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## Commercial Use Authorization Conditions for: Guided Backcountry Stock/Packing Trips

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The following provisions apply to CUAs for stock/packing trips (both single day and overnight trips):

1. 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.
2. Groups will notify the Death Valley National Park permits office of all proposed trips and any proposed changes to trip itineraries via a Supplemental Activity Application submitted to the Special Park Uses Office at least 7 days prior to proposed trip. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of a commercial use authorization as well as other associated permits.
3. CUA does not imply exclusive use of any area in the Park.
4. Group size is limited to fifteen (15) people and fifteen (15) pack animals per party (maximum), including guides. Groups larger than 15 people and 15 animals must split up and camp at least one mile apart.
5. Holders of a commercial use authorization will be held responsible for assuring that entry fees are paid by all participants and group leaders or guides are required to ensure that hike participants have paid their park entry fees at the individual rate (currently \$10.00 per person, valid for 7 consecutive days).
6. Leave No Trace principles and ethics are in effect for all participants. CUA holder must provide Leave No Trace brochures to all participants.
7. Natural and cultural features are protected by law and must not be disturbed or molested.
8. Non-native or exotic species of plants or animals will not be introduced to the park by any proposed activities.
9. 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.
10. Group leaders and guides must currently be certified in First Aid/CPR for day rides and wilderness first responder or first responder for backcountry overnight rides.
11. Group leaders will provide initial response to emergency medical incidents.
12. The CUA operator is responsible for notifying the Park of any accident that results in an injury requiring the care of a physician.
13. The park permits horses, mules, burros, oxen, llamas and camels for use as pack animals on backcountry roads, in wilderness areas and on designated horse trails in the Furnace Creek area.

14. Pack stock are prohibited from using the following trails and areas: Devils Hole Unit of DVNP, Badwater Boardwalk & Trail, Darwin Falls Trail, Eureka Sand Dunes, Mesquite Sand Dunes, Ibex Dunes, Golden Canyon Trail, Harmony Borax Works, Mosaic Canyon Trail, Salt Creek Trail, Telescope Peak Trail, Ubehebe Crater Trail, Zabriskie Point Trail, Trail to Scotty's Grave, Trail from Scotty's Castle to Lower Vine Ranch, all campgrounds and picnic areas, all lawn areas, and all areas closed to the public. See Section 20b below.
15. All food for pack stock must be brought in; ranging/grazing is not permitted. The use of weed-free feed is required.
16. All manure should be removed, especially at roadside campsites. Where removal is not practical, manure must be raked out and spread over a large area.
17. Unless an area is closed to backcountry camping (see Section 20b below) backcountry camping with stock is permitted 2 miles from the nearest paved road, day use road, or developed area. Roadside camping in these backcountry locations is permitted in previously disturbed areas.
18. All backcountry stock camps must be 200 yards from the nearest water source.
19. Keep all vehicles and trailers on established roadways and shoulders.
20. Collecting or disturbing any animal, plant, rock or any other natural, historical or archeological feature will be prohibited.
21. Off-road travel by vehicles will be prohibited. This includes motorcycles, bicycles and four-wheel-drive vehicles. Vehicles are not permitted to park off road but may park in pre-disturbed areas along roadways and in a manner that does not prevent the flow of traffic.
22. Digging, scraping, or moving natural, historical or archeological features will be prohibited.
23. Furnishings, artifacts, and other historic objects will not be touched or moved, except by park staff. If the need to move any object is anticipated, special arrangements must be made in advance and approved by cultural resources staff.
24. Cutting of branches or removing any vegetation will be prohibited.
25. Hunting, trapping, feeding, touching, harassing, frightening or intentional disturbing wildlife will be prohibited.
26. Introducing wildlife, fish or plants, including their reproductive bodies, into the park's ecosystem will be prohibited.
27. Vehicles will be clean and free of mud and vegetation on the body and undercarriage before entering the park.
28. Viewing wildlife with artificial light will be prohibited. This includes infrared and black lights.
29. Using a mineral or metal detector in the park will be prohibited except by special permission from the Park Superintendent.
30. Attaching anything to NPS facilities, structures, rocks or vegetation will be prohibited without permission of the Park Superintendent.
31. Pets will be prohibited in wilderness areas and on any trail. Pets must be restrained on a leash which shall not exceed six feet in length, or otherwise physically confined at all times. Pets must not be left unattended in a vehicle or tied to an object.
32. Itineraries for trips and locations for filming and other activities must be submitted in advance.

33. All special use or commercial use activity areas will remain open to the public. Activities will not unduly interfere with other park visitors' use and enjoyment of the park, and will not block access to wayside exhibits, visitor centers, viewpoints, parking lots, or any points of interest.
34. Loud noises (exceeding 60 decibels at 50 feet in distance) will be prohibited between 10:00pm and 6:00am, and minimized at other times to protect park soundscapes.
35. Public address systems and sound amplification equipment will not be allowed unless prior permission has been requested and approved by the park's Special Use Coordinator. If approved, audio amplification may not interfere with other visitor activities.
36. Nudity in public areas will be prohibited.
37. Mylar or helium balloons will be prohibited. No release of doves, butterflies, or other living objects.
38. Stunt or high-speed driving will be prohibited. All speed limits will be obeyed.
39. Removal, moving, or obscuring park road signs, speed limit signs, or wayside signs will be prohibited.
40. Activities will not interfere with traffic (vehicle or foot traffic) for more than 5 minutes at a time. An NPS monitor may be assigned to provide traffic control as needed.
41. Smoking will be prohibited inside buildings, on boardwalks and in vegetated areas.
42. All fire safety regulations will be complied with by the permittee, including compliance with temporary closures resulting from extreme fire conditions.
43. The following areas are closed to all entry, except when accompanied by National Park Service personnel: Copper Canyon, Devils Hole, Titus Canyon Cave, Lower Vine Ranch, American Borate Company mines near Ryan, Timbisha-Shoshone tribal areas near Texas Springs Campground, Crystal Cave, , Skidoo Stamp Mill, all mines including those without an installed closure, and any facilities or buildings used for the storage, treatment, or transmission of electricity, gas, telephone, waste disposal or domestic water.
44. The permittee, in exercising the privileges granted by a permit, will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, codes, permit requirements, and conditions as well as departmental guidelines and park regulations contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulation.