide affect your trip?
3. What are some of your "special places" on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest? What guided activities do you believe are suitable in these places and why?
4. Are there places that should not have any kind of outfitter-guide led activities? If so, which activities and locations and why?
5. Are there places that might benefit from having outfitter-guide led activities there? If so, which activities and locations and why?
6. Recreationists are often looking for new and different ways to enjoy the outdoors. Do you anticipate any new trends/activities in the future and, if yes, what are they?
7. What future role(s) might outfitters and guides have regarding current and/or new activities?
8. Please provide any additional comments.

Please go to <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=41512> and answer the questions listed above. You can upload a document answering the questions above at this page as well if you would like.



Kyaking is one potential activity people could try with the help of outfitters and guides before making large investments.