EXHIBIT B

**FIVE-YEAR OPERATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**(Outfitter Name)**

**(District Name)**

When signed by the holder and the District Authorized Officer, this 5-Year Operation Management Plan becomes part of the Special Use Permit. This operating plan provides specific direction for the full term of the permit. The authorized officer must approve any changes to the Operation Management Plan.

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Permit Holder:

 Date

Reviewed By:

 Outfitting Administrator Date

Approved By:

 Authorizing Officer Date

REVISION AND AMENDMENT RECORD

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**TABLE 1 - Priority Use by Area and Activity Type**

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**EXHIBIT A**

**FIVE-YEAR OPERATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Part I**

#### PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS WHERE APPLICABLE

1. Name/Business: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3. Phone Number: Work: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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4. E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Permittee Representative:

If there is a managing agent, please furnish the authorized officer with a copy of the managing agent agreement. The following individual(s) are designated to represent the permittee in matters concerning permit administration:

**Name Address Telephone Title**

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The permittee must notify the Forest Service in writing of any change in representatives.

5. State Outfitter License Number (Hunting / Fishing Only): #

 Idaho Outfitters License Number (where applicable) #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Safety Requirements:

1. All guides shall have a current Standard First Aid certification and CPR is recommended.
2. First-aid kit requirements are:
* Major first aid kit that contains supplies that treat the following conditions: bleeding; fractures of the extremities; cervical spine injuries; shock; burns; cuts and abrasions.
* This kit will be readily accessible at all times. The completeness of the kit will correspond to the length of the trip and the number of people involved.

C. Communication Requirements:

* One Cell phone or 2-way radio per outfitted group. The outfitter and District will clearly spell out what sorts of communication devices are expected to be provided and distributed. Describe:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 D. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ranger District will be notified as soon as possible about any serious injuries/accidents (those that require acute medical attention or hospitalization) or evacuations of clients or staff.

E. Other safety equipment provided (outfitter to provide information):

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 F. Additional safety requirements:

1. For Rafting: on every trip, each raft will carry the following: spare paddle/oar; throwbag with at least 50 feet of rescue rope; bow and stern lines sufficient to tie the raft; drinking water. All guests for river trips must be outfitted with Coast Guard Type V personal floatation device (jackets). At least one guide in each party will be trained and certified in swiftwater rescue (Swiftwater Rescue Technician I). This certification typically includes a full day of classroom training and 3 days of practical exercises with throwbags, swimming and technical rescues, rescues with boats and adjunctive devices.
2. Snowmobile guides must have attended an avalanche awareness training for snowmobile guides, such as offered by the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center (at least 1 classroom day and 1 field day of training) or equivalent. This training shall be refreshed every 3 years. All guides and clients on backcountry snowmobile trips planning to travel in avalanche terrain off groomed/designated trails will be equipped with avalanche beacons, shovels and probes.
3. Backcountry ski guides are required to have attended a Level I avalanche course. Level I courses are the industry standard for guides. Information on course locations and scheduled sessions can be found at [www.avalanche.org/~education](http://www.avalanche.org/~education). A follow up refresher session (does not have to be a Level I session) is recommended every 3 years. All guides and party members traveling in avalanche terrain shall be equipped with avalanche beacons, shovels, and probes.
4. Climbing – all guides are encouraged to obtain American Mountain Guide certification. Clients will be provided with appropriate safety gear: helmets, harnesses, etc. Ropes should be inspected every trip.
5. Insert any other specific safety requirements you demand here…..

F. List other safety training or certifications you or your guides may have:

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 G. Guest orientation – describe how guests are introduced to: identification of hazards and risks, safety considerations, search, rescue and evacuation procedures, communications and use of equipment, including stock if applicable:

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7. Describe how you will inform your clients about Wilderness and wildland values, low impact or Leave No Trace outdoor skills, and backcountry etiquette.

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8. If an emergency occurs (injured client, flood, fire, avalanche, etc.), describe the procedures to be used, by type and season of use authorized, for care and evacuation of the injured person(s).

