**APPENDIX B**

**FIVE-YEAR OPERATING PLAN**

*When signed by the holder and the District Authorized Officer, this 5-Year Operating Plan becomes part of the Special Use Permit. This document clarifies requirements for operations conducted under authority of this permit and will provide direction for the full term of the permit. Forest Service approval is required before changes may be made in the operation. Modifications to this plan will be made, as necessary, to update it, to improve Service to the public, to meet resource management objectives, or to address and resolve any special issues that may arise during the term of the permit.*

Business:

Accepted By:

Permit Holder Date

Approved By:

Authorizing Officer Date

REVISION AND AMENDMENT RECORD

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**FIVE-YEAR OPERATING PLAN**

**Part I**

PLEASE COMPLETE ITEMS 1-9 WHERE APPLICABLE

1. Mailing Address:

City/State: Zip Code:

Phone Number: Work: Home:

2. Permittee Representative

If a managing agent is hired, the permittee is required to furnish the District Ranger with a notarized copy of the managing agent agreement. This document must clarify the specifics of the working relationship and limits of authority in permit matters such as signing permits, applications, and correspondence. The agreement must clearly not constitute a third party agreement. The following individual(s) are designated to represent the permittee in contacts with the Forest Service concerning permit administration:

**NAME ADDRESS TELEPHONE LIMIT OF AUTHORITY**

If the permittee representative changes, the permittee must notify the Forest Service in writing of the change.

3. State Outfitter License Number: #

4. All guides shall have a current Standard First Aid and CPR card.

Additional safety equipment provided by guide:

List any additional training your guides have received to insure safety of clients:

5. Describe what you do to educate your clients about safety.

6.In the event a client is injured in an accident, describe the emergency rescue plan your guide will follow:

7. Do your guides carry two-way radios or cellular phones? If so, which?

8. Describe what you do to educate your clients about Leave No Trace practices and wildland ethics?

9. Describe the service you provide.

Part II

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

This permit authorizes the temporary occupancy and use of the National Forest lands for the purposes of providing overnight outfitter services within portions of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness as shown in Exhibit A. The Operating Plan establishes the season of use for all outfitter activities, establishes guidelines and limits for incidental grazing, specifies base, spike and drop camp locations and layout, and authorizes temporary improvements on National Forest lands. Camps or facilities shall be occupied only during periods necessary to provide service to clients, as shown on the approved itinerary. Camps or facilities shall not be used year-round or as a primary residence. This permit does not authorize improvements or facilities of any kind unless specifically identified in this Operating Plan.

In addition to this plan, the holder must have an approved Trip Itinerary and Annual Operating Plan, signed by the Authorizing Officer, prior to entering the National Forest for the purpose of commercial outfitting. All trips must be approved in advance prior to entering the Forest. Additional trips must be authorized in advance by the Authorizing Officer.

The holder shall carry out the provisions of the Operation Management Plans or other instructions issued by the Forest Officer in charge for the area under permit, and shall require his employees, agents, and contractors and sub-contractors to do likewise.

Any incidents resulting in personal injury, requiring a physician's attention, or property damage over two hundred ($200), must be reported to the Authorizing Officer at the conclusion of the trip.

The holder shall not interfere with free public use of the area, except for assigned sites authorized in this permit,

Management of outfitter/guide operations is conducted within the framework of national and local policies as delineated in the Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR 251), Forest Service Manual (FSM), Section 2720, Forest Service Handbook (FSH), Section 2709.11, Outfitter and Guides Act, Title 36. The Special Use Permit and this Operating Plan provide you with specific requirements to meet the intent of outfitter/guide management on National Forest lands. The intent is to:

1. Provide for high quality public service while assuring public health and safety.

2. Protect resources & minimize degradation of social settings.

3. Minimize conflict with other recreation and resource users.

4. Conform to local, state, and federal laws and policies.

5. Minimize human/bear conflicts.

6. Provide a range of recreation opportunities in wildland settings consistent with visitor expectations.

**A.** **General Holder Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the holder to inform all employees involved in his/her operation of all regulations and conditions of use specific to the permit area and operating plan. Guests shall be informed of regulations and requirements pertaining to the type of trip being conducted and area being utilized.

