



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 2016 summer season.

If you wish to obtain a permit for the 2016 season, please read all the conditions of the CUA carefully. A checklist of required documentation is included on page six of the Application Form, for your convenience. Please complete all required fields of the Commercial Use Authorization and Application PDFs, print, and mail to the address below. If you prefer to have this information mailed to you, please call (406) 888-7858 to request a hard copy. The Application Form must be completed, signed, and a hard copy of the CUA (with original signature) returned with the required payment and insurance documentation prior to **May 1, 2016**. Please ensure that **all** items listed on the checklist are included with your application. We are unable to accept credit card payments; payment by check must accompany your application. **Please do not return partially completed application packets.**

Application packages received after May 1, 2015, but before July 1, 2015, will be processed; however a \$100 late processing fee must accompany the application. **No late applications will be processed after July 1.** We require a minimum of 15 business days to process applications.

Also, 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 CUA Appendix III, *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 in early June. For more information regarding location and time, contact our office at 406-888-7909 after February 15.
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 DVD *Staying Safe in Bear Country, a Behavioral-Based Approach to Reducing Risks*. The DVD can be purchased from a number of online retailers and the Glacier National Park Conservancy, our official non-profit park partner: <http://glacierconservancy.org>.

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.

As in past summers, tour groups may encounter construction along the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Summer 2016 rehabilitation efforts will focus on the east side of the Going-to-the-Sun Road near the Saint Mary Visitor Center, in addition to masonry wall repair work west of Logan Pass.



In 2013, the park began a multi-year planning effort to address transportation and visitor use issues within the Going-to-the-Sun Road Corridor, including road congestion, parking shortages, and related natural and cultural resource impacts. As most CUA holders use the Going-to-the-Sun Road Corridor for some or all of your park activities, we wanted to ensure that you are aware of this planning effort. You can access previous public newsletters and read more about the plan

here: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=47660>

If you would like to be added to the project mailing list to receive notifications about opportunities for public comment and public open houses, please email Lauren Alley at lauren_alley@nps.gov. The park anticipates that the next period of public comment will be in the summer of 2016.

If you plan to conduct business on any adjacent Flathead National Forest land or the Blackfoot 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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