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9. Guide snow machines and ATV’s will be clearly marked with “GUIDE” printed in 3” letters and fixed to the inside of the front windshield.

**Part II**

**I. GENERAL OPERATION REQUIREMENTS, PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES**

1. This operating plan authorizes the temporary occupancy and use of the National Forest lands for the purposes of providing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (specify the type of use, i.e. overnight hunting, day use snowmobile, etc. and state time of year.) outfitting and guide services.

2. In addition to this “Five Year Operating Plan”, the holder must have an approved “Annual Operating Plan”, including approved itinerary(ies), if applicable. A current certificate of insurance and/or copy of the Forest Service approved insurance policy must be on file with the Forest Service and all fees must be paid in advance of use.

3. The holder will follow applicable operational guidelines as published in the most current “Greater Yellowstone Area Outfitter Policy” (GYAOP) last dated 1992, unless those provisions are waived, altered or amended in writing by the District Ranger. Management of outfitting and guiding operations is also conducted within the framework of national and local policies, which are delineated in; the Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR 251), section 2720 of the Forest Service Manual, section 2709.11 of the Forest Service Handbook, and the Forest Service Outfitter and Guide Guidebook.

Copies of applicable regulations governing occupancy and use of National Forest lands and prohibitions are attached as exhibits. See Section E. Exhibits

**A. General Holder Responsibilities**

1. Annual fees for this permit will include, as applicable, charges for client service days based on the flat fee system and reserved site fees as appropriate. All fees must be paid in advance of use and/or on a schedule established by the authorized officer. The holder will submit a proposed itinerary/operation plan for day-use and overnight spring bear hunting activities by March 15, non-hunting, overnight summer activities by May 1, day-use and overnight fall hunting activities by August 1 and overnight winter activities by October 1. The proposed itinerary will include all data for the use requested including: trip date, number of clients, number of staff, number of stock, etc. Changes to the itinerary(ies) must be requested and approved by the authorizing officer prior to use/non-use. The holder will be billed for 100% of his/her priority and assigned temporary service days, unless approved non-use is requested and granted by the above dates. Approved non-use service days are unavailable for the remainder of the season, and will be made available for use in a temporary ”pool” for other permitees of the same use. Unapproved non-use will be billed at the standard rate for that activity. Unauthorized additional use will be billed at one-third greater than the standard flat fee and appropriate administrative action will be taken.

2. The holder will submit an actual use record to the District Ranger for all National Forest service days and horse days/grazing (if applicable). Use reports shall be submitted annually by May 15 for all winter activities, and January 15 for all non-hunting (summer) activities (including spring bear hunts) and fall hunting or within 30 days of completion of the holder’s approved operating season.

3. The holder will be considered as a principal in the event an offense is committed against the United States by him or any of his employees or agents, acting under the provisions of this permit.

4. This outfitting and guiding operation is authorized to:

 a). Provide for quality public service and assure public health and safety.

 b). Protect resources and minimize degradation of social settings.

 c). Minimize conflicts with other resource users.

 d). Provide a range of recreation opportunities in wildland settings.

5. Outfitters and their employees are expected to provide leadership and to set the example for other Forest users regarding compliance with regulations, low impact camping and/or Leave No Trace skills, backcountry ethics, and caring for the land and other users. Each outfitter has the responsibility to assist in minimizing user conflicts in the backcountry by exercising courtesy to other visitors and outfitters.

**B. Suspension and Revocation of Permit**

1. If a holder's state outfitter or guide license is suspended, the Outfitter-Guide Permit will be suspended for the same period of time; if a holder's state outfitter or guide license is revoked, the Outfitter-Guide Permit will be cancelled and not reissued.

2. Upon the first proven violation of State Game and Fish laws originating in conjunction with the permitted operation by the holder or his employees, agents, contractors or subcontractors, the holder may be placed in probationary status with reference to his Forest Service Guide Permit. Depending on the severity of the offence, the permit may be suspended or revoked. Upon a second conviction (and/or within the probationary period), the special use permit will be revoked.