The holder is responsible for actions of not only himself, but also for actions of his employees, agents, contractors, and clients -- in so far as it is reasonable. The holder is considered a principal in the event an offense is committed against the United States by him or any of his employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors acting under the provisions of the special use permit. This is not to imply that employees/guests are not accountable. The holder is responsible in so far as is reasonable, and so far as it is within their power to control or correct the situation. Employees/guests are responsible/accountable for their own actions, and will be cited for noncompliance the same as anyone else so long as the holder has made them aware of regulations.

The holder has agreed by their signature on the Forest Service permit/operating plan to comply with all federal and state laws, regulations, and with the conditions outlined in the permit/operating plan to the extent that it is within their control. If a guest or employee is caught in violation and the outfitter is knowledgeable of the violation and has not corrected the situation (If it is within his power to do so) or notified (immediately) at the first opportunity, the appropriate officials, they will be deemed a co-conspirator and action will be taken against their permit. It is the responsibility of the outfitter and his employees to immediately notify appropriate authorities in the event of game and fish violations & violations of Forest Service regulations or permit conditions.

Upon the first proven conviction of state game or fish laws or other county, state or federal laws or regulations originating in conjunction with the permitted operation by the holder, his employees, agents, contractors, or subcontractors, the holder may be placed in a probationary status in regard to his Forest Service special use permit. Depending on the seriousness of the offense the permit may be suspended or revoked. Upon a second conviction (and/or within the probationary period) the special use permit shall be revoked.

**B.** **Emergency Situations**

If an unforeseen event occurs (e.g. injured client or catastrophic flood or snow) in which immediate action is warranted, the holder has the obligation as well as the responsibility to take the required action to assure public safety, and minimize damage to Forest resources. If possible, a District Forest Officer must be notified by telephone prior to the action, and if not, as soon as possible afterward, **at the first opportunity**.

### Use of Helicopters for Rescue Operations

Emergency rescue using helicopters or other motorized equipment otherwise prohibited in wilderness requires prior approval of the Forest Service. When such prior approval is not feasible, such activity shall be reported to the Forest Service as soon thereafter as possible. The Forest Service will not accept any liability for costs of emergency rescue.

If the holder is having problems complying with plans or conditions of the permit, it is the holder's responsibility to bring it to the attention of the appropriate Forest Officer. If a Forest Officer has not been notified of the above conditions and agreed to changes, the holder is deemed to be in non-compliance.

**C.** **Holder Professionalism/Conduct**

Because outfitters are professionals with regard to backcountry use, and have a very high profile and status as a result of their profession, they are expected to set the example for other Forest users regarding Leave No Trace Practices, backcountry ethics, and caring for the land and other users.

Your special use permit authorizes you to operate a portion of your business in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. As a wilderness outfitter you have a responsibility to preserve and protect the wilderness resource. Listed below are the characteristics expected of wilderness outfitters:

1) Has an understanding of and a personal appreciation of the wilderness resource.

2) Places the wilderness resource above the ease and convenience of himself/herself and his/her clients.

3) Does not sacrifice the wilderness resource for economic gain.

4) Is a keen observer and interpreter of natural processes.

5) Passes on to clients, wilderness history, ethics and values.

6) Continually experiments with "light-on-the-land" techniques.

7) Understands that natural processes, such as fire, may not always provide the best habitat for abundant game and fish populations or unchanged scenic quality in the outfitter's local area.

8) Recognizes the value of opportunities for solitude in the wilderness experience.

9) In his/her advertising, represents the experience as primitive and unconfined recreation, and prepares clients in advance for a "wilderness" experience in contrast with their daily life.

10) Takes pride in keeping traditional skills alive.

11) Allows his/her clients to participate in the experience to the fullest extent possible.

Holders and their employees have the responsibility for maintaining cooperative positive relations with all other forest users. Any type of harassment, intimidation, or implications that the permit allows exclusive use by the holder will not be tolerated and will be dealt with swiftly and severely by the authorizing officer, usually resulting in immediate suspension or revocation.

