



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS -COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION

Death Valley National Park

PO Box 579

Death Valley, CA 92328

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**The following explanations below correspond directly with the numbered items on the Application Form. Please read this entire document prior to completing the application. Include the non-refundable \$210 application fee when submitting this application.**

1. Enter the service you are proposing to provide. These are the services which are currently approved in Park **(If your activity is not listed, please contact the Concessions Office at 760-786-3236.)**  
*Photography Arts Workshops, Guided Hiking, Guided Bicycle, Guided Backcountry-Camping, Guided Motorcycle Tours, Commercial Bus Tours, Guided 4-Wheel Drive Tours, Guided Horse & Pack Animal, Drive-in Campgrounds*
2. Enter the legal name of your business. If you have a secondary name under which you are doing business (d.b.a.), please enter that name also.
3. Give the name(s) of persons designated as Authorized Agents for your business. This may include the on-site general manager responsible for day to day operations.
4. Check the box that identifies your type of business.
5. Provide contact information for both the main season and the off-season. Over the term of your authorization, it may be necessary to contact you to obtain or share information. Your contact information may also be published in the NPS Commercial Services Directory.
6. If the state in which you operate or the state where you are domiciled requires a state business license, provide the license number and year of expiration.
7. Provide your Employer Identification Number (EIN) or if you do not have an EIN, provide your Social Security Number (SSN). This is a requirement of the 1996 Debt Collection Act. The EIN that you provide will be used as needed to collect debts. The EIN is issued by the Internal Revenue Service.
8. Provide proof of General Liability Insurance naming the United States of America, National Park Service, as additionally insured in the amounts designated in the application.
9. NPS Management Policy prohibits employees of the NPS and their spouses and minor children from acquiring or retaining any authorization for conducting commercial services in a park area.
10. If your business or business owners or current employees or proposed employees have been convicted or are currently under charges for violation of state, federal, or local law or regulation in the last five years, please give details (does not include minor traffic tickets).
11. Please sign and date your application. If the person SIGNING this application is an Authorized Agent for the business, proof of signing authority must accompany this application.

**Additional Information:**

The National Park Service has terms and conditions on all commercial service agreements. The following terms and conditions will apply to all Commercial Use Authorizations. There may be additional terms and conditions based on the services provided. These may include but are not limited to limits to locations, times, group size, and employee licenses and certifications.

**CONDITIONS OF THIS AUTHORIZATION**

1. The holder is prohibited from knowingly giving false information. To do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation: [RE: 36 CFR 2.32(a)(3)].
2. The holder shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the park area Superintendent. The holder shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the area and terms and conditions of the authorization. The holder must acquire all permits or licenses of State or local government, as applicable, necessary to provide the services described above, and, must operate in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including, without limitation, all applicable park area policies, procedures and regulations. The commercial services described above are to be provided to park area visitors at reasonable rates and under operating conditions satisfactory to the park area superintendent.
3. This authorization is issued upon the express condition that the United States, its agents and employees shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, injuries, or death to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether to the person or property of the (holder), its agents or employees, or third parties, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this authorization or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by the (holder) in connection herewith, and the (holder) hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the United States, its agents, and employees from all liabilities, charges, expenses and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, deaths, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of the same.
4. Holder agrees to carry general liability insurance against claims occasioned by the action or omissions of the holder, its agents and employees in carrying out activities and operations under this authorization. The policy shall be in the amount of \$1,000,000 and underwritten by a United States company naming the United States of America (National Park Service, Death Valley National Park, PO Box 579 Death Valley, CA 92328 as additional insured. Holder agrees to have n file with the park copies of the above insurance with the proper endorsements.
5. Costs incurred by the park as a result of accepting and processing the application and managing and monitoring the authorization activity will be reimbursed by the holder. Administrative costs and estimated costs for activities on site must be paid when the authorization is approved. If any additional costs are incurred by the park, the holder will be billed at the conclusion of the authorization.

6. Benefit – Neither Members of, nor Delegates to Congress, or Resident Commissioners shall be admitted to any share or part of this authorization or derive, either directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefit to arise therefrom: Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any incorporated company, if the authorization be for the benefit of such corporation.
7. This authorization may not be transferred or assigned without the written consent of the park area Superintendent.
8. This authorization may be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the park area Superintendent.
9. The holder is not entitled to any preference to renewal of this authorization except to the extent otherwise expressly provided by law. This authorization is not exclusive and is not a concession contract.
10. The holder shall not construct any structures, fixtures or improvements in the park area. The holder shall not engage in any groundbreaking activities without the express, written approval of the park area superintendent.
11. The holder is to provide the park area superintendent upon request (and, in any event, immediately after expiration of this authorization) a statement of its gross receipts from its activities under this authorization and any other specific information related to the holder's operations that the park area superintendent may request, including but not limited to, visitor use statistics and resource impact assessments.
12. The holder is to maintain an accounting system under which its accounts can be readily identified within its system of accounts classification. This accounting system must be capable of providing the information required by this authorization. The holder grants the United States of America and the General Accounting Office access to its books and records at any time for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms and conditions of this authorization.