



# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION

## Application Period: November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>

A fully complete application packet including insurance, fee payment, and other required documentation must be received or postmarked by the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. **Applications received or postmarked after April 30<sup>th</sup> will not be accepted.** Rare exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances or if the application is to provide an approved service not currently offered by other commercial operators. Any request for a waiver based upon extenuating circumstances must be submitted in writing and approved by the park Superintendent(s).

The following explanations correspond directly with the numbered items on the Application (Form 10-550) and the Supplemental Application. Please read this entire document prior to completing the application. Include the nonrefundable application fee and park specific management fee(s) when submitting an application.

Please note: With park approval, a CUA is not valid until both an authorized agent of the business AND the National Park Service (NPS) authorizing official sign the permit (Form 10-115). The CUA holder and their employees must carry a valid copy of the CUA permit with both signatures when operating in the park unit.

### Instructions for Application Form 10-550

1. List all of the park units in which you wish to provide service.
2. Enter the service(s) you are proposing to provide. Reference the **Approved Commercial Visitor Services** list below for approved, park-specific activities.
3. Enter the legal name of your business. If you have a secondary name under which you are doing business (d.b.a.), also list that name.
4. Give the name(s) of persons designated as Authorized Agents for your business. This may include the on-site general manager responsible for day to day operations.
5. Provide contact information for both the main season and the off-season. Over the term of your authorization, it may be necessary to contact you to obtain or share information. Your main season contact information may also be published in the NPS Commercial Services Directory.
6. Check the box that identifies your type of business.
7. If the state in which you operate or the state where your business is domiciled requires a state business license, provide the license number and date of expiration.
8. Provide your Employer Identification Number (EIN). The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 requires the NPS to collect an EIN or Social Security Number (SSN). The NPS will not collect SSNs, only EINs. The EIN is issued by the Internal Revenue Service. You may receive a free EIN at <http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/How-to-Apply-for-an-EIN>. We will use the provided EIN as needed to collect debts.
9. Provide proof of General Liability Insurance naming the United States of America, National Park Service, as additionally insured in the amounts designated in these instructions. See **Insurance Requirements** below.  
List all vehicles, if any, you wish to operate in the park unit(s).
10. NPS Management Policy prohibits employees of the NPS, their spouses or minor children from acquiring or retaining any authorization for conducting commercial services in a park area.
11. If your business, business owners, current or proposed employees are currently under charges or have been convicted in the last 5 years for violation of State, Federal, or local law or regulation, please give details (does not include minor traffic tickets).

**FEE:** Include payment of the Application Fee and Management Fee(s) as applicable. See **Commercial Use Authorization Fee Schedule** below.

12. Sign and date your application. If the person SIGNING this application is not an Authorized Agent for the business, proof of signing authority must accompany the application.

## Instructions for Supplemental Information for Commercial Use Authorization Application

Provide your Legal Business Name. Your business name must match the name on your Alaska Business License and Certificate of Insurance.

If you are doing business under an additional name (d.b.a.), please also provide that name.

1. **You may apply for either a one- or two-year CUA for all park units with the exception of Kenai Fjords, Glacier Bay, and Denali.** CUAs for Guided Mountaineering in Kenai Fjords are only issued for one-year; all other commercial activities in Kenai Fjords may be permitted for one or two-years. CUAs for Guided Charter Boat/Guided Sportfishing and Guided Kayaking in Glacier Bay are only issued for one-year; all other commercial activities in Glacier Bay may be permitted for one or two-years. Applications for Denali National Park & Preserve must be submitted directly to Denali. [www.nps.gov/dena/getinvolved/commercial-use-authorizations.htm](http://www.nps.gov/dena/getinvolved/commercial-use-authorizations.htm)
2. Please provide information on guides/leaders/employees who will operate under the CUA/SUP. First Aid/CPR is required by certain park units as noted on the Supplemental.
3. Licensed Big Game Transporters must send in a copy of their state transporter license.
4. Air Carriers, please indicate type. If you operate under Part 135, send in a copy of your FAA Operating Certificate. If you are a foreign air carrier please send a copy of your FAA Letter of Authorization.
5. Please provide information on any watercraft to be used such as rafts, skiffs, kayaks/canoes, etc. The state requires all powered boats (including non-powered boats with auxiliary power units) used on any water in the state to be registered. (This includes all rivers, streams, and lakes, regardless of size, and all salt water within 3 miles of land.) All sportfishing guides are required to register both powered and non-powered boats. (AS 16.05.395). **Insurance Reminder:** If you are using watercraft (boats, kayaks, rafts, etc.) within park boundaries or landing/launching from park land, your insurance certificate must include watercraft liability coverage or a boat endorsement.
6. Provide information on all aircraft, if any, to be used.
7. Specify which services you wish to provide in each park unit and where you wish to provide those services. Refer to **Approved Commercial Visitor Services** below for park specific lists of approved services.