The Forest Service reserves the right to use or permit others to use any part of the permitted area or sites for any purpose, provided such use does not interfere with the rights and privileges authorized by the permit. Permits do not grant exclusive use of an area by the holder; they only allow occupancy as delineated by the permit. Allocation of an area to an outfitter for their exclusive use is not permitted.

The Holder shall conduct operations in a safe and professional manner, and shall provide clients with basic instruction and safety information needed for the proper use of outfitter provided equipment.

It is the responsibility of the holder in his advertisements, signs, circulars, brochures, letterheads, and like materials, as well as orally to not misrepresent in any way, either the accommodations provided, the status of the permit, or the area(s) in which they are authorized to operate. The holder shall also make apparent that the permitted area is located on National Forest lands and that he/she is an equal opportunity service provider.

The holder is expected to respond to all correspondence in a timely manner.

##### D. General Provisions and Requirements

The following general requirements apply unless otherwise authorized or excepted in the Special Use Permit or Operating Plan.

Administrative Requirements

1. The holder shall submit a Trip Itinerary and Annual Operating Plan for Forest Service review and approval by April 1 of each year prior to any intended use on the National Forest for activities that are conducted between May 1 and December 31. For activities taking place between January 1 and April 30 the holder shall submit a Trip Itinerary by December 1 of the previous year. Where activities are not included in this pre-season use schedule, itineraries shall be submitted to the designated Forest Service representative as soon as a trip is firmly scheduled. The permittee shall, prior to use, provide dates, number of clients, number of stock, campsites proposed for use and gross revenue per trip.

2. Changes or additions to the uses as approved in the Operating Plan or activity schedule require prior approval. Unapproved or unauthorized facilities or uses constitute a permit violation.

3. At the end of each season the holder shall submit an actual use and fee record to the District Ranger. Use reports must include all use on the National Forest. This report shall be submitted annually within 30 days of close of operations or as otherwise established by the District Ranger. This report must include Trip Date, Area of use, Number of Clients per trip, Number of livestock grazed and Gross Revenue per trip.

4. Annual fees for this permit shall include, as applicable, charges for client service days based on gross revenue, number of assigned sites, and grazing use. All fees must be paid in advance of use. The holder will be billed for 100% of his/her priority service days, unless approved non-use is requested and granted. Request for approved non-use must be received by April 1 of each year along with the Trip Itinerary and Annual Operating Plan for activities conducted between May 1 and December 31. For activities conducted between January 1 and April 30 request for approved non-use must be received by December 1 of the pervious year. Unapproved non-use fees shall be calculated at the standard Fee for Commercial Use rate. Unapproved Non-Use is defined as "Non-Use for which the holder has not received a fee waiver from the authorized officer."

A fee shall be assessed for all unauthorized additional use. Charges for any customer service days exceeding the amount authorized shall be calculated at a rate one-third greater than that applicable to the authorized total. Unauthorized Additional Use is defined as "Use by the holder in excess of that approved by the authorized officer."

Paid Non-Use – Non-use for which the holder received compensation from clients, i.e., when trips are sold based on a specific number of days and clients who leave early pay the full trip price. The holder shall report only those service days actually used for the client that leaves early. However, the entire gross revenue shall be reported on the Actual Use Report. Paid non-use trips shall be listed separately and noted as such in the Actual Use Report.

5. The permittee will furnish annually, prior to start of operations, evidence that the State licensing requirements have been met. This shall be in the form of a copy of the current operating season's State license.

6. Proof of insurance, in the form of a copy of your policy must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of proposed use for review. A Certificate of Insurance is not acceptable unless it is a pre-approved policy with approval number. See Special Use Permit for insurance requirements.

7. If all, or a major part, of the permit should go unused in any given year, the permittee and Forest Service will review the permittee’s situation jointly and the future status of the permit determined. The review shall consider any extenuating circumstances (i.e. high water conditions, fire closures, sickness, etc.). Continued total nonuse shall result in permit

termination. A permit may not be held for speculative purposes with no public service being provided. Non-use of priority service days will be adjusted per current Forest Service regulations.

**E. Resource Protection**

The Forest Service reserves the right to determine and establish use limitations for the protection and management of the area included in this permit.

