

Denali National Park and Preserve Commercial Use Authorization Activity-Specific Stipulations

Attachment L DOG SLED FREIGHT HAULING SERVICES Winter 2015 – 2016

A. GENERAL

1. Dog Sled Freight Hauling Services are authorized anywhere in Denali National Park & Preserve.
2. Dog Sled Freight Hauling Services include the transportation and pre-placement of gear, supplies and freight for recreational users of the park. Such recreational uses include, but are not limited to, mountaineering and skiing.
3. The CUA holder is prohibited from:
 - a. Providing dog sled passenger services.
 - b. Providing ski trip support services other than the pre-placement of gear and supplies.
 - c. Traveling along with clients on their recreational outings.
 - d. Utilizing the CUA (and the unique access and caching opportunities) for private or personal trips by the CUA holder.

B. PRE-SEASON

1. The CUA holder shall provide the Denali National Park Commercial Services Office and the Park Kennel Manager with a schedule of operations and proposed route information no later than 15 days prior to beginning mushing operations.
2. Storage of Gear, Supplies and Freight
 - a. General.
 - i. The CUA holder shall provide to the Denali National Park Commercial Services Office and the Park Kennel Manager a list of all cache locations and the associated visitor and the visitor contact information within one week of their return from a freighting trip, as identified in their schedule of operations, required above in B. 1.
 - ii. The CUA holder is responsible for providing means to secure their cached items, such as locks or other devices.

iii. The CUA holder is authorized up to two vehicle trips on the park road between the last Saturday before Memorial Day and the second Thursday after Labor Day. (Weather and road conditions permitting, the trips may occur following Road Lottery.) The CUA holder shall contact the Chief of Commercial Services to obtain a road permit no later than one week prior to entering the park.

b. Locations.

i. **Dalle-Molleville.** The NPS will provide a Connex storage box that is available to the CUA holder anytime during the duration of the CUA.

ii. **Wonder Lake Campground.** The NPS will provide storage lockers, available to the CUA holder only when the campground is closed to the public.

iii. **Along the Denali Park Road corridor.** The CUA holder is authorized to pre-place **animal-proof containers** at locations along the corridor with Park Kennel Manager approval.

iv. **Elsewhere (Mountaineering Expedition Freight).**

a) The CUA holder shall ensure that pre-placed freight is both marked with wands and documented by GPS coordinates. The GPS coordinates shall be provided to the NPS following the freighting trip. See B. (2.) (a.) (i.).

b) The CUA holder shall ensure that all gear, supplies and freight that is hauled and pre-placed **is contained in animal resistant containers.**¹

C. OPERATIONS

1. The CUA holder is prohibited from the use of park facilities (other than those storage spaces described above) and must provide their own expedition gear and supplies.
2. The CUA holder is authorized to camp in park campgrounds and in the park backcountry, however is prohibited from camping adjacent to park cabins or other park housing.
3. The CUA holder shall conduct all aspects of their operation practicing Leave No Trace principles.
4. The CUA holder shall take adequate precautions to minimize wildlife encounters.

¹ A suggested methodology is to build boxes no larger than 12" X 14" X 24" (to fit in dog sleds), out of ½" plywood, put together using 1" X 1" furring strips and sheet rock screws. With use of this material, expedition members are able to burn the wood on the glacier and pack out the screws, after picking up their cached gear in the field, leaving little trace of their use of the area.

5. The CUA holder may collect dead or downed wood by hand for firewood.
6. The CUA holder is prohibited from bringing straw or hay into the park or preserve for dog bedding or any other purpose.
7. This CUA does not authorize the use of private lands that exist within park boundaries. The CUA holder is responsible for learning the location of those lands for obtaining permission before use.
9. The CUA holder shall carry an Iridium satellite phone, and shall check in daily at a time and with an entity pre-determined by the Park Kennel Manager.
10. The CUA holder shall immediately report to the Alaska Regional Communication Center any fatalities, injuries requiring more than minor first aid treatment, and any known or suspected violations of the law occurring in the park.
11. The use of a snowmachine is allowed only in the 1980 park and preserve additions during periods of adequate snowcover as determined by the park superintendent. Snowmachines may be used only for safety and logistical support, such as breaking trail, and may only be operated by an employee of the CUA holder.

D. SLED DOGS

1. The maximum number of sled dogs authorized under this CUA shall not exceed 30, unless otherwise authorized by the park superintendent.
2. Sled Dogs will be cared for, at a minimum, in compliance with the *Mush with P.R.I.D.E. Sled Dog Care Guidelines*. Guidelines are available at www.mushwithpride.com.
3. The CUA holder shall provide a list of the types of vaccinations and wormings given to their dogs no later than November 1 and prior to the mushing season to the Denali National Park Commercial Services Office and the Park Kennel Manager.
4. No live virus vaccinations may be administered to the dogs, unless the live virus used cannot be conveyed to other animals.
5. Dogs shall be staked out on a temporary picket cable or similar gangline, and not tied to individual trees. Rope or webbing shall be used to anchor picket cables as to minimize the impact on trees or other anchor points. All webbing, cables and pickets shall be removed at the end of the season.

6. Dog feces.

- a. When camping in NPS campgrounds: Feces shall be shoveled daily from the stake-out area and placed into the NPS provided pit toilets.
- b. When camping in the backcountry: Feces shall be shoveled daily from the stake-out area and scattered to best comply with Leave No Trace principles.

E. POST-SEASON

1. The CUA holder will be authorized one road trip after the mushing season and prior to June 15 to remove all personal property from locations within the park. This road trip is in addition to the pre-season trips authorized above under B (2.) (a.) (iii.). The CUA holder shall contact the Chief of Commercial Services to obtain a road permit no later than one week prior to entering the park.
2. The CUA holder shall provide an Activity Report and Gross Receipts Report to the Anchorage NPS Regional Office and to the Denali National Park Commercial Services Office no later than June 15.