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OPEN SEASON FOR RECREATION EVENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Dear Friends and Neighbors of the Coronado National Forest:

The Coronado National Forest would like to inform you that our “Open Season” to receive recreation event special use permit applications is now open. This process concentrates the review and approval of recreation event permit applications to a specific time frame. It benefits applicants by improving permit processing efficiencies, leading to improved customer service.

The purpose of using an Open Season (focused period for applications) is to provide the most effective and efficient permit administrative process that will improve the Coronado National Forest’s customer service to existing permit holders and new permit applications. This will increase the ability of forest service staff to review permit applications in a predictable and efficient manner to ensure that forest resources are protected, and environmental compliance is consistently applied to each application.

For calendar year 2026, the Open Season for applications will be September 1 – November 30, 2025. The forest will accept applications for recreation event permits for calendar year 2026 until the end of the regular business day on November 30 (or postmarked on that date). An application received after November 30 and through the remainder of the calendar year will not be included in the Open Season period and will be subject to processing based on permit processing priorities.

Each application must consist of two parts: 1) completed Part 1 Application & Operating Plan for Recreation Events; 2) maps showing locations of all proposed activities. Forms are available at the Coronado’s Supervisor’s Office and online at
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r03/coronado/permits/eventcommercial-permits>

Other permit requirements, (e.g., insurance) will not be required until after a determination is made to process the application. Each proponent who applies for a special use permit will be contacted regarding their proposal no later than January 31, 2026. Note that actual permit issuance may take longer.

Open Season Timeline

Open Season for Applications	Deadline for Applications	Applications Approved	NEPA Completed	All permits ready for Issue
September 1 – November 30, 2025	November 30, 2025	January 31, 2026	January 31, 2026	February 28, 2026

Should you have any questions, please contact the Coronado National Forest’s Special Uses Program at
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Sincerely,

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