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It is the responsibility of all trip participants to understand and obey the following regulations while in the backcountry or wilderness:

- Emergency Contact:** I will advise my emergency contact to notify National Park Service emergency dispatch at **(760) 786-2330** if I am overdue.
- Dangers:** Backcountry and wilderness travel in Death Valley National Park is inherently dangerous and users assume complete responsibility for their own safety. There is little to no cell reception in most areas of the park and rescue is not a certainty. Plan ahead and be prepared.
- Off Road Driving:** No off road driving is permitted - all vehicles must stay on designated roadways. (36 CFR 4.11(a)). All OHVs are prohibited. (Compendium/36 CFR 4.2(b))
- Wilderness / Backcountry Camping:** Camping in the wilderness or backcountry is permitted greater than one mile from the nearest paved road, developed area, or dirt roads that are closed to camping. (36CFR 2.10)
- Proximity to Water:** Camping is prohibited within 100 feet from a flowing stream, spring, or other natural body of open water, and areas otherwise closed to camping. (36CFR 2.10)
- Fires:** Fires are prohibited except in NPS provided fire grates or grills. Wood gathering is not permitted. (36CFR 2.13)
- Water Sources:** Spring sources are unreliable and travelers should have contingency plans. Purify all water before drinking.
- Group Size:** Group size is limited to 12 persons and no more than 4 vehicles, and/or 8 pack animals. Larger groups will need to split up to camp and travel at least 1/2 mile apart. (36CFR 2.10)
- Human Waste:** Bury all human waste at least 6 inches deep, 200 feet from water, and 400 feet from backcountry cabins unless a toilet is present. (36CFR 2.10)
- Trash:** All trash, including toilet paper, must be packed out.
- Resources:** Natural objects and cultural artifacts are protected and must be left where found. (36CFR 2.1)
- Pets:** Pets are prohibited greater than 50 feet from roads or developed areas. Pets are prohibited on trails and from entering wilderness areas. (36CFR 2.15)
- Caches:** Water and food caches are allowed but must be removed within 30 days.
- Roadside Camping:** Roadside camping is prohibited on all paved roads within the limits of the national park boundary. Undesignated roadside camping is allowed in previously disturbed areas along authorized dirt roads, provided that the camp is at least one mile from the junction with the nearest paved road, dirt road closed to camping, or developed area. (36CFR 2.10)
- Cabins:** Backcountry cabins may be used on a first-come, first-served basis, and for short-term occupancy not to exceed seven days, with the exception of Butte Valley and Warm Springs, which is three days.
- Hantavirus:** The potential for exposure to hantavirus and asbestos exists at all backcountry cabins.

The trip leader and/or participants can be cited and/or fined for violation of 36 CFR Regulations.

I agree to abide by all laws, rules, and regulations which apply to this area. I will ensure that everyone in my group does likewise:

Trip Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

BACKCOUNTRY/WILDERNESS USE PERMIT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
When approved by NPS park official, this single-visit permit authorizes:					
Last Name		First Name		MI	Suffix
Street Address					
City		State	Zip Code	Country	
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION					
Phone Number		<input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	Email Address		
Is this an organized or guided trip? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Group Name		Commercial Use Permit #	
Number of People in Party (Max 12)		Emergency Contact Name		Emergency Contact Phone #	
METHOD OF TRAVEL (Check All That Apply) <i>* On Authorized Backcountry Roads Only</i>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Foot/Backpacking		<input type="checkbox"/> Canyoneering		<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking *	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4WD/Motorcycle (Vehicle Camping) *		Other (provide details)			
VEHICLE DESCRIPTION			ITINERARY DETAILS		
State		Plate#		Entry Location	
Make		Model		Exit Location	
Color		Rental?	Yes		
Parking Location					
Night Date(s)	Trail/Route/Overnight Destination				
MISCELLANEOUS					
Remarks					
Issuing Officer's Signature					Date



NOTICES

Privacy Act Statement

General: This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 21, 1984, for individuals completing this form.

Authority: 54 U.S.C. §100101, NPS Organic Act; 16 U.S.C. 1131-1136, Wilderness Act; 43 U.S.C. §1701 et seq., 16 U.S.C. §6801-6814, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act; 36 CFR Part 71, Recreation Fees; 36 CFR 1.6, Permits; and 36 CFR 2.23 Recreation Fees.

Purpose and Uses: To establish and verify an applicant's eligibility for a permit to conduct certain activities within the National Park System and to process permits for individual members of the public and organizations interested in obtaining a permit authorizing an activity. Information collected will be used to provide the public and permittees with permit-related information, to monitor activities conducted under a permit, to analyze data and produce reports to monitor the use park resources, to assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of protected species and their habitats, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the permit programs. The DOI and NPS may use the information to meet reporting requirements, to generate budget estimates and track performance, and to assist park staff with visitor education, fee collection, resource management and protection, recreational use planning, law enforcement and public safety personnel for such purposes as emergency contact and search and rescue efforts; to provide permit holders and participants with information about parks and their partners; and to provide reports of activities conducted under an issued permit.

Based on the disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, the National Park Service may share information with first responders and Federal, state, and local governments to provide information needed to locate an individual or render aid in an emergency; to recover debts owed to the United States; to respond to a violation or potential violation of the law; in response to a court order and/or discovery purposes related to litigation; or other authorized routine use when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

Effects of Nondisclosure: It is in your best interest to answer all of the questions. The U.S. Criminal Code, Title 18 U.S.C. 1001, provides that knowingly falsifying or concealing a material fact is a felony that may result in fines of up to \$10,000 or 5 years in prison, or both. Deliberately and materially making false or fraudulent statements on this form will be grounds for not granting you a Backcountry/Wilderness Use Permit.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) and 36 CFR 1-7, 12 and 13 which authorize the National Park Service to require applicants to fill out this form to monitor resources and to protect visitors. This information is being collected to allow the park management to make value judgements necessary to enhance the safety and enjoyment of both the visitors and wildlife. All applicable parts of the form must be completed in order for your request to be considered. You are not required to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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