# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Glacier National Park
West Glacier, Montana 59936

Thank you for your interest in obtaining a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) to conduct photography workshops in Glacier National Park during the 2013 summer season.

If you wish to obtain a permit for the 2013 season, please read all the conditions of the attached Commercial Use Authorization carefully. Save the CUA PDF to your computer (click on the green arrow in the upper right corner), complete all required fields, print, sign, and return to the address below. The CUA must be completed, signed, and returned with the required documentation prior to **May 1, 2013**. We have attached a checklist of required documentation for your convenience. Please ensure that **all** items listed on the checklist are included. Authorizations will not be processed until all the required information is received by our office. Once processed, we will return a signed, executed authorization to you via U.S. mail. We require a minimum of 15 business days to process applications.
**Please do not return partially completed application packets**.

Application packages received after May 1, and before July 1, will be processed but will require payment of a $100 late processing fee. This fee must accompany the application package. No applications will be accepted after July 1.

Alternatively, if you prefer to have the CUA application materials mailed to you, please call (406) 888-7858 to request an application package.

Please note the requirements of the Commercial Use Authorization for workshop leader training and certification. To be consistent with the training requirements for all commercial guides of backcountry activities, training for encounters with bears may be required. If workshop leaders will be guiding clients off-road or on any trail other than the trails listed on Attachment D, *Sites and Short Walks That Are Not Considered Commercially Guided Hikes*, they must complete training for encounters with bears at least once every three years. This training can be accomplished in one of three ways:

1. Attend one session of the National Park Service (NPS) Bear Management Orientation at Glacier National Park on June 4th or 5th. For more information regarding location and time, contact our office at 406-888-7909.

2. Have someone in your company attend one of the above described sessions, video record the session and certify to the National Park Service that the workshop leaders have viewed the video.

3. Purchase, view, and certify to the National Park Service that the workshop leaders have viewed the video *Staying Safe in Bear Country, a Behavioral-Based Approach to Reducing Risks*. The video can be purchased from Distribution Access either by calling 1-800-665-4121 or on the web at www.distributionaccess.com.

The CUA requires submission of an annual gross revenue and visitor information report (Attachment G). This report is due **November 1**, and failure to submit this report may result in a Commercial Use Authorization not being issued for the following year.

Please take care to note special conditions listed in the authorization, such as no off-trail use. Also, transportation on Going-to-the-Sun Road between Lake McDonald Lodge and Rising Sun Motor Inn may only be provided for workshop participants for the specific purposes of this authorization.

Glacier National Park is currently completing a major rehabilitation program for the Going-to-the-Sun Road (GTSR) that is expected to continue over the next several years. Across-the-park travel will not be possible on the GTSR before June 21 and after September 22. Full opening of the GTSR to the public by June 21 is weather dependent. Scheduled 2013 road construction will primarily be between Avalanche and Logan Creek on the west side of the GTSR and between Rising Sun and Siyeh Bend on the east side. Delays and restricted travel times may affect your group's travel across the Going-to-the-Sun Road; expect 20 minute delays at each of these work sites. Repair work in other areas may be encountered as well. For updated information as summer approaches, please check the park's website (http://www.nps.gov/glac/index.htm).

If you plan to conduct business on any adjacent Flathead National Forest land or the Blackfeet Reservation, you will need to contact them directly for information regarding their requirements.

We recognize this application process can be confusing and would be happy to answer any questions you have regarding the authorization or the requirements. Please contact Jean Tabbert at (406) 888-7858 if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Return completed packages to:**

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Attn. Jean Tabbert
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NPS HQ Concessions Office
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