**C. Inspections**

1. Forest Officers will periodically inspect permitted campsites and/or day use operation to determine compliance with the terms of the Special Use Permit. The Outfitter-Guide Performance Evaluation will be used to evaluate permit compliance annually (see exhibits). The performance evaluation will be discussed with the holder following the operating season. The line officer issuing the permit will determine the rating and sign the evaluations. Results of camp inspections will be made available to the outfitter.

2. A copy of the inspection form used in the field is included for reference by the Holder. The inspection criteria, establishes Forest Service priorities for acceptable camp and day use operation management.

**D. Camps**

1. All camps should be located out of sight of Forest Service system trails and be so located that no conflicts with normal trail traffic will occur. Camps will be a minimum of 200 feet from lakes and 100 feet from live streams unless otherwise documented in writing by the administrating officer.

2. All operations will follow the minimum impact camping procedures or “Leave No Trace” techniques endorsed by the Forest Service.

3. For assigned campsites, the location, use limitations and authorized facilities are found in the Campsite Management Plan at the end of this document. All camp facilities will be dismantled at the end of the operating season unless authorized to remain by the administrating officer.

4. Drop camps, for overnight use only, may be approved on a case-by-case basis.

5. No nails or wire will be used when working with live trees. Where possible, tents should be not be supported by live trees, however if live trees are used to support tents, rope or twine should be padded by grain sacks, tree-saver straps or other padding to protect bark from rope damage.

**E. Travel Routes/Trails**

1. No new trails will be cleared or constructed without prior approval. Clearing of windfalls across Forest Service system trails is encouraged.

2. Insert this clause if applicable with description: The Holder is responsible for maintaining permitted accessory (user created) trails to the following standard: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Insert this clause if applicable: Off system-trail travel on permitted accessory (user created) trails is limited to the trails identified in Exhibit C (map) of the permit.

**F. Sanitation**

1. Toilets will be located 200 feet from any water source. Pit must be covered with at least 12 inches of soil at the end of season. When the pit is covered it will be level with the existing surface. Latrine tents will not be erected from or attached to any live trees. The latrine is a temporary improvement and is to be totally dismantled at the end of the use season. Privacy shelter should be provided at toilet facilities. For day use activities, where there are no camp facilities, the "cat hole" method will be used. Small holes will be dug, at least 6" deep and 200 feet from any water source. Holes will be covered immediately after use. Specify human waste disposal methods for winter day use here if necessary……..

**G. Livestock**

1. Only that livestock authorized under the provision of the Outfitter-Guide Permit will be used in conjunction with this operation.

2. Unusable livestock such as colts, cripples or unbroken stock will not be permitted.

3. Any authorization to graze livestock under this permit is on a temporary basis and such grazing will not establish a priority for future use of the range.

4. The number of livestock and period of use specified in the permit or Bill for Collection may be adjusted when determined by the District Ranger to be needed for resource protection.

5. Using more than the total number of pack or saddle stock stated below in any group is prohibited without prior authorization by the District Ranger. The maximum number of animals authorized are:

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| Non-Wilderness areas | 25 head |
| Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness (East Unit)  | 15 head |
| Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness (West Unit)  | 25 head |
| Lee Metcalf Wilderness (Spanish Peaks Unit)  | 15 head |
| Lee Metcalf Wilderness (Taylor-Hilgard Unit)  | 20 head |
| Lee Metcalf Wilderness (Monument Mountain Unit) | 20 head |

6. The number of livestock used will be appropriate for the number of guests and the amount of gear being transported. Every effort should be made to minimize the amount of livestock taken.

7. Livestock will be handled in such a way as to evenly distribute the use over the available forage resource. Picket sites will be moved often to avoid overgrazing and picket stakes will not be left in place after use. The impact of horse use will be minimized by avoiding practices that result in resource damage. Livestock handling practices will be in conformance with applicable Federal regulations and orders (see GYCC-4 and GYCC-5 Special Orders in the exhibits).

8. In general livestock should not be tied to live trees for any length of time, and only tied to trees greater than 6” in diameter. When tying to trees is the only short term containment option, stock will be moved frequently enough to prevent tree damage. Highlines used to hold stock, tree-saver straps, or other adequate padding and protection, will be used to protect live trees from rope damage.