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## Commercial Use Authorization Fee Schedule

### Application Fee – Due along with Application

Number of Parks	Application Fee (One-Year CUA)	Application Fee (Two-Year CUA)
1	\$200	\$300
2	\$250	\$400
3	\$300	\$500
4	\$350	\$600
5	\$400	\$700
6	\$450	\$800

### Management Fee – Due along with Application

Park Name	Management Fee (One-Year CUA)	Management Fee (Two-Year CUA)
Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$200</b>
Kenai Fjords National Park	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$200</b>
Western Arctic National Parklands*	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$200</b>
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$200</b>

*\*Note: Western Arctic includes Bering Land Bridge, Cape Krusenstern, Noatak, and Kobuk Valley  
There is one flat management fee – regardless if you operate in one or all of Western Arctic Parks.*

### Monitoring Fees – Due as Specified Below

Park Unit	Fee Amount	Due Date	Notes
<b>Alagnak Wild River</b>	<b>\$6.00</b> per person, per day (excludes Guides)*	November 15th of each year along with Activity Report & Annual Report Form 10-660	Submit to: katm_lacl_activityreports@nps.gov
<b>Aniakchak National Monument &amp; Preserve</b>	<b>\$6.00</b> per person per day (excludes Guides)*	November 15th of each year along with Activity Report & Annual Report Form 10-660	Submit to: katm_lacl_activityreports@nps.gov
<b>Brooks Camp (Developed Area)</b>	<b>\$14.00</b> per person per day (excludes Guides)*	November 15th of each year along with Activity Report & Annual Report Form 10-660	If the same client visits both Brooks Camp Developed Area and any other locations in Katmai National Parks & Preserve on the same day with the same Holder, only the Brooks Camp Developed Area fee will be collected.  Submit to: katm_lacl_activityreports@nps.gov
<b>Katmai National Park &amp; Preserve</b>	<b>\$6.00</b> per person, per day (excludes Guides)*	November 15th of each year along with Activity Report & Annual Report Form 10-660	If the same client visits both Brooks Camp Developed Area and any other locations in Katmai National Parks & Preserve on the same day with the same Holder, only the Brooks Camp Developed Area fee will be collected.  Submit to: katm_lacl_activityreports@nps.gov

Park Unit	Fee Amount	Due Date	Notes
<b>Lake Clark National Park &amp; Preserve</b>	<b>\$6.00</b> per person, per day (excludes Guides)*	November 15th of each year along with Activity Report & Annual Report Form 10-660	Submit to: katm_lacl_activityreports@nps.gov
<b>Glacier Bay National Park &amp; Preserve</b>	<b><u>ALSEK RIVER RAFTING</u></b> – Greater of \$1000 or \$32 USD per person (excludes Guides)*	November 15th of each year along with Activity Report & Annual Report Form 10-660	Submit to: GLBA_concessions@nps.gov
<b>Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park</b>	Horse Tours: <b>\$3.00</b> per person, per day (excludes Guides)* All Other Activities: <b>\$2.00</b> per person, per day (excludes Guides)* -There is no fee for Skagway Walking Tours or Shuttle Services	November 15th of each year along with Activity Report & Annual Report Form 10-660	Submit to: AKR_activityreports@nps.gov
<b>Sitka National Historical Park</b>	<b>\$3.00</b> per person, per day (excludes Guides)*	November 15th of each year along with Activity Report & Annual Report Form 10-660	Submit to: AKR_activityreports@nps.gov

\* Defined as the per person fee amount multiplied by the total number of guided clients in the park each day or portion thereof.

### Fee Payment Options:

1. Pay online at **www.pay.gov/public**. Use the “Alaska Region Commercial Use Authorization Fees” form.
2. Mail a check or money order to National Park Service, Concessions, 240 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue #114, Anchorage, AK 99501. Include your Employer Identification Number (EIN). Apply a \$5 processing fee for each check.

