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ATTACHMENT C
Special Use Permit – Non-Profits Activity-Specific Stipulations
Park-Specific Provisions – 2012-2013

These park-specific provisions are applicable to those activities and areas authorized in the permit unless otherwise noted.

GENERAL (generally applicable to all permit Holders)

1. Day tour operators (Holders engaged in operating tours more than 30 days total each season) and their guide employees shall attend an annual orientation session, conducted by park staff, at the beginning of the annual tour season. Tour operators will be notified of the date, time and location of the orientation session at least 30 days in advance.
2. Guided trips are limited to a party size of 12, including guides. There must be at least one guide per trip.
3. Each guide or group leader will have the following valid first aid qualifications as a minimum:
 - a. American Red Cross or American Heart Association CPR or equivalent.
 - b. American Red Cross Standard First Aid or equivalent.
4. Guides/group leaders will be equipped with a basic first aid kit appropriately sized for the group.
5. Food service and/or consumption beyond light snacks, except for Chilkoot Trail Backpacking, are restricted to day use areas near the Dyea Campground. Food will not be left unattended unless properly secured from bears or other wildlife.
6. In accordance with State law, Holder may not intentionally feed wildlife or negligently leave human food, pet food, or garbage in a manner that attracts wildlife at or around staging areas inside of the park legislative boundaries. See 5 AAC 92.230.
7. All natural and cultural objects and features are protected; Holders shall require their guides to warn clients near the start of each trip against damaging, picking or collecting at any time.
8. Ground fires are permitted only in Dyea Campground in rings provided for that purpose.
9. Holder will report all encounters and incidents with bears occurring anywhere within the legislative boundaries of the park, irrespective of land ownership, to NPS in as timely a manner as circumstances will allow. For the purposes of this section, an incident includes any sighting that involves a bear exhibiting conditioned, habituated, or aggressive behavior toward humans, property damage, or a bear obtaining food from human sources. NPS Report forms will be provided to Holders during the annual pre-season orientation meeting.
10. This Authorization is valid for business operations within the Dyea and Chilkoot Trail Unit only (i.e. does not authorize business operations within the Skagway and White Pass Units) in Klondike Gold Rush NHP.
11. Holders will instruct their guides/group leaders to yield the trail or path to other hikers when their group is stopped in a location which might otherwise block passage by other visitors.

ACTIVITY SPECIFIC STIPULATIONS: The following provisions are applicable to the specific type of commercial use activity:

Guided Chilkoot Trail Backpacking (i.e. guided overnight hiking)

1. Business operations are subject to campground and camp space capacities and, if travelling into Canada, daily entry restrictions at the Chilkoot Pass imposed by **Parks Canada**. Campground spaces are reserved in advance through the joint **USNPS/Parks Canada** trail reservation system; reservation requests are processed in the order received and this SUP does not provide for priority consideration.
2. Incidental use of the Dyea Campground on the night preceding the start of a guided trip on the Chilkoot Trail is permissible subject to availability of space, which may not be reserved in advance, and which use is subject to the usual recreation use fees payable on-site at the time of use.
3. Holders shall obtain trail permits, backpack tags, and a trail orientation for each of their clients at the *Chilkoot Trail Center* before the group starts on the trail. Holders will provide Trail Center staff the following information:
 - a. Proposed itinerary (start date, campgrounds to be used, exit date), and
 - b. Verification of first aid qualifications for each guide, and
 - c. Number, names, and nationality of people in the group, and
 - d. Names of guides.
4. NOTE: The NPS permit applies to backpack guide service on US side of the Chilkoot Trail; operators must contact **Parks Canada** for a similar permit on that portion of the trail within Canada.

Guided Van/Walking Tours/Day Hikes:

1. Vehicles are allowed only on established roadways; walking tours are limited to day hikes on the Chilkoot Trail or to trails designated on the attached map.

Guided Bicycle Tours: (for the Dyea Area of the park)

1. The following safety equipment will be provided by the Holder for each trip:
 - a. Bicycle safety helmets (1 for each client and guide), and
 - b. Brightly colored outer-wear or vests gear (1 for each client and guide), and
 - c. Bicycles, with all major components maintained in functional condition.
2. Bicycles are allowed only on established roadways/designated routes and are not allowed in the historic town site of Dyea except as provided for on the attached map; Holders will guide their bicyclist clients to the NPS footbridge for crossing at Nelson Slough in the Dyea Townsite, yielding to pedestrians when present. Bicycles are not permitted to cross directly through Nelson Slough irrespective of the presence of mud or water. Bicycles are not allowed on the Chilkoot Trail.

Guided Hiking and/or Watercraft Tours: (“hike and float” Chilkoot Trail/Taiya River)

1. Hiking tours are limited to day hikes on the Chilkoot Trail or to footpaths designated on the attached map.
2. ALL applicable US Coast Guard and NPS regulations regarding watercraft operations and safety are applicable, including, but not limited to: licensing, registration and numbering, required equipment, navigation, and accident reporting.
3. Operators are restricted to the use of non-motorized watercraft on the Taiya River.
4. Holders will use federally-managed lands for launching and retrieving watercraft only by special permission of the Superintendent.

Guided Horseback Rides:

1. Holder, when on federally-managed park lands, will only use routes designated on the attached map. Note that operator must obtain separate permission from owners of any city and/or private tracts traversed during the course of the ride.
2. Holder will ensure that wrangler/guides are qualified by experience and training to safely perform their duties.
3. Holder will have no greater than 5 client-riders for each wrangler/guide (e.g. maximum group size is 12 persons, in which case two must be guides).
4. Wrangler/guides will position themselves relative to the client-riders to allow them to signal oncoming traffic (e.g. leading and trailing the main group sufficiently to allow them to warn riders and drivers).
5. Holder will conduct safety orientation briefings for all riders prior to commencing each ride. Topics should include at the least, procedures and practices for mounting and dismounting, controlling the horse, and signaling for assistance from the wrangler. Additional topics that will be covered will include the intended route, time required, restroom facilities (or more specifically, the lack of same), other hazards or demands of the trip, and park resource protection advisories as noted above.
6. The following safety equipment will be provided by the Holder for each trip:
 - a. Rider safety helmets (1 for each client and guide), and
 - b. All tack (saddles, bridles, etc.), which will be maintained in serviceable condition. Reins will be kept tied together.
7. All areas used for riding will be cleared of manure daily when in use. Manure may not be stockpiled on federal park lands. A preferred alternative measure for meeting this condition is the use of individual collection bags fitted to each horse to prevent deposits on the trails and roads, with subsequent appropriate off-site disposal of offal.
8. NPS will monitor trail/road conditions for accelerated tread wear. When remedial action is necessary, NPS will arrange for repairs only after notifying the Holder of the details of planned work at least seven calendar days in advance. NPS will attempt to schedule work so as to minimize adversely affecting authorized Business Operations, however the availability of materials, labor, and equipment, as well as suitable ground and weather conditions, may necessitate adjustments to the Holder's scheduled trips.
9. Riding stock from Canada must meet all United States import health regulations (Canadian Health Certificate, endorsed by a Canadian Federal Veterinarian, and a current Cogins test). Stock shall also meet all equivalent state health regulations regarding examinations and immunizations. Certifications must be available for review by NPS.
10. Hitching racks will not be provided or used on federal park lands.