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# Commercial Use Authorization—Appendix E Photography and Art Workshops

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

(A) The following conditions apply to this activity:

- (1) Party size is limited to a maximum of 12 people (clients and guides).
- (2) Five clients per guide/instructor, recommended.
- (3) Leave No Trace principles and ethics will be observed by all participants. Group leaders should be trained in Leave No Trace principles.
- (4) CUA groups may not obstruct the ability of other visitors to stay on trails, use or access overlooks or otherwise impede the public's ability to enjoy the Park.
- (5) Off-road vehicular travel is prohibited. Keep all vehicles on established roadways and shoulders. Maximum speed limit for all dirt roads is 25MPH.
- (6) All natural and cultural features are protected by law and must not be disturbed or molested. Non-native or exotic species of plants or animals will not be introduced to the park by any proposed activities.
- (7) Groups will notify the Death Valley National Park permits office of all proposed trips and any proposed changes to trip itineraries. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of a commercial use authorization as well as other associated permits.
- (8) Group leaders and guides are required to ensure that participants pay their park entry fees at the individual rate (currently \$10.00 per person, valid for 7 consecutive days). Holders of a commercial use authorization will be held responsible for assuring that entry fees are paid by all participants.
- (9) CUA does not imply exclusive use of any area in the Park. All campgrounds and other park facilities are available for use on a first-come, first-served basis.

(B) Photography and Art Courses may occur anywhere in the park as long as it does not conflict with NPS-sponsored programs or obstruct the ability of visitors to access and enjoy an area of the park.

(C) All litter will be packed out. The CUA operator is encouraged to pack out any other litter left by other visitors.

(D) Photography and Art trips will be undertaken in a spirit which preserves and enhances the wilderness resource. The CUA operator will adopt appropriate wilderness practices and incorporate appreciation for wilderness values in their interaction with clients. The CUA Operator will follow Leave No Trace principles.

(E) The area(s) authorized for use under this permit must be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the conduct of the activity.

(F) Chemical/fuel stoves may be used. No wood or charcoal fires are allowed in wilderness areas.

- (G) The NPS reserves the right to charge the CUA operator for the cost of any search and rescue efforts or for the evacuation of sick or injured members of the CUA operator’s group.
- (H) The entity hereby agrees to transport all group participants for each trip in no more than two vehicles within the park.
- (I) The permit holder is responsible for notifying the Park of any accident that results in an injury requiring the care of a physician.
- (J) Commercial use authorizations issued by Death Valley National Park are only valid for planned and approved activities within Death Valley National Park and are not transferable to other National Park Service units.

## II. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following requirements must be met in order for authorization of the commercial Photography/Art workshops CUA to be issued from Death Valley National Park (hereinafter “Park”).

	Requirement	Checklist
(1)	The Applicant must present the Park with an outline of the client orientation. At a minimum, the orientation will cover: (a) Death Valley National Park mission. (b) Leave No Trace practices to be followed while conducting activities within the Park. (c) Overview of safety hazards associated with a visit to the Park.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outline Attached (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Mission (b) <input type="checkbox"/> LNT (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards
(2)	Applicant must present the Park with a <b>Standard Operating Plan</b> . All Operating Plans will be reviewed by NPS for approval. The operations plan will be evaluated for compatibility with the guidelines for commercial services, interpretation, and resource protection at Death Valley National Park. CUA’s will not be issued and trips must not begin until the Operating Plan has been approved. The Operating Plan, at a minimum, should include: (a) Explanation of services to be provided. (b) Beginning and ending dates of service. (c) Average and maximum size of group(s) for each type of activity planned. (d) Qualifications roster of individuals guiding in the Park. (e) Outline of Environmental education information that will be provided to your clients. (f) Safety and/or sanitation precautions/procedures that apply to your service. (g) Resource protection measures including LNT.	<input type="checkbox"/> Operating Plan including: (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Service Explanations (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Service Dates (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Group Size by Type (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Guide Qualifications (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Environment Outline (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Procedures (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection

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	<p>(h) Explanation of the procedures to be taken in case of accidents or other emergencies.</p> <p>(i) Identify why it is important that these activities occur within Death Valley National Park and not on public lands elsewhere.</p>	<p>(h) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Procedures</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> Relevance to Park</p>
(3)	Copy of the rate schedule for services that the entity proposes to offer through the CUA.	<input type="checkbox"/> Rate Schedule Attached
(4)	Current Certificate of Liability Insurance and Workers' Compensation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance
(5)	Application processing fee: \$210.00 made payable to the National Park Service as a check or money order in US funds.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210 check or money order
(6)	Visitor's Acknowledgement of Risks Form - If the Applicant uses an acknowledgement of risk form, the language must follow the NPS format and it must be approved by the Park. The NPS format for this type of document is included as Exhibit 1. Waivers of liability may not be used.	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Risk Form