#### Instructions for Online Payments (www.pay.gov)

1. Navigate to **www.pay.gov**
2. Under the heading “I Need to Pay” select National Park Service
3. Select the first option displayed, the “Alaska Region Commercial Use Authorization Fees” form
4. Select “Continue to the Form”
5. The next page describes approved payment methods, again select “Continue to the Form”
6. Fill in the Personal and Contact Information sections, select the applicable fee boxes then select “continue”. You will be prompted to enter your method of payment and payment details.
7. Once you have successfully completed the payment process, you will receive a transaction receipt via email. Include a copy of the receipt/email confirmation with your application or email a copy to **akro\_cua\_admin@nps.gov**.

### Approved Commercial Visitor Services for NPS - Alaska Region

#### **Alagnak Wild River (ALAG)**

Air Taxi, Big Game Transport, Boating Trips, Charter Boat, Guided Backpacking, Guided Bear Viewing, Guided Hiking, Guided Kayaking, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing), Incidental Hunt Transport.

#### **Aniakchak National Monument & Preserve (ANIA)**

Air Taxi, Big Game Transport, Boating Trips, Charter Boat, Guided Backpacking, Guided Bear Viewing, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Kayaking, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing), Incidental Hunt Transport.

<p><b>Bering Land Bridge National Preserve (BELA)</b> Air Taxi, Big Game Transport, Incidental Hunt Transport.</p>
<p><b>Cape Krusenstern National Monument (CAKR)</b> Air Taxi, Guided Backpacking, Guided Kayaking.</p>
<p><b>Gates of the Arctic National Park &amp; Preserve (GAAR)</b> Air Taxi, Big Game Transport, Boating Trips, Charter Boat, Guided Backpacking, Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing), Incidental Hunt Transport.</p>
<p><b>Glacier Bay National Park &amp; Preserve (GLBA)</b> Air Taxi, Big Game Transport, Charter Boat, Group Camping, Guided Alsek River Rafting, Guided Backpacking, Guided Hiking, Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing), Incidental Hunt Transport, Passenger Ferry.</p>
<p><b>Katmai National Park &amp; Preserve (KATM)</b> Air Taxi, Big Game Transport, Boating Trips, Charter Boat, Guided Backpacking, Guided Bear Viewing, Guided Hiking, Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing), Incidental Hunt Transport.</p>
<p><b>Kenai Fjords National Park (KEFJ)</b> Air Taxi, Charter Boat, Commercial Vehicle Tours, Guided Backpacking, Guided Bicycle Tours (roadways only), Guided Hiking (includes walking on Exit Glacier), Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Paddleboarding, Guided Photography, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing), Snowcoach Tours. <b>No permit required for Taxi/Shuttle Bus Service.</b></p>
<p><b>Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park (KLGO)</b> Boating Trips, Commercial Vehicle Tours, Guided Backpacking (US side only), Guided Bicycling, Guided Hiking, Guided Horse Rides, Shuttle Service.</p>
<p><b>Kobuk Valley National Park (KOVA)</b> Air Taxi, Boating Trips, Charter Boat, Guided Backpacking, Guided Hiking.</p>
<p><b>Lake Clark National Park &amp; Preserve (LACL)</b> Air Taxi, Big Game Transport, Boat Rental (non-motorized), Boating Trips, Charter Boat, Guided Backpacking, Guided Bear Viewing, Guided Hiking, Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Paddleboarding, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing), Incidental Hunt Transport, Snorkeling, Underwater Wildlife Photography, Water Taxi.</p>
<p><b>Noatak National Preserve (NOAT)</b> Air Taxi, Big Game Transport, Boating Trips, Guided Backpacking, Guided Hiking, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Incidental Hunt Transport.</p>
<p><b>Sitka National Historical Park (SITK)</b> Commercial Vehicle Tours, Guided Hiking, Shuttle Service.</p>
<p><b>Wrangell-St. Elias National Park &amp; Preserve (WRST)</b> Air Taxi, Big Game Transport, Boating Trips, Guided Hiking, Commercial Vehicle Tours, Guided Backpacking, Guided Horse Packing, Guided Horse Rides, Guided Kayaking, Guided Mountaineering, Guided Photography, Guided Sportfishing, Guided Wagon Rides, Guided Winter Backcountry Trips (Skiing, Sledding, Snowshoeing), Incidental Hunt Transport.</p>
<p><b>Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve (YUCH)</b> Air Taxi, Big Game Transport, Boating Trips, Guided Backpacking, Guided Hiking, Guided Sportfishing, Incidental Hunt Transport.</p>

### Activity Codes & Descriptions

	Code	AIR TRANSPORTATION
<b>Air Taxi</b>	<b>AT</b>	FAA certified business that engages in air transportation with landings within park boundaries. A permit is not required for flightseeing trips that do not land within park boundaries.

