



SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Stanislaus National Forest

Please contact a Permit Administrator to discuss your proposal prior to submitting this form to assure your project will pass initial screening criteria (36 CFR § 251.54). The person who is leading the research effort should be submitting this form. Please call the permit administrator to verify we have received your proposal.

Our goal is to provide a high level of customer service for research activities on the Stanislaus National Forest. Please understand however, that depending on the complexity of the proposal and any required environmental review it may take up to 180 days to process a research permit. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring the permit process proceeds smoothly.

I. PROPONENT INFORMATION:

Date:	Project Title:
University/Organization:	On Site Contact/Title:
Authorized Representative (Person signing permit):	Cell Phone:
Address:	On Site Backup Contact/Title:
Phone:	Cell Phone:
Fax:	<i>F.S. Use: Assigned Permit #:</i> _____
E-mail:	

Select one of the following:	New Proposal
	Renewal of a previously issued permit; Permit number:_____
	Modification of a previously issued permit; Permit number:_____

II. PROJECT INFORMATION:

TYPE:	Lake/Stream/Water	Other Permits Required? (USFWS, CA DFG, County, LADWP, NPS, etc.) If YES , you will need to submit copies of additional permits. Please list additional permits required for your proposal below:
Geologic	Social Science	
Climate Change	Air	
Aquatic Species	Other (specify):	
Terrestrial Wildlife		
Vegetation		
Soil Science		

III. AFFILIATION & CLASSIFICATION

University/Research Station Affiliation: Out of State College or University International College or University Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Lab Other (specify):_____	Classification Research Faculty Research Scientist Research Assistant Graduate Student Researcher Undergraduate Student Researcher Other (specify):_____
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IV. BENEFIT TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

Please describe how your research project will help the USDA Forest Service better understand resource management questions and overall benefit these resources:

V. RESEARCH METHODS:

Does your project involve one or more of the following?

A)	The removal of organisms or materials from the Eldorado National Forest?	(select one)	Yes	No
B)	The transfer of animals, plants, and/or microorganisms from outside the forest to within the forest, or between different parts of the forest?	Yes	No	
C)	Study or manipulation of non-native species?	Yes	No	
D)	The use of radio-active isotopes or other chemicals (e.g., pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, tracers)?	Yes	No	If Yes list substances used: _____
E)	Soil Disturbance?	Yes	No	
F)	Erecting Structures (e.g., markers, fences, enclosures, cages) or deploying long-term equipment (e.g., data loggers, antennas, buoys)?	Yes	No	Include description and photos of equipment.
H)	Do you plan to handle or collect specimens?	Yes	No	If Yes, provide scientific description of specimens to be handled or collected (include taxonomic group or name, or type of material; sample size, quantity, frequency, and location): _____
I)	Proposed disposition of specimens identified for handling or collection:	Temporarily captured or handled (may include marking) and then released undamaged in place Will be destroyed through analysis or discarded after analysis		

PROPOSED LOCATION(S): Attach a topographical or digital map (scale 1:24 000, NAD 83 UTM's, In a GIS files shp/gdb or Google Earth .kmz/.kml), provide sufficient detail, include size of proposed area.
Legal description for each site--the township/range/section. Clearly show where project installations, collections, transects, surveys, vehicles, equipment, aircraft, trailers, stations, etc. will be located on maps.
Are your proposed locations located within designated wilderness? Yes No If yes, state why?

Total number of personnel: (include principal investigators, research assistants, and other staff):
Proposed research date(s):
Set up (dates, length of time, time of day/s, week, month, season):
Equipment removal & restoration (start/stop dates)

VI. PROJECT PROPONENT: (please attach qualifications/affiliation of the authorized representative, previous experience and methodology of proposed project):

VII. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (be concise-include project goals; describe methodology, any proposed ground disturbing activities, images and description of equipment used [i.e. installations & the dimensions] and the schedule of activities) --attach additional pages if needed:

Please call to verify we have received your proposal. It is your responsibility to provide the Agency with all the information needed to review, evaluate, and make a decision on a submitted proposal and an application. All proposals are subject to initial screening. If a proposal passes initial screening it is formally accepted as an application and will enter a second screening for environmental analysis (cost recovery fees are applicable). Lastly, the environmental analysis process will determine if the proposed use will be authorized with a Special Use Permit.

