

Guidelines for docks and mooring permits for Lake Granby

The U.S. Forest Service has established the following guidelines in order to ensure that docks and moorings do not become public health hazards, do not intrude on other homeowners and have minimum visual impact on Lake Granby. If a dock becomes loose from its moorings, becomes submerged, or in any other way violates the permit or jeopardizes public safety the permit may be immediately terminated. These guidelines apply to individual, association and commercial docks and would be made a part of the permit.

All permittees will be required to complete an operating plan describing how they intend to fulfill the dock guidelines described in this document. The operating plan will become part of the permit upon final signature and is for the tenure of the permit. It is prepared, revised and amended jointly by the permit holder and the authorized officer or the permit administrator.

Dock guidelines:

- 1) The private property must be considered shore front property to Lake Granby. The dock must be in front of the permittee's property and must stay within the permittee's property lines as extended onto the lake.
- 2) Motorized vehicles will not be allowed on the lakebed for any reason.
- 3) The permit may be immediately suspended or revoked if a dock becomes submerged, becomes loose from its moorings, or in any way becomes a public safety hazard.
- 4) All proposals must meet all ANRA and Three Lakes Design Guidelines for boat docks and need to be reviewed and approved by Grand County and the Forest Service for structural reliability.
- 5) During the winter the docks must be stored on private land or as close to the owners property as possible and marked so as to be visible to winter recreationalists. The Forest Officer in charge will determine whether to allow docks to be stored on National Forest on a case by case basis.
- 6) In order to reduce the likelihood of rapidly rising water levels creating safety problems the docks will not be allowed to be moved onto the water until the permittee or a designate is present to move the dock as necessary so it does not become submerged or damaged.
- 7) No docks will be allowed in stream channels or transitional zones of flowing water entering Lake Granby.

- 8) The first year of all new Lake Granby permits will be issued for one year. Once the permittee has proven an ability to meet these guidelines they may be issued a longer term permit.

The following design features are recommended but not required:

- 1) A winch system so that if the dock becomes stuck in the lakebed the winch could be used to move it towards the shoreline. The winch would have to be secured on the permittee's property. The winch line would only be allowed on the lakebed while the dock is being moved.
- 2) A wheel system may help more easily move the dock.
- 3) The dock should have a system that allows the dock to move up and down in order to self-adjust to the changing water levels (eg. a slide bar which guides the dock up and down depending on lake movements).