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NONCOMMERCIAL GROUP USE

Criteria for Noncommercial Group Use Permit

1. Authorization of the proposed activity is not prohibited by 36 CFR part 261, Subpart A; by an order issued under 36 CFR part 261, Subpart B; or by Federal, State, or local law unrelated to the content of the expressive activity.
2. Authorization of the proposed activity is consistent or can be made compatible with standards and guidelines in the applicable forest land and resource management plan required under the National Forest Management Act and 36 CFR part 219.
3. The proposed activity does not materially impact the characteristics or functions of the environmentally sensitive resources or lands.
4. The proposed activity will not delay, halt, or prevent administrative use of an area by the Forest Service, scheduled or existing uses and activities on National Forest System lands.
5. The proposed activity does not violate state and local public health laws and regulations as applied to the proposed site. Issues addressed by state and local public health laws and regulations as applied to the proposed site include:
 - The sufficiency of sanitation facilities;
 - The adequacy of waste disposal facilities;
 - The availability of sufficient potable drinking water;
 - The risk of disease from the physical characteristics of the proposed site or natural conditions associated with the proposed site; and
 - The risk of contamination of the water supply.
6. The proposed activity will not pose a substantial danger to public safety. Considerations of public safety should include:
 - The potential for physical injury to other forest users from the proposed activity;
 - The potential for physical injury to users from the physical characteristics of the proposed site or natural conditions associated with the proposed site;
 - The potential for physical injury to users from scheduled or existing uses or activities on National Forest System lands; and
 - The adequacy of ingress and egress in case of an emergency.
7. The proposed activity does not involve military or paramilitary training or exercises by private organizations or individuals unless such training or exercises are federally funded.
8. A person or persons 21 years of age or older designated to sign a permit on behalf of the applicant.

Fees

There are no fees associated with a non-commercial group use permit.

Submitting Requests

Applications must be submitted at least 72 hours before the visitation. However, we would appreciate a two-week lead.