1. Prior approval by the Forest Service officer in charge must be obtained if green trees are to be cut. No standing dead or live trees will be notched to facilitate erection of an improvement. Felled trees shall be low-stumped; as low as possible for large trees and at ground level for pole-sized trees.

2. New fire rings shall not be established. The holder shall not burn non-organic materials including but not limited to foil, plastic, styrofoam or glass in campfires or stoves. Existing campfires spots shall be cleaned of trash, such as foil, nails, melted plastic, glass, etc. Campfire scars shall be completely naturalized at the end of each authorized use period by scattering ashes in the brush and spreading needles, twigs, etc., over the area. Ashes from stoves will be cleaned of any unburnable material and scattered in the brush outside of camp in such manner as to make them unnoticeable. Firewood shall be cut first from dead and down wood gathered over a large area in order not to denude the surrounding camp. Dead trees may be felled for firewood if suitable dead and down firewood is not available within a reasonable distance from camp. Permittees are encouraged to utilize a firepan to reduce the impact of fires.

3. At campsites used repeatedly during the year, development of multiple fire rings shall be avoided by maintaining only one.

4. At low-use campsites (pristine areas, fewer than 2 parties per year), fires shall be built using no-trace methods.

No-trace Fires: A tarp is placed on the ground, covered with a "fire platform" of mineral soil 6-8 inches deep. When possible, soil for the fire platform shall come from a pre-disturbed area, such as the root-hole of a blown-down tree or gravel bar. Small pieces of wood are used in the fire (less than about 2 inches diameter). The fire is burned down to a fine ash and thoroughly extinguished. Ashes are scattered, soil returned to its original location, tarp picked up and the site naturalized.

5. Nailing to trees is prohibited. Shims shall be used to protect live trees from rope. Wire must not be fastened to trees.

6. Soapy water shall be strained of food particles and dumped into a sump hole at least 200 feet from any water source. The sump hole shall be covered and naturalized when breaking camp. Phosphate-free, biodegradable soaps or detergents shall be used.

7. The permittee shall utilize Leave No Trace camping techniques, as shown in various Forest Service publications or as directed by the Forest Officer.

8. The permittee shall utilize a Pack it In, Pack it Out policy for all activities conducted under this permit. Under no circumstances shall litter, garbage or food be buried. Garbage shall be properly disposed of at an approved sanitary landfill or transfer station.

9. Rodent control (other than rat or mouse traps) is not allowed unless specifically authorized in the annual operating plan.

10. 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.

## F. Trails

1. Clearing of down trees across existing trails is authorized. It is a good Leave No Trace practice to clear the occasional downfall that would otherwise cause stock to create a new trail or widen an existing trail. Such clearing shall be done in a manner that does not create a hazard for other users. Clearing width for system trails is 10 feet in height by 8 feet in width. The permittee shall (notify) coordinate with Forest Service prior to maintenance (other than minor clearing) of system trails.

2. No new trails may be cleared or constructed without prior written permission of the Forest Service. Maintenance of existing non-system outfitter access trails to authorized camps is the responsibility of the permittee.

3. The Permittee shall identify existing non-system trails related to his operations and shall work within the trail guidelines and standards of the Forest Plan for the area.

4. Shortcutting a switchback is prohibited.

**G. Livestock**

1. Grazing of pack and saddle stock must be specifically authorized and may be granted where forage is adequate. 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. This privilege shall only be exercised during periods when stock is being used in the conduct of approved activities. Unless otherwise specifically approved, grazing shall take place in the vicinity of approved camps and only while actually serving clients, except for reserved camps where grazing may be approved during the 15-day setup period and/or the 10-day takedown period. When grazing is authorized, maximum forage use shall be 25% utilization by weight of palatable vegetative species.

2. Livestock must be excluded from areas reserved for administrative use and other areas as requested by the District Ranger.

3. Upon death within the National Forest of any stock used in this operation, the permittee shall dispose of the carcass in a suitable manner more than 200 feet from any water. The permittee and the Forest officer shall agree upon the method of disposal in advance.

