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It is the responsibility of all trip participants to be aware of the safety risks inherent in backcountry travel and to understand and obey the following regulations while in the backcountry or wilderness:

- ☐ Off-Road Driving: No off-road driving is permitted – all vehicles must stay on designated roadways. All OHVs are prohibited.
- ☐ Roadside Camping: Roadside camping is prohibited along all paved roads. 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, developed area, or dirt road that is closed to camping.
- ☐ Backpacking: Camping in the wilderness or backcountry is permitted greater than one mile from the nearest paved road, developed area, or dirt road that is closed to camping.
- ☐ Cabins: Backcountry cabins may be used on a first-come, first-served basis for short-term occupancy not to exceed seven days; occupancy of cabins in Butte Valley cannot exceed three days. The potential for exposure to hantavirus and asbestos exists in all backcountry cabins.
- ☐ Proximity to Water: Camping is prohibited within 100ft of a flowing stream, spring, or other natural body of open water.
- ☐ Group Size: Groups are limited to 12 persons, 4 vehicles and 8 pack animals. Larger groups need to both travel and camp at least ½ mile apart.
- ☐ Resources: Natural objects and cultural artifacts are protected and must be left where found.
- ☐ Fires: Fires are restricted to fire pans that do not damage the natural surface; if an NPS-provided grate is present, it must be used instead. Wood gathering is prohibited. Ash and unburned material must be packed out. No fires are allowed above 3,000ft from June 15-September 15.
- ☐ Waste: If no toilet is present, bury all human waste at least 6in deep, 200ft from water and 400ft from backcountry cabins. All trash, including toilet paper, must be packed out.
- ☐ Pets: Pets must be in a crate or on a leash no longer than 6ft and are prohibited farther than 50ft from roads and developed areas. Pets are prohibited on trails and in wilderness areas.
- ☐ Caches: Water and food caches are allowed but must be removed after 30 days. Write your name and the pick-up date on the cache.

Dangers: Backcountry and wilderness travel in Death Valley 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. Rescue is not a certainty. Plan ahead and be prepared.

Water Sources: Water sources are unreliable and travelers should have contingency plans. Purify all water before drinking.

Emergency Contact: Advise your emergency contact to notify San Bernardino Interagency Dispatch, Death Valley Office at (760) 786-2330 if you are overdue.

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 an NPS park official, this single-visit permit authorizes:			
Last Name		First Name	MI
Street or Physical Address			
City		State/Province	Postal Code Country
Phone Number		☐ Home ☐ Cell	Email Address
No. of People in Party (Max 12)		Emergency Contact Name	Emergency Contact Phone #
Is this an organized or guided trip? ☐ Yes ☐ No		Group Name (as it appears on your CUA or AFW)	Commercial Use Permit #
METHOD OF TRAVEL (Check All That Apply) <i>*On Authorized Backcountry Roads ONLY - no off-road travel!</i>			
☐ Foot/Backpacking		☐ Canyoneering	☐ Mountain Biking*
☐ Driving (Vehicle/Motorcycle) *		☐ Other (provide details)	
VEHICLE DESCRIPTION		ITINERARY DETAILS	
State	Plate#	Start Date	Entry Location
Make	Model		
Color	Rental? ☐ Yes ☐ No	End Date	Exit Location
Parking Location			
Night	Camping Location / Use Area / Trail or Route		
Night 1			
Night 2			
Night 3			
Night 4			
Night 5			
Night 6			
Remarks including additional vehicles			
Issuing Ranger			Date

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. §100 101, N PS Organic Act; 16 U.S.C. 1 131 -1 136, Wilderness Act; 43 U.S.C. §1 70 1 et seq., 16 U.S.C. §680 168 1 4, 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 OM B control number.

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