When a proposal passes all screening criteria, the authorized officer shall notify the applicant that the agency is prepared to accept a written formal application. The proposal must contain all information necessary to accept as a formal application. When the application is accepted, and the applicant wants to proceed with processing the application, the permit administrator will prepare cost estimates and any necessary agreements that are based on the fee schedule below. Be sure to Review the cost estimates and agreements and confirm that you—the applicant, wish to proceed with processing the application before a bill for processing fees is sent to you. There are three separate fees which may apply; land use, processing and monitoring.

COST RECOVERY
PROCESSING FEE SCHEDULE & MONITORING FEE SCHEDULE
(Separate Fee for Processing & Monitoring
36 CFR 251.58(g))

Category	Hours	Monitoring Fee CY 2024*	Processing Fee CY 2025*
1 (Minimal Impact)	Estimated work hours are $>1 \leq 8$.	\$151	\$155
2	Estimated work hours are $> 8 \leq 24$.	\$535	\$549
3	Estimated work hours are $> 24 \leq 36$.	\$1,007	\$1,033
4	Estimated work hours are $> 36 \leq 50$.	\$1,443	\$1,481
5 (Master Agreements)	Varies.	As specified in the Agreement.	As specified in the Agreement.
6	Estimated work hours are >50 .	Full reasonable costs, except MLA Full actual costs (MLA)	Full reasonable costs, except MLA Full actual costs (MLA)

Processing fees are not assessed until the Agency *accepts* an application and is prepared to process it. There is no guarantee that an accepted application will result in issuance of an authorization.

There may be an annual fee for use of the land. The **Land Use Fee** is in addition to the Cost Recovery Fees (**36 CFR 251.57**). The Forest Service collects land use fees based on fair market value of the rights and privileges authorized, **36CFR Sec. 251.57(a (1)**. For research use on USFS land fair market value is based on the **USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service NASS 2007 Census** <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

Annual land use rental fee on the STF in the following counties is calculated @ 5% of NASS value per year of land use

Land Use Rent is determined by:

(NASS 2017 Land Value per ac) * (.05) = Land Use Rent per year (Round to the nearest 1, so 1.4 = 1 and 1.5 = 2)

For example:

A research permit for two years on 1.00 ac with .5 ac in Alpine County and .5 ac in Calaveras County: $((\$1,829 * .05) + (\$2,132 * .05) = \$91.45 + \$106.60) = \$198.05 * 2 \text{ years} = \396.10

Annual Land Use Rent fee based on 5% of NASS value per acre (ac)					
County	NASS Land Value/ acre	.75 ac	.50 ac	.25 ac	.10 ac
ALPINE Zone 7	\$3,658	\$2,744	\$1,829	\$915	\$366
CALAVERAS Zone 6	\$2,843	\$2,132	\$1,422	\$711	\$284
MARIPOSA Zone 4	\$1,651	\$1,238	\$826	\$413	\$165
TUOLUMNE Zone 6	\$2,972	\$2,229	\$1,486	\$743	\$297

Please be aware **the minimum land use rent fee for FY25 is \$78.36 per year**. So, if the land use fee calculates less than \$78.36, you will be charged **\$78.36 per year**.

It is important to note all proponents will not receive a permit, therefore any action taken before receiving a Special Use authorization, such as occupying National Forest System Lands to conduct research, is premature and at the proponent's risk--and is against the law.

TO BE COMPLETED BY U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Meets first and second level screening: _____	Permittee Coordination Required?: YES N/A
Fees (BFC #_____):	
Cost Recovery: Permit Preparation: _____	Other Landowner/Agency Coordination Required?: YES N/A
Monitoring: _____	
Land use: _____	Received copy of permit? YES NO
TOTAL _____	