4. Stock shall not be hitched or tethered in such a manner as to cause injury to any live tree or long-term damage to vegetation. Hitchlines, hitchracks, or corrals shall be provided where necessary. The Authorizing officer must approve these facilities in advance. Treesaver straps or other means of protecting trees shall be utilized when highlines are used. Stock tied to highlines or hitchrails shall be hobbled if necessary to prevent excessive resource damage due to pawing. Stock handling facilities shall be located at least 200 feet from lakes, steams, and springs where terrain permits. Manure shall be scattered away from water and the stock containment area naturalized after use.

5. Where supplemental livestock feed is used, the permittee is required to utilize processed pellets or certified weed-seed-free hay or grain.

6. Stock must be ridden or led, not permitted to run loose on trails or travel routes (except where safety requires).

7. Only stock necessary for each trip will be permitted. No cripples, colts, or unbroken stock will be permitted, except for the trip duration if an animal becomes crippled during use.

The number of livestock and period of use specified in the Annual Operating Plan may be adjusted when determined by the Authorizing Officer to be needed for resource protection.

The holder shall allow only the numbers and kind of livestock authorized in the Annual Operating Plan to graze upon Forest Service administered lands within the grazing allotment and during the period specified. This livestock shall not intrude on any other areas of Forest Service administered lands.

Where, and whenever, it becomes necessary to restrict or limit the use of native forage by pack and saddle stock in the interest of big game or for resource protection, the permittee may be required to pack in and supply all necessary feed when range conditions do not allow grazing of pack stock.

Salting pack and saddle stock shall be limited to immediate camp areas. Only salt in block form is authorized.

When salt is provided to livestock it shall be provided:

a) In block form secured in a waterproof container so as to prevent soil contamination.

b) One salt block may be used at each corral facility during the permitted use period and must be kept off the ground.

c) Salt will be permitted only during periods of scheduled livestock use and shall be removed when stock are gone for more than 24 hours.

d) Salting for wildlife is prohibited.

8. Grazing, when authorized under the terms of the permit, applies only to pack and saddle animals being used in commercial outfitting operations by the holder including work trips made to set up camps.

**H. Camps**

Outfitter camps should set an example for all to follow concerning leave no trace camping practices and minimizing the impact on the wilderness resource. Trenching around tent sites, and/or flattening, excavating, or leveling new tent sites or other areas for camp facilities is not authorized. Existing tent sites that have been leveled in the past may remain. All camp facilities shall be temporary in nature (unless otherwise specifically approved in the operating plan) and shall be taken down and removed, outside the authorized use period. Native poles used for tents, meat poles temporary hitch rails or other facilities shall be stacked near camp in an upright and unobtrusive manner.

The holder is encouraged to use earth tone colored tents, tarps and other camping equipment in their operations to better blend with the natural surroundings. Earth tone colors include canvas white, black, brown and green. Bright colored tarps and tents should be phased out over time as equipment is replaced.

All camp facilities and improvements shall be at least 200 feet from trails, streams, and lakes, where terrain permits.

The holder is encouraged to store all food, garbage and other attractants in such a manner that make them unavailable to wildlife, especially bears.

Pit-type toilets are mandatory and shall be temporary. Meadows and areas with high water tables shall be avoided. Latrines shall be maintained with a layer of loose soil while in use and covered with at least 12 inches of packed earth when use is terminated. The use of self-standing tents for toilet coverings is encouraged to promote ease of removal.

The holder shall instruct clients in the cat-hole method of human waste disposal for use away from established camps.

Cat-hole Method -

These are single-use holes. In a dry site at least 200 feet from streams, lakes and ponds, away from trails and camping areas, dig a hole about 8 inches deep, reserving topsoil. Feces are covered with soil, and the toilet paper is buried with the feces. After backfilling the hole, the site is naturalized.

The holder shall assure that water provided to clients is safe for human consumption.

Caching of equipment is prohibited. Under no circumstances will such things as stoves, food items, cookware/utensils, plastic, dimensional lumber, plywood etc. be cached.

Firewood shall be stored without a covering and out of sight of any Forest Service system trail. Only the amount of firewood to be utilized for the current use season will be cut. Skidding of firewood with stock is not allowed. Girdling trees to kill them for future firewood is prohibited.

On progressive trips where the use of non-established campsites is authorized, the holder shall use strict leave no trace camp practices as described in current leave no trace informational materials to minimize impact to the resource. The holder shall naturalize these sites after each use.

