



United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Pinnacles National Park
5000 Highway 146
Paicines, CA 95043

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Dear Commercial Use Permit Holder or Applicant:

Thank you for your patience regarding how Pinnacles will manage commercial use permits in the future. The park will be implementing a new procedure and cost structure starting October 1, 2021. The new model is based on the National Park Service gross receipts tiered model. The application fee and the management fee(s) will change starting October 1, 2021. The new application fee and commercial management fees will be posted on the park's website at www.nps.gov/pinn at least 60 days prior to the start of the new application period.

Please note that the date to submit applications will also change. The change will allow us to better meet the needs of our commercial use permit holders. Starting October of 2021, all commercial use permits will be issued for two years. For example, all commercial use permits issued in 2021 will expire on October of 2023. Until the new changes are implemented, we will not be issuing any new commercial use permits.

Below are instructions for current commercial use permit holders based on your individual circumstances.

Payment But Did Not Receive A Permit in 2020

If you paid for a permit at the beginning 2020 and did not receive a permit, please email Park Ranger David Soto at david_soto@nps.gov for further guidance.

Permit Issued in 2020

If you paid for and receive a permit in 2020, your permitted operating period will be extended through October 30, 2021.

Commercial Use Permit Expired in 2020

If your permit expired in 2020, a portion of your management fee(s) may be refunded, or your permit may be extended using the original expiration date but with the end year of 2021. Please email Park Ranger David Soto at David_Soto@nps.gov.

Renewing a Permit

If you need to renew a permit, please re-apply by December 10, 2020. All permits expiring in 2021, will need to submit an application November 15 through December 15, 2021.

I want to thank Park Ranger David Soto for his assistance in managing the commercial use permit process for the park. He has done an outstanding job under very difficult circumstances. And thank you for your patience as we navigated through the pandemic. Starting in November, the commercial use permit program will be moved under the newly established Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services position. With the establishment of this new position and the upcoming changes to the program, we hope to better serve your needs as commercial operators.

Sincerely,

Blanca Alvarez Stransky
Superintendent
Pinnacles National Park