9. For holding stock at camp locations, loose grazing is preferred, but use of picket pins, hobbles and electric fences is permitted. Unless ground is snow-covered, electric fences should be moved at least every two days to avoid overgrazing and excessive soil compaction. Wet areas, stream banks and trails are not to be included in fenced-in areas. Use of wooden corrals and hitch rails must be approved on a case-by-case basis. All stock must be kept at least 200 feet from lakes, 100 feet from streams, and out of water saturated meadows.

10. No livestock or livestock salt will be left in the Designated Wilderness areas at the end of the operating season. Salt shall be placed in containers to prevent leaching into the soil.

11. Certified weed-seed free hay, straw and feed is required. See the Regional Forester’s special order dated 10-8-1997.

USER NOTE: Delete for winter use permits if use all occurs between 12/1 and 3/30

**H. Food Storage Requirements and Grizzly Bear Management and Protection.**

1. All outfitting and guiding operations on the Gallatin National Forest, **regardless of their physical location on the Forest**, must comply with the Food Storage Order currently in place for the Gallatin NF. See Special Order No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Insert current order number here.

2. The authorized officer may order an immediate temporary suspension of all human activities permitted by this authorization, and if needed, revoke or terminate the permit authorization when in his/her opinion such action is necessary in order to prevent confrontation or conflict between humans and grizzly bears. The holder shall immediately comply with such order. The United States shall not be liable for any consequences from such a suspension, revocation or termination. Such suspension, revocation or termination may be appealed to the next higher level as provided in 36 CFR 251 Subpart B.

3. All grizzly bear encounters and incidents must be reported to the US Forest Service, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ District Ranger, as soon as possible, preferably within 48 hours, at (406)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Livestock losses, regardless of cause, are to be reported to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ranger District as soon as they are found. At that time, the permittee and the Forest Service will jointly determine how to eliminate the attractiveness of the carcass. Generally, carcasses will be destroyed or removed when they occur near campsites or trails. The objective is to reduce the likelihood of bear/human and/or livestock confrontations or conflicts.

4. Food Preparations and Cleanup

a. Cooking utensils, dishes and areas or surfaces where food is prepared will be cleaned following each use.

b. The cook tent and stove will be cleaned periodically to eliminate the buildup of grease and the resulting odors on tent and stove surfaces.

c. Food scraps, grease or other attractants may only be burned in a contained stove fire, or placed in a suitable container (i.e. tin can) to prevent leaching into the ground and burned in an open fire. Any remaining attractants unconsumed by burning shall be placed with garbage and packed out. Take every precaution that campfire rings do not become bear attractants.

5. Human Safety and Minimizing Direct Conflict

a. Outfitters will inform clients of the protected status ("threatened species") of the grizzly bear and how to prevent grizzly bear/human conflict.

b. It is recommended that perfumes, deodorants and other sweet smelling substances not be used. Store any such odorous products as though they were food.

c. It not advisable to sleep in the same clothes worn when cooking. Keep sleeping bags and personal gear clean and free of food odor.

d. Traveling alone or at night is not recommended.

e. If you observe a bear - detour. A sow with cubs is particularly dangerous, as is a bear that has been surprised.

f. Use caution in approaching carcasses or gut piles. Hunt in pairs if possible.

g. Game meat should be removed from camps within 48 hours whenever possible.

h. Outfitters are encouraged to limit the quantity of prepared livestock feed (grain, pellets, sweet feed, etc.), and human food to that necessary for each trip.

i. Outfitters should encourage their clients (especially hunting clients) to learn to identify and distinguish between grizzly and black bears. Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks provides a bear identification pamphlet and test available at their offices or on their website: [www.fwp.state.mt.us](http://www.fwp.state.mt.us)

**I. Fire Prevention**

1. All state and Federal fire laws, regulations, orders and special closure notices will be strictly adhered to.

2. An axe, shovel, and bucket is required at each occupied site.

3. All stovepipes will be equipped with spark screens, unless the ground is covered with snow.

4. The Holder will report fires to Bozeman Dispatch (406) 587-6719.

**J. Resource Protection**

1. Firewood and poles will be cut from dead trees only. A special permit is required for green trees. Standing trees should be cut so their absence from the stand is inconspicuous. Stumps must be cut as close to ground level as possible, but no higher than 8", and the whole tree must be utilized.

