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OPEN SEASON FOR OUTFITTER AND GUIDE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Dear Friends and Neighbors of the Coronado National Forest:

This letter is our annual invitation for proposals to the Coronado National Forest (CNF) to request a special use authorization to provide outfitting and guiding services (O&G) in 2026. This call for proposals is specifically for new O&G proponents, to existing O&G permit holders who would like to extend or renew their special use authorization, and to O&G's requesting changes to existing authorizations that would require additional environmental review and compliance.

For calendar year 2026, the Open Season for applications will be June 1 – September 30, 2025. The Forest will accept applications for O&G permits for calendar year 2026 until the end of the regular business day on September 30, 2025, or mail postmarked on that date. An application received after September 30 will not be included in the focused application period. Please note that if you do not submit all the required materials during the Open Season there is a high probability you will not receive a permit to operate in 2026

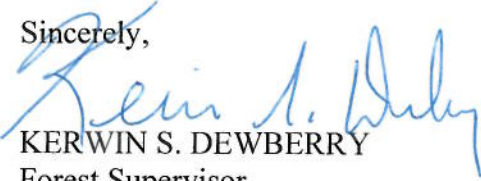
Each application must consist of four parts: 1) completed FS-2700-3f Special Uses Application; 2) completed operating plan; 3) maps showing locations of proposed activities; 4) copy of the applicant's Arizona and/or New Mexico Game and Fish Outfitters license (hunter outfitter/guides only). The FS-2700-3f Special Uses Application and Operating Plan forms can be requested by emailing the Special Uses Program at sm.fs.coronado_su@usda.gov.

Other permit requirements (e.g. insurance), will not be required until the Application is formally approved. Each proponent who applies for a special use authorization will be contacted regarding their proposal by October 31. Note that actual permit issuance may take longer.

Open Season for Applications	Deadline for Applications	Applications Approved	All permits ready for Issuance
June 1 - September 30, 2025	September 30, 2025	October 31, 2025	December 31, 2025

This Open Season will be implemented for all future years. For more information about the Open Season please contact the Special Uses program at sm.fs.coronado_su@usda.gov.

Sincerely,


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cc: Coronado National Forest Special Uses

