

**Request to Amend Permit  
COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**



**National Park Service**  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
PH: (907) 644-3362 or 644-3533 FAX: (907) 644-3813  
Website: [www.nps.gov/akso/concessions/home.htm](http://www.nps.gov/akso/concessions/home.htm)

**FEES**

- **Administrative Fee: \$50.00 per year for each additional park unit**  
*(Note: There is no fee to add an activity.)*
- **Management Fee: \$100.00 per park** *(In addition to the Administrative Fee shown above, If the park you are adding is Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve, Western Arctic National Parklands, Denali National Park & Preserve or Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve, include the annual management fee shown below. This is addition the Administrative Fee).*
  - \$100 Management Fee for Wrangell St. Elias National Park & Preserve**
  - \$100 Management Fee for Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve**
  - \$100 Management Fee for Denali National Park & Preserve**
  - \$100 Management Fee for Western Arctic National Parklands**  
*(Bering Land Bridge, Noatak, Kobuk Valley, Cape Krusenstern; Fee is \$100 regardless of whether you will operate in one (1) or all four (4) units in the Western Arctic Parklands))*

This request is for a One-Year CUA \_\_\_\_\_; Two-Year CUA \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Please type or print in ink. Answer all questions completely or mark "N/A" if not applicable. Additional information will be requested if needed.

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant (Holder** (Legal Business Name) **Doing Business As (d.b.a.)**

**2) Address / Contact Information:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ Eve: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Do you have additional employees that were not listed on your initial application?  
 NO \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ . If “yes” give their information below:

NAMES	POSITION <i>(E.g. Guide, Pilot, Boat Operator, Driver, etc)</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4) PARKS / ACTIVITIES TO BE ADDED: (Check here \_\_\_\_ if adding activities only)

<b>Name of Park Unit:</b>		
<b>Services (These should be services the Applicant will provide)</b>	<b>* Locations Used</b>	
1.	1.	
2.	2.	
3.	3.	
4.	4.	
5.	5.	
6.	6.	
(1) What is the number of Guides/Leaders per trip for this park unit?		
(2) What is the number of clients/participants per trip for this park unit?		
(3) If using a Motor Vehicle (Car, Van, Truck, Bus, etc.), please specify the maximum number of passengers you will carry per vehicle, per trip?		
(4) What is the estimated date you want to begin operating in this park unit?		

Please note that some activities may require additional types and/or minimum insurance coverage,

5) Please give a description of any Vehicles, Aircraft or Watercraft to be used under your CUA that was not listed on your initial application. Use additional paper if necessary. All vehicles are required to be registered and the operators are required to have the licenses to operate them commercially as required by law or regulation.

MAKE OF VEHICLE	MODEL	YEAR	MAX # PASSENGERS	OWN	LEASE

MAKE OF AIRCRAFT	MODEL	TAIL NUMBER	MAX # PASSENGERS	OWN	LEASE

MAKE OF WATERCRAFT	MODEL	LENGTH	MAX # PASSENGERS	OWN	LEASE

6. **Signature:** False, fictitious or fraudulent statements of representations made in this application may be grounds for revocation of the Incidental business permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001). All Information you provide will be considered in reviewing this application. Please sign on the applicable line below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE

# CUA Guidance Tables

## TABLE #1

### Approved Commercial Visitor Services for NPS-Alaska Region

<p align="center"><b>Alagnak Wild River (ALAG)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Big Game Transport, Incidental Hunt Transport, Boating, Charter Boat, Guided Bear Viewing, Guided Hiking, Guided Kayaking, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing)</p>
<p align="center">• <b>Aniakchak National Monument &amp; Preserve (ANIA)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Guided Boating, Charter Boat, Guided Bear Viewing, Big Game Transport, Incidental Hunt Transport, Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing)</p>
<p align="center">• <b>Bering Land Bridge National Preserve (BELA)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Big Game Transport, Incidental Hunt Transport</p>
<p align="center"><b>Cape Krusenstern National Monument (CAKR)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Guided Kayaking</p>
<p align="center"><b>Denali National Park &amp; Preserve (DENA)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi (includes Incidental Hunt Transport Service), Group Camping (Savage River Campground only), Guided Overnight Hiking, Guided Day Hiking (Frontcountry &amp; Triple Lakes Trails), Guided Day Hiking (Backcountry), Guided Mountaineering, Guided Winter Activities, <b>Road-Based Winter Vehicle Tours (Denali Park Road as far west as the Mountain Vista Rest Area--new as of 2014)</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Gates of the Arctic National Park &amp; Preserve (GAAR)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Guided Boating, Charter Boat, Big Game Transport, Incidental Hunt Transport, Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing)</p>
<p align="center">• <b>Glacier Bay National Park &amp; Preserve (GLBA)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Charter Boat, Group Camping, Passenger Ferry, Guided Hiking, Big Game Transport, Incidental Hunt Transport, Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Photography, Taxi Service, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Katmai National Park &amp; Preserve (KATM)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Guided Boating, Guided Bear Viewing, Charter Boat, Guided Hiking, Big Game Transport, Incidental Hunt Transport, Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Kenai Fjords National Park (KEFJ)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Guided Photography (generally led by professional photographer), Guided Dog Sled Tours, Guided Day Hiking (includes walking on Exit Glacier), Guided Kayak Touring, Guided Mountaineering, Commercial Vehicle Tours (eg. RVs, etc), Guided Skiing/ Snowshoeing, Guided Bicycle Tours (roadways only), Charter Boats (motorized tour boats &amp; water taxis), <b>No permit required for Taxi/Shuttle Bus Service.</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park (KLGO)</b></p> <p>Guided Backpacking (US side only), Guided Boating, Guided Bicycling, Guided Hiking, Guided Horserides, Shuttle Service, Commercial Vehicle Tours</p>
<p align="center">• <b>Kobuk Valley National Park (KOVA)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Guided Boating, Charter Boat, Hiking</p>
<p align="center"><b>Lake Clark National Park &amp; Preserve (LACL)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Guided Boating, Guided Bear Viewing, Charter Boat, Guided Hiking, Big Game Transport, Incidental Hunt Transport, Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing); <b>NEW: Water Taxi, Underwater Wildlife photography, Snorkeling</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Noatak National Preserve (NOAT)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Guided Boating, Guided Hiking, Big Game Transport, Incidental Hunt Transport, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sitka National Historical Park (SITK)</b></p> <p>Hiking, Shuttle Service, Commercial Vehicle Tours (land-based).</p>
<p align="center"><b>Wrangell-St. Elias National Park &amp; Preserve (WRST)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Guided Boating, Guided Dog Sled Rides, Guided Hiking, Guided Horse packing, Guided Horserides, Big Game Transport, Incidental Hunt Transport, Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Commercial Vehicle Tours, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing), Guided Wagonrides</p>
<p align="center"><b>Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve (YUCH)</b></p> <p>Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Guided Boating, Guided Hiking, Big Game Transport, Incidental Hunt Transport, Guided Sportfishing</p>