2. Equipment caches are not allowed in Wilderness. If permitted, caches outside of Wilderness will be authorized in site specific camp management plans. Storage of dismantled structure frames made of native material are permitted, but must be stored out of site when the camp is dismantled. All other equipment, food and fuel must be removed from the camp at the end of the season. Garbage is to be packed out at the end of each trip.

3. Cultural resources (artifacts) are a non-renewable resource. It is important that all Forest users develop a conservation ethic regarding our history. Through this management plan and permit, the permittee and the Forest Service should establish a partnership in implementing a policy of heritage stewardship. The permittee should actively promote a sense of cultural resource conservation and instruct their clients to leave all items of cultural significance where they find them. In accordance with the Archeological Resource Protection Act, the permittee shall not engage in any collecting of historic and/or prehistoric artifacts and shall discourage any collecting of artifacts on National Forest System land.

4. Insert this clause for Lion Hunters: Canada lynx are present on the Gallatin National Forest. They are currently listed as ‘threatened’ under the Endangered Species Act. This species may be encountered while hunting mountain lions, especially if dogs are being used. Lynx typically occur at the higher, forested elevations on the Forest (approximately 6000 to 8800 ft elevation) in deep snow. If you encounter a lynx while hunting mountain lions, you must terminate the chase and remove your dogs from the vicinity of the lynx. Any encounters with lynx or lynx tracks should be reported to your local District Ranger at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

# K. Noxious Weeds

The holder is responsible for the prevention and control of noxious weeds in the immediate camp area (see campsite management plan) and frequently travel trails within the area permitted by this authorization . See R1 noxious weed clause in the permit.

###### L. Operation Overview and Permit History

1. Priority Use

Priority use is a Forest Service commitment to the holder of a special use permit to give priority consideration to allow a given amount of available use for a specified duration. It is a reserved amount and is assigned to the holder by the Forest Service based on the holder's past use and on carrying capacity and allocation decisions made through forest planning.

Priority use levels are subject to adjustment as per FSM 2721.53d.

2. Temporary Use

Temporary use is an amount of use assigned under a permit for duration of one season or less. A temporary use assignment does not commit the Forest Service to authorizing that amount of use in the future.

Temporary use will be approved on a case-by-case basis.

**M. CAMPSITE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Repeat for each camp)**

**Campsite Name:** **Sec. , T. N., R. W.**

**Type of Camp:**

**I. LOCATION (schematic relation to geographic features/vicinity map…)**

**II. USE LIMITATIONS**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Use/Activity** | **Limitations** | **Remarks** |
|  **Type of Use** |  |  |
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|  **Assigned Period** |  |  |
|  **Other Use Periods** |  |  |
|  **Party Size** |  |  |
|  **Service Days** |  |  |
|  **Number of Stock** |  |  |
|  **Animal Months** |  |  |
|  **Items to be Removed** |  |  |
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**Specific Notes:**

**III. AUTHORIZED FACILITIES**

**Campsite Name:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Facility** | **Description** | **Materials** | **Requirements**  |
|  **Corral** |  |  |  |
|  **Hitch-rack** |  |  |  |
|  **Toilet** |  |  |  |
|  **Camp Equipment** |  |  |  |
|  **Tent Frames** |  |  | Cutting of green poles is prohibited\* |
|  **Water System** |  |  |  |
|  **Fire Rings** |  |  | Only one permitted |
|  **Food Storage Structure (s)** |  |  |  |
|  **Caches** |  |  | Outside designated Wilderness. |
| **List other items** |  |  |  |
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\*Permittee is encouraged to use non-native pole systems such as metal poles and aluminum frames.

**IV. CAMPSITE LAYOUT** (schematic of camp showing trails, streams, corrals, tents, etc.)

1. **List of Exhibits that are part of this 5 year plan** (include special orders, additional campsite management plans, etc.).
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