**Commercial Use Authorization Information Sheet**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Permit Application Information**

**Lake Meredith National Recreation Area**

**Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument**

The National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, 16 USC 5966 (PL 105-391) [The Law] authorizes the National Park Service (NPS) to issue commercial use authorizations to persons to provide commercial services to visitors of areas of the national park system.

Commercial use authorizations are a form of NPS written authorization under which persons are allowed to provide certain commercial services to visitors of areas of the national park system that the Secretary determines to be consistent with the purpose of the park. Such authorizations are not considered concession contracts.

Criteria for issuance of these authorizations is provided in Section 418 of The Law include the following:

1) services authorized must have minimal impact on resources and values of the unit of the National Park System and are consistent with the purpose for which the unit was established and with all applicable management plans and park policies and regulations:

 2) a reasonable fee must be collected by the NPS for the issuance of an authorization to recover costs

3) services provided are accomplished consistent with preservation and conservation of park resources and values;

4) the liability of the government is limited;

5) the number of authorizations issued must be consistent with the preservation and conservation of park resources and values;

6) two types of authorizations will be issued, incidental activity commercial use authorizations (requiring that services originate and terminate outside the park) and in-park commercial use authorizations (allowing the provision of specific services that originate and are provided solely within the park with projected gross revenue derived under the authorization are less than $25,000 per year.;

7) no construction will be allowed within these authorizations and;

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

• Please fill out application completely, being sure to sign, date & initial where indicated.

• Return your completed application with your payment, along with valid copies of all required documents to: Lake Meredith National Recreation Area

 Attention: Chief Ranger’s Office

 P.O. Box 1460

 Fritch, TX 79036

\* Completed application is to be mailed or delivered in person

• Your permit application will be reviewed by the management team the Superintendent. This process can take up to 10 business days.

• INSURANCE: Submit a certificate of commercial liability insurance with your application. Your liability insurance policy must contain an endorsement specifically naming as “**Additional Insured**.” the United States of America National Park Service, Lake Meredith NRA, 419 E. Broadway Fritch, TX 79036. Applications received without this specific endorsement will not be processed. Terms such as “Certificate Holder” or “Interested Party” are not sufficient.

• PERMIT FEE: The Application fee of $100.00 is due with the application by money order or cashier’s check. Once an application has been received and a decision has been made to award a CUA, the Administrative fee becomes due. This fee is based on costs associated with the administrative process of the decision and the approval of the authorization and will not be refunded even if the entity decides not to offer the permitted activity.

• PERMIT EXPIRATION: Commercial Use Authorization permits are valid for 12 months from the date of issue, provided that the Permittee complies with the terms and conditions of the permit throughout the contract period.

• Questions may be directed to paul\_jones@nps.gov or call 806 857-0312.