## Activity Codes & Descriptions - Table #2

	Code	<b>AIRCRAFT USE</b>
<b>Air Taxi</b>	<b>AT</b>	FAA Certified business that engages in air transportation with landings within the park boundaries. A permit is not required for Flightseeing trips that do not involve landings within park boundaries.
<b>Big Game Transporter</b>	<b>HT</b>	A transporter may provide transportation services and accommodations to big game hunters in the field at a permanent lodge, house, or cabin owned by the transporter or on a boat with permanent living quarters located on salt water. A transporter may not provide big game hunting services without holding the appropriate license. (Applies to planes and boats.)
<b>Incidental Hunt Transporter</b>	<b>IT</b>	An air taxi operator or air carrier for which the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters is only an incidental portion of its business; The word "incidental" means transportation provided to a big game hunter by an air taxi operator or air carrier who does not charge more than the usual tariff or charter rate for the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters; or (ii) advertise transportation services or big game hunting services to the public; The word "advertise" means soliciting big game hunters to be customers of an air taxi operator or air carrier for the purpose of providing air transportation to, from, or in the field through the use of print or electronic media, including advertising at trade shows or the use of hunt broker services or other promotional services. (Applies to planes and boats.)
	Code	<b>FOOT TRAVEL</b>
<b>Backpacking / Camping Overnight</b>	<b>BP</b>	Hiking, carrying backpacks and necessary supplies with the intent of establishing temporary overnight camps.
<b>Bear Viewing</b>	<b>BV</b>	Lead groups on hikes to view bears.
<b>Camping (Groups)</b>	<b>GC</b>	Use of improved campground facilities by commercial groups (Day Use). If you will be camping overnight, choose the "Backpacking" service code.
<b>Hiking Tours</b>	<b>GH</b>	Use of established / developed trails for walking and sightseeing.
<b>Mountaineering</b>	<b>MT</b>	Sport that involves rock or ice climbing or glacier travel each requiring the basic use of climbing ropes, cords, ice climbing boots, poles, ice axes, or crampons, etc.
<b>Photography</b>	<b>PH</b>	Use this only if Photography will be your <u>primary activity</u> . An example would be a photography business taking visitors in for nature picture taking.
	Code	<b>TRANSPORTATION / LAND VEHICLE USE</b>
<b>Bicycle Tours</b>	<b>CY</b>	Guided trips on bicycles on designated routes to tour the park.
<b>Horse Packing</b>	<b>HP</b>	Guided Overnight camping trips using horses for transportation and/or to carry packs.
<b>Horse Rides</b>	<b>HR</b>	Guided day trips using western-style riding on horseback.
<b>Shuttle &amp; Taxi Service</b>	<b>SH</b>	Point-to-point ground transportation only where passengers are dropped off or picked up in specified areas (no guiding).
<b>Vehicle Tours</b>	<b>VT</b>	A commercial vehicle tour consists of one or more persons traveling on an itinerary that has been packaged, priced, or sold for leisure/recreational purposes by an organization that realizes financial gain through the provision of the service. Applies to tours occurring on land- essentially road-based tours.
<b>Snowcoach Tours</b>	<b>SC</b>	Motorized Vehicle on tracks or skis used on snow terrain
<b>Wagon Rides</b>	<b>WR</b>	Guided trail rides via wheeled covered wagons pulled by horses.
	Code	<b>WATER-RELATED ACTIVITIES</b>
<b>Boating Trips</b>	<b>BT</b>	Guided motorized or non-motorized vessel (other than Kayak or Charter Boat) and not including the provision of on-board overnight lodging.
<b>Charter Boat</b>	<b>CB</b>	Any motor vessel under 100 tons gross (U.S. System) or 2,000 tons gross (International Convention System) engaged in transport of passengers for hire and certified to carry no more than 12 passengers overnight and no more than 49 passengers for daytime use. (Does not apply to freshwater systems/ lakes.) Charter vessels also include any uninspected motor vessel measuring less than 200 tons gross (U.S. Tonnage "Simplified Measurement System") and not more than 24 meters (79 feet) in length engaged in transport of passengers for hire. Does not apply to freshwater systems/lakes.
<b>Water Taxi</b>	<b>WTX</b>	Motorized vessel engaged in the transportation of passengers and/or freight on freshwater systems/lakes
<b>Underwater Wildlife Photography</b>	<b>PHW</b>	The use of photographic equipment to document various forms of wildlife in their natural habitat while swimming or snorkeling underwater.

<b>Snorkeling</b>	<b>SKL</b>	Guided trips involving swimming with a diving mask and snorkel in or on bodies of water within the boundaries of the park and/or preserve.
<b>Passenger Ferry Service (Glacier Bay)</b>	<b>FS</b>	Providing access to the park or other authorized visitor services or facilities at, or originating from, the public dock area at Bartlett Cove
<b>Kayak Tours</b>	<b>KT</b>	Guided Day tours on a Kayak
<b>Sportfishing</b>	<b>SF</b>	Guided recreational activity of catch and release of fish.
	<b>Code</b>	<b><u>WINTER ACTIVITY (Backcountry)</u></b>
<b>Skiing</b>	<b>SK</b>	Gliding over the <u>snow</u> using <u>skis</u> strapped to the feet with <u>ski bindings</u>
<b>Dog Sledding</b>	<b>DS</b>	Guided day tours using a regular or dog drawn sled for transportation.
<b>Snowshoeing</b>	<b>SN</b>	Using a racket-shaped frame containing interlaced strips, made of leather that is attached to the foot to facilitate walking on deep snow.

## TABLE #3 Group Size Limitations

This table shows the group size limitations for each park unit.