Hunting dogs may be kept in camps when needed for bear and lion hunting. Hunting dogs are to be transported into camps no more than one week in advance of the first booked lion or bear hunt where dogs are utilized and must be taken out at the end of the hunt unless another hunt is booked within a week of the preceding one. Hunting dogs shall not be located on National Forest lands at other times. Hunting dogs shall not be allowed to roam free when not hunting.

Permanent means those approved facilities that remain in place season to season.

Temporary means those approved facilities that are dismantled and removed during periods of non-use.

1. Fee Sites are approved assigned sites. Use at fee sites shall conform to the following standards unless otherwise authorized or excepted in the Special Use Permit or Operating Plan.

a) All structures, including tent frames, meat racks, outhouses, corrals, saddle racks, hitch-rails, etc., shall be temporary.

b) Hitch-rails and corrals may be authorized on a case-by-case basis. However such facilities located in the wilderness shall be temporary.

c) Pre-season setup and duration of occupancy at assigned sites will be approved based on demonstrated need to provide client service as shown in the annual activity schedule. Unless otherwise specifically approved, camp occupancy (camp set-up) shall be limited to a period 15 days before and 10 days after actually serving clients.

d) Assigned fee sites may be posted by the permittee. The Forest Service will provide signs for this purpose.

2. Non-Fee Sites are approved non-assigned sites. Use at non-fee sites shall conform to the following standards unless otherwise authorized or excepted in the Special Use Permit or Operating Plan.

a) Facilities in non-fee sites shall be temporary in nature. Permanent facilities will not be authorized.

b) Sites are available on a "first-come, first-serve" basis for either commercial or non-commercial camping purposes.

c) Temporary facilities may not be set up more than 3 days in advance of use and shall be removed when use is suspended for more than 3 days.

d) Occupancy shall not exceed 14 consecutive days, beginning with camp setup and ending with removal of camp. Within this period it is the responsibility of the outfitter to naturalize the site.

e) A non-fee site may not be reoccupied until 14 days after the termination of the last use (occupancy).

3. Drop camp service may be provided only at approved sites (fee/non-fee, assigned/non-assigned). It is the responsibility of the outfitter to naturalize a site used for drop camp services. Service days for drop camps will be figured as follows:

1. Client provides all equipment; one service day for each client served for the day packed in and for the day packed out. A service day is charged for each client if the outfitter services the camp in-between drop off and pack out.
2. Outfitter provides equipment for the drop camp; service days are counted as normal, one service day for each client for each day they are on National Forest System lands.

4. Itinerant camps (or layover camps), used on progressive travel trips or for layouts of 1-3 nights, are unassigned. Proposed routes and projected number of nights at each campsite for progressive travel trips shall be submitted to the Forest Service as part of the annual activity schedule.

# The permittee shall return to the campsites listed in this plan not later than June 1, or as soon as snow conditions allow, annually to make final cleanup that could not be accomplished in the fall because of snow cover.

# I. Noxious Weeds

The holder is responsible for the prevention and control of noxious weeds on the area permitted by this authorization and shall provide preventative measures and annual weed control as required by the Forest Service. In camps that currently have weeds or have had weeds for many years, the holder and the Forest Service shall work together to control weeds on those campsites. Once weeds are eliminated from campsites it shall be the holder’s responsibility to control future infestations unless it can be shown that the holder is not responsible for the new weed infestation. In campsites where currently no weeds exist, it shall be the responsibility of the holder to keep the campsite weed free, unless it can be shown that the holder is not responsible for the weed infestation.

# J. Fire Prevention

1. All state and federal laws, regulations, orders and special closure notice must be strictly adhered to.

2. Natural fires are managed in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness according to the requirements outlined in the Selway-Bitterroot Wildland Fire Use Guidebook. The permit holder shall not take suppression action on naturally caused fires. The permit holder shall report all fires to the West Fork Ranger District, 406/821-3269 or 406/821-3271.

3. All warming fires shall be constructed following Leave No Trace guidelines and be completely extinguished and naturalized after use.

**K. Firearm Safety**

The holder, employees or clients shall not discharge a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property as follows: (1) in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, (2) across or on a Forest development road or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge.

