



Applying for Commercial Filming and Photography Permit

How to Apply

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED A MINIMUM OF 10 BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOOT

1. Contact the correct [Ranger District Permit Administrator](#) to discuss your proposal. You can view an interactive map with District boundaries [here](#).
 2. Complete and submit your [Special Use Permit Application](#) along with **all** the following required documentation:
 - **Detailed Map** pinpointing your proposed areas & trailhead locations. You can create and print your map to .pdf to include with your application [here](#) or [here](#).
 - **Certificate of Insurance:** 1 page certificate, not the entire policy. Insurance requirements are [here](#).
 - **Business License or Certificate of Good Standing**
 3. Pay [application fee](#). You will be billed once your application is accepted regardless of whether or not you are issued a permit.
(The application fee covers the does not include applicable land use fees as per the fee schedule [here](#)).
 4. Commercial filming in **congressionally designated Wilderness Areas** requires meeting additional criteria.
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Insurance Requirements

- **One (1) Million General Liability is required, submitted on ACCORD 25 2010/05 form. If aircraft is involved, the Minimum Coverage Amount is \$5 million.**
 - The Certificate of Insurance and the Insurance Policy Endorsement must show the following as additionally insured:
“It is understood and agreed that the United States Government is additionally insured solely as respects liability arising from operations of the name insured.”
 - The certificate AND the endorsement page must be submitted to the **District Office** as **the certificate holder**, either with the permit request or immediately upon approval of the request, and before activities commence.
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2025 Fee Schedule & Payment

Permitted commercial filming and still photography activities are subject to a per-day land use fee as determined by the size of the cast and crew present, in addition to the application fee. A unique site fee may also be charged per day. (See Fee Schedule below)

FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN UNIVERISTY:

Land use fee may be waived if students produce a letter on letterhead from the educational institution stating that the project is a class requirement and has no commercial value. Student filmmakers/photographers are still required to pay the application fee.

Processing and Monitoring Fee Schedule for Applications and Authorizations

| Cost Recovery Fees – Processing Applications and Monitoring Authorizations—2025 | | |
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| Category | Estimated Federal Work Hours | 2025 Fee |
| Minor Cat 1 | >1 and up to and including 8 | \$155 |
| Minor Cat 2 | >8 and up to and including 24 | \$549 |
| Minor Cat 3 | >24 and up to and including 36 | \$1,033 |
| Minor Cat 4 | >36 and up to and including 50 | \$1,481 |
| Master Agreement Cat 5 | Varies with the agreement | As specified in agreement |
| Major Cat 6 | >50 hours | Full actual costs |
| Region 4 Land Use Fees for Still Photography and Filming for 2025 | | |
| Number of People (Cast & Crew) | Still Photography | Filming |
| 1-10 persons | \$50/day | \$150/day |
| 11-30 persons | \$150/day | \$200/day |
| 31-60 persons | \$250/day | \$500/day |
| Over 60 persons | \$250/day | \$600/day |

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District Location Name**Proposed Production Date(s)****Date of application****Film/Photography Company Info***Legal Business Name:**Address:**Email:**Phone:**Express mail #:**Tax id #:***Project Title****Primary Contact Information***Name & title:**Email:**Phone:***Secondary Contact/Agent Information***Name & Title:**Email:**Phone:*

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Production Information: Please describe proposal in detail with attachment if necessary.

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| <p>Type: Filming, Still Photography, Both?</p> | |
| <p>Proposed Location(s) <i>Area Description(s):</i> <u>COPY OF MAP MUST BE ATTACHED!</u></p> | |
| <p>Total Number of People Onsite: <i>Date(s):</i> <i>Number of People Per-Day:</i></p> | |
| <p>Times Onsite (e.g. 8:30 am to 3:00 pm)</p> | |
| <p>Breakdown & Restoration <i>Start/stop Dates:</i> <i>Number of People Per-Day:</i></p> | |
| <p>Alternative Filming/Photography Date(s)</p> | |
| <p>Vehicles, Trailers, Aircraft & Equipment <i>Parking Plan:</i> <i>Arrangements and Staging Area(s):</i> <i>Such as: Equipment, Dressing rooms, Catering Set-up, Portable Toilets, etc.</i> <u>INDICATE AREAS ON YOUR ATTACHED MAP.</u></p> | |
| <p>Proposed Stunts, Special Effects, and Props <i>Attach a detailed description of each:</i></p> | <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Pyrotechnics <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial Stunts <input type="checkbox"/> Drone/Helicopter/Plane Shoot (Attach a Plan of Activity & Safety Plan (Required). Include: Tail number, color, make & model, flight path, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Night shoot (additional monitoring fee may apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Animals (list): <input type="checkbox"/> Wild Animals (list): <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent Waterway (Riparian Areas): <input type="checkbox"/> Developed Recreation Sites (Visitor Centers, Campgrounds, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Involves overnight set storage and/or security guard <input type="checkbox"/> Requires special weather effects (describe): <input type="checkbox"/> Involves Wilderness Areas <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): </p> |

Project Information (cont.):

Detailed Project Description:

Attach storyboard, outline all activities, describe intended use of stills and footage

Action Involving Vehicles and/or Equipment

Proposed Large Props and/or Weapons

Traffic Control Plan If Operating on Roadways

Additional Requirements

- Attach detailed map with all filming locations identified.
- If part of the shoot is on adjacent non-National Forest System land (private or other government entity) attach copies of other agency permits and/or letter of permission.
- Attach copies of any required road encroachment permits.
- Attach Aviation Safety Plan/POA and/or FAA drone pilot's license card and drone serial #.

District Office Contact Information

1. Salt Lake Ranger District

Phone: 801-733-2660

Contact: Stephen Gardner, stephen.gardner@usda.gov

2. Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Desk: 801-794-6768

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3. Spanish Fork Ranger District

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4. Heber-Kamas Ranger District

Phone: 435-352-0479

Contact: Polly Bergseng, pollyanna.bergseng@usda.gov

5. Ogden Ranger District

Phone: 435-515-7080

Contact: Anna Roghaar, anna.roghaar@usda.gov

6. Logan Ranger District

Phone: 435-515-7080

Contact: Anna Roghaar, anna.roghaar@usda.gov

7. Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District

Phone: 307-783-3963

Contact: Brandon Flyr, brandon.flyr@usda.gov

8. Forest Headquarters

Phone: 385-321-9805

Contact: Shannon Sawaya, shannon.sawaya@usda.gov