Park Unit	Group Size Limitations												
<b>Alagnak Wild River</b>	No more than 15 persons, including employees												
<b>Aniakchak</b>	No more than 15 persons, including employees												
<b>Bering Land Bridge</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 10 persons, including Guides & Boatmen. <u>Backpacking Groups</u> : No more than 7 and that include Guides.												
<b>Cape Krusenstern</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 10 and that include Guides & Boatmen. <u>Backpacking Groups</u> : No more than 7 persons, including Guides.												
<b>Denali</b>	<p><b><u>ALL PERMITTEES:</u></b> The group size limit is 12 people, inclusive of guides. Limit may be increased to 15 under certain circumstances with prior NPS approval.</p> <p><b><u>DAY HIKING OPERATING PROVISIONS– Frontcountry Trails</u></b> Commercially guided day hiking is authorized on the following frontcountry trails:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">a) Bike Trail to DVC *</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Group size of 12</td> <td style="width: 20%;">1 Hike Per Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b) Jonesville Trail to DVC</td> <td>Group size of 12**</td> <td>1 Hike Per Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c) Roadside Trail</td> <td>Group size of 12</td> <td>1 Hike Per Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>d) Rock Creek Trail</td> <td>Group size of 12</td> <td>1 Hike Per Day</td> </tr> </table> <p>*DVC is the Denali Visitor Center. **All group size limits are inclusive of guides/CUA holder staff. <i>The Meadow View Trail is not open to commercially guided groups.</i> A small portion of the Taiga Trail may be used for authorized CUA holders to access the Roadside and Rock Creek trails from the Denali Visitor Center*DVC is the Denali Visitor Center. **All group size limits are inclusive of guides/CUA holder staff.</p> <p><b><u>SAVAGE CAMPGROUND GROUP SITES OPERATING PROVISIONS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CUA Group Camping is authorized for Savage River Campground Group Camping Sites only, which consist of Sites 18, 33 and 34. Groups are limited to the use of Group Sites only, regardless of size.</li> <li>• Group size limit is 20 people per site, inclusive of guides/CUA holder staff.</li> <li>• Vehicle limit is 2 per site.</li> <li>• Camping is limited to 14 total nights annually, with no more than 7 consecutive nights.</li> </ul>	a) Bike Trail to DVC *	Group size of 12	1 Hike Per Day	b) Jonesville Trail to DVC	Group size of 12**	1 Hike Per Day	c) Roadside Trail	Group size of 12	1 Hike Per Day	d) Rock Creek Trail	Group size of 12	1 Hike Per Day
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<b>Gates of the Arctic</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 10 persons , including Guides & Boatmen <u>Backpacking Groups</u> : No more than 7 persons, including Guides (includes side trips taken by river float).												
<b>Glacier Bay</b>	<u>Backcountry (On Shore Groups)</u> : No more than 12 persons, including Guides.												
<b>Katmai</b>	Excluding Brooks Camp Developed Area, no more than 15 persons, including employees.												
<b>Kenai Fjords</b>	<u>Backcountry Trips</u> : (includes Harding Ice Field & Trail) No more than 14 per group including Guides & Assistants. (see park stipulations for more information)												
<b>Klondike Gold Rush</b>	<u>Guided Trips</u> : No more than 12 persons, including Guides. Also, there must be at least one Guide per trip. <u>Horseback Rides</u> : No more than 5 client-riders for each wrangler/guide (e.g. maximum group size is 12 persons, two of which must be guides).												
<b>Kobuk Valley</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 10 persons and that include Guides & Boatmen. <u>Backpacking Groups</u> : No more than 7 persons, including Guides.												
<b>Lake Clark</b>	No more than 15 persons, including Guides & Assistants.												
<b>Noatak</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 10 persons, including Guides & Boatmen. <u>Backpacking Groups</u> : No more than 7 persons, including Guides.												
<b>Sitka</b>	None												
<b>Wrangell-St. Elias</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 15 persons, including Guides & Boatmen. <i>Guided groups in the Donoho Basin are limited to no more than 12 clients. A minimum ratio of one guide per six clients must be maintained. Unguided groups are limited to no more than 12 people total. Exemptions to this limit for commercially guided groups will not be considered.</i>												
<b>Yukon-Charley Rivers</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 12 persons, including Guides & Boatmen.												