**L. Threatened and Endangered Species**

Gray wolf and grizzly bear information and identification material will be supplied to the permittee. The permittee shall provide this information to all guides, camp help, and clients as instructed by the Forest Service.

The Forest Service may open reopen the informal consultation process with the US Fish & Wildlife Service to discuss, formulate, and implement additional mitigation measures (i.e. bear-proof food containers, etc.) if the grizzly bear is documented in this area at some time in the future.

###### M. Bear Baiting

Methods of take may be spot and stalk, hunting over bait and hunting with the use of hounds.

In the use of bear bait, Forest Service approval is required for all sites in advance and all Idaho Fish and Game laws shall be abided by. The following conditions also apply:

1. All bait stations must be naturalized no later than 7 days after the close of the spring and fall black bear seasons. If bait is placed on the ground, the hole excavated by the holder shall be no greater than 2 feet in diameter and two feet deep. If metal containers are utilized, the holder shall insure that damage is not done to the trees that containers are attached to. Metal containers shall be removed from the site as part of the naturalization process.
2. If grain is being used for baiting it must be certified weed-seed-free.
3. No parts or pieces of game animals can be used. That means winter or lion killed elk, deer, moose, grouse etc.
4. Livestock (dead or alive) shall not be used for bait.
5. Sites must be 200 feet from open water and 200 yards (600 feet) from system trails and any authorized outfitter camp or other backcountry campsite.
6. Sites must be 500 yards (1500 feet) from any road.
7. Sites must be located at least ½ mile from any designated campground, picnic or administrative site or dwelling.
8. If tree stands are utilized they must be temporary in nature and not result in damage to trees. Nails, wire, screws or other such items shall not be utilized in building tree stands. Tree stands must be taken down after each season. Spikes, nails, climbing steps or other devices that damage the tree shall not be allowed.
9. Stock shall not be utilized off system trails for establishing; maintaining or servicing bear bait sites.

Changes in the way baiting is done may be required if monitoring indicates that excess resource damage is being created by a particular baiting method. The location of the active stations shall be reported to the Forest Service currently. The permit holder shall provide a map of potential bait sites to the Forest Service. The number of bait sites per outfitter will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

**M. Special Provisions and Requirements for the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.**

1. The maximum number of livestock permitted per trip will vary according to the season of use and the size of the party. The size of each trip will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Authorizing Officer and the holder. The amount of stock shall generally be based on a ratio of 1 1/2 head per person on summer trips and 2 head per person on fall hunting trips. The outfitter is responsible for insuring that these ratios are met on each trip regardless of the number of stock shown on the itinerary. The Forest Service must authorize exceptions in writing. (see Campsite Management Plan for campsite specific requirements for numbers of people and stock)

2. All equipment and materials that have been or will be transported into the Wilderness shall be taken out at the end of the authorized period of use.

3. All assigned (fee) sites shall be posted with the outfitter's name, the area description, the authorized season of use, and the site name. The Forest Service will provide signs for these sites. The outfitter shall be responsible for posting the sites during their assigned period.

**II. SPECIFIC OPERATION REQUIREMENTS**

###### A. Operation Overview and Permit History

**B. Scope of Permitted Operations**

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 as of 01/01/2001 is shown on Table 1.

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 a 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.

**TABLE 1 - Priority Use by Resource Area and Service Category**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Service Category** | | | **Service Days** | **Maximum** | |
| **Resource Area** | **Type\*** | **Period of Use** | **Priority Use** | | **Stock** | **Party** | |
| Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness |  |  |  | |  |  | |
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| Bitterroot National Forest |  |  |  | |  |  | |
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**CAMPSITE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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

**Type of Camp:**

**A. LOCATION**

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**B. USE LIMITATIONS**

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| **Use/Activity** | **Limitations** | **Remarks** |
|  |  |  |
| **Type of Use** |  |  |
| **Assigned Period** |  |  |
| **Other Use Periods** |  |  |
| **Party Size** |  |  |
| **Service Days** |  |  |
| **Number of Stock** |  |  |
| **Animal Months** |  |  |

**C. AUTHORIZED FACILITIES**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
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