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### **Mount Rainier National Park Commercial Use Authorization Program**

Superintendent Dave Uberuaga announced today that the 2009-2010 Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) program for Mount Rainier National Park is accepting applications for CUAs starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

CUAs will be available for guided overnight hiking trips, commercial use of drive-in campgrounds, guided day hiking, bicycling trips, photography and art courses, shuttle transportation, winter guiding activities, single trip guide summit attempts and step-on-guides which is road-based interpretation. The majority of CUA activities have a two-year term (2009 – 2010), except Single Trip Guide and Photography/Art Course CUAs which have a one year term.

The number of CUAs issued for each activity will continue to be limited under this program. Potential permittees will compete for the award of permits. CUA applications will be accepted until all of the permits have been issued. In order to assure that the most qualified operators are selected for CUAs, application evaluations will occur at the end of each month. We will begin accepting applications on September 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 for the first evaluation. The first evaluation will review applications postmarked on or before September 30, 2008, followed by another evaluation of postmarked applications on or before October 31, 2008.

Information and 2009-2010 CUA application packets can be requested by e-mailing Jan Crosetto at [jan\\_crosetto@nps.gov](mailto:jan_crosetto@nps.gov) or calling 360-569-2211, extension 2316.

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