



## USDA FOREST SERVICE, GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST (Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument, Mount Adams & Cowlitz Valley Ranger Districts) RESEARCH PERMIT REQUEST FORM

Please use this form to describe the proposed research on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Your request will be reviewed to determine if the proposed activity is compatible with forest or monument objectives and to assess what level of environmental assessment and permitting will be required. In cases where studies have characteristics that rise above a *Nominal Effects* determination, environmental analysis (NEPA) and issuance of a Special Use Permit will be required before research activities can be initiated.

In addition to completing this form and the requested attachments specified below, please attach a **cover letter** on letterhead of the sponsoring institution containing a brief summary of the proposed research, value of the research for the scientific or public community, and expected use of the data (e.g., scientific publications). In your summary, please explain the need or value of performing the study on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

**E-mail** this completed form, requested attachments, cover letter, and any questions to:

- Brittany Clegg, Special Use Permit Administrator, [brittany.clegg@usda.gov](mailto:brittany.clegg@usda.gov), 360-798-7848
- CC: Joel Nowak, Special Use Program Manager, [joel.nowak@usda.gov](mailto:joel.nowak@usda.gov), 360-819-3378

**Additional information** can be found on the Gifford Pinchot special uses website at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/giffordpinchot/passes-permits/event-commercial/?cid=stelprd3820816>

### Research Reports

Written reports will be due annually by April 1<sup>st</sup>, covering research activities conducted during the previous calendar year. The report should include a summary of the research activities performed, including when activities occurred, what types of data were collected, general locations of data collection, and plans for data collection during the current calendar year. The information can be provided in paragraph form or a bulleted list. Please make sure to note any deviations in data collection from the research proposal. Include your Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife scientific collection permit number and any US Fish and Wildlife permit numbers as required. If no research activities occurred during the previous calendar year, please submit a report stating that no activities occurred and your plans for the current calendar year.

### Research Products

We encourage you to send us products resulting from your research, such as scientific publications and technical reports. This will allow us to disseminate your products to natural resource managers on the GPNF and MSHNVM that would benefit from your work.

**E-mail** research reports and products to:

- Donald Brown, Research Ecologist, [donald.brown2@usda.gov](mailto:donald.brown2@usda.gov)
- Brittany Clegg, Special Use Permit Administrator, [brittany.clegg@usda.gov](mailto:brittany.clegg@usda.gov)
- Joel Nowak, Special Use Program Manager, [joel.nowak@usda.gov](mailto:joel.nowak@usda.gov)

Additionally, for activities that involve Wildlife and Rare Plants send a report to:

- Joshua Chapman, Natural Resources Staff Officer, [joshua.l.chapman@usda.gov](mailto:joshua.l.chapman@usda.gov)

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Date of Permit Request: [REDACTED]

Study Title: [REDACTED]

Principal Investigator Name(s): [REDACTED]

Sponsoring Agency/University/Organization (include Division or Dept): [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Office Phone: [REDACTED] Cell: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

End Date of Proposed Study: [REDACTED]

Work to be completed this year – Start Date: [REDACTED] End date: [REDACTED]

**Project Description:** Describe the specific objectives of your research and measurements taken, timing and frequency of proposed activities, estimated number of personnel, and equipment involved in your proposed research. Indicate the expected duration of the study, who will be the responsible party, and your plans for removal of equipment and site restoration following research termination (if applicable).

**Study Location(s) and Access Points (Include ALL National Forests that are part of the proposed study)**

- Attach a shapefile (.shp) or Google Earth file (.kml/kmz) delineating the study area(s) and/or plot locations.
- Embed or attach a map showing study area(s) and/or plot locations in relation to nearest road intersection, trail, or other landmark. If proposed campsite is nearby, please include it on your map.
- Describe how you plan to access the site: route, type of vehicle, on foot, by road, trail, etc. If your plans involve camping on the National Forest, please indicate campsite location.

**Plot Markers:** Describe any plot markers (stakes, tags, etc.) to be used and how many will be installed.

**Study Site Protection:** If the study sites are sensitive to disturbance from outside parties (e.g., recreationalists, other researchers), please specify any requested limitations of use by other parties during your study. Note that we cannot guarantee full protection or restricted use of the sites.

**(If Applicable) Disturbances or Samples to be Collected:** Please include details of any proposed sample collection or other destructive sampling including dimensions and depth of ground disturbance activity (e.g., installation of in-ground instruments, cabling, soil pits, etc.). If proposing to use drones, include details of fly area and frequency of use.

**(If Applicable) Wildlife Data Collection:** The state of Washington defines wildlife as “*all species of the animal kingdom whose members exist in Washington in a wild state. This includes but is not limited to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates.*” Please include details of any proposed data collection on wildlife (e.g., surveying methods, measurements, marking, photographs, genetic samples). If applicable to the study, provide the number or status (if not yet approved) of your Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) protocol and Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) scientific collection permit; submission of the IACUC protocol number and WDFW permit number are required before data collection can begin.

**(If Applicable) Aviation:** If you are requesting access by helicopter describe how many trips, for what purpose, and proposed landing location(s).

**Safety:** Describe safety considerations and plans.

**Pathogen and Invasive Species Control:** Describe your strategy for limiting the introduction or spread of pathogens and invasive species.

**Applicant Signature (no digital signatures):** \_\_\_\_\_

Allow up to 4 weeks for preliminary review of this request. Within 4 weeks you should receive an e-mail notification requesting further information or providing a timeline for the permit. If you do not receive a notification within 4 weeks, please contact Brittany Clegg and Joel Nowak.

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