<b>Big Game Transporter</b>	<b>HT</b>	An operator licensed by the State of Alaska to provide transportation services. “ ‘Transportation Services’ means the carriage for compensation of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters to, from, or in the field; ‘transportation services’ does not include the carriage by aircraft of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters (A) on nonstop flights between airports listed in the Alaska supplement to the Airmen’s Guide published by the Federal Aviation Administration” nor does it include Incidental Hunt Transportation services as defined below. AS 08.54.790(10)
<b>Incidental Hunt Transporter</b>	<b>IT</b>	An air taxi operator or air carrier for which the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters is only an incidental portion of its business; The word “incidental” means transportation provided to a big game hunter by an air taxi operator or air carrier who does not (i) charge more than the usual tariff or charter rate for the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters; or (ii) advertise transportation services or big game hunting services to the public; The word “advertise” means soliciting big game hunters to be customers of an air taxi operator or air carrier for the purpose of providing air transportation to, from, or in the field through the use of print or electronic media, including advertising at trade shows or the use of hunt broker services or other promotional services.
	<b>Code</b>	<b>AUTO TRANSPORTATION</b>
<b>Shuttle &amp; Taxi Service</b>	<b>SH</b>	Point-to-point ground transportation only; passengers are dropped off or picked up in specified areas. No guiding occurs.
<b>Vehicle Tours</b>	<b>VT</b>	Road-based commercial tours of one or more persons traveling on an itinerary that someone has packaged, priced or sold for leisure/recreational purposes and provides no other services except those incidental to road-based travel in a NPS area (on-board interpretation and incidental stops at visitor centers, restaurants, wayside exhibits, etc.).
	<b>Code</b>	<b>LAND-BASED GUIDING</b>
<b>Backpacking</b>	<b>BP</b>	Hiking, carrying backpacks and necessary supplies with the intent of establishing temporary overnight camps. Does not involve the use of improved campground facilities.
<b>Bear Viewing</b>	<b>BV</b>	Guided hikes to view bears.
<b>Bicycle Tours</b>	<b>CY</b>	Guided trips using bicycles on designated routes within the park unit.
<b>Camping (Groups)</b>	<b>GC</b>	Overnight use of improved campground facilities by commercial groups.
<b>Hiking Tours</b>	<b>GH</b>	Guided walking and sightseeing day tours.
<b>Horse Packing</b>	<b>HP</b>	Guided overnight camping trips using horses for transportation and/or to carry packs.
<b>Horse Rides</b>	<b>HR</b>	Guided day trips on horseback.
<b>Mountaineering</b>	<b>MT</b>	Each park’s Superintendent will determine if an activity falls under “mountaineering” based on the details of the proposed activity and areas to be used. Mountaineering is generally defined as a sport that involves rock or ice climbing or glacier travel each requiring the basic use of climbing ropes, cords, ice climbing boots, poles, ice axes, crampons, etc.
<b>Photography</b>	<b>PH</b>	Trips organized with the primary intention of taking photographs in or of the park unit. It is understood that incidental photography occurs during most commercial activities, a permit for incidental photography is not required.
<b>Snowcoach Tours</b>	<b>SC</b>	Travel by means of a self-propelled vehicle, with a capacity of at least 8 passengers, intended for travel on snow. A snowcoach has a curb weight of more than 1,000 pounds, is driven by a track or tracks and is steered by skis or tracks. It has a maximum size of 102 inches wide, plus tracks (not to exceed 110 inches overall); a maximum length of 35 feet; and a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) not exceeding 25,000 pounds.

<b>Wagon Rides</b>	<b>WR</b>	Guided trail rides via wheeled wagons pulled by horses.
<b>Winter Backcountry Trips</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>Skiing:</b> Gliding over the snow using skis strapped to the feet with ski bindings
	<b>DS</b>	<b>Sledding:</b> Guided day tours using a regular or dog drawn sled for transportation.
	<b>SN</b>	<b>Snowshoeing:</b> The use of a racket-shaped frame, containing interlaced strips, attached to the foot to facilitate walking on deep snow.
	<b>Code</b>	<b>WATERCRAFT TRANSPORTATION and WATER-RELATED ACTIVITIES</b>
<b>Alsek River Rafting</b>	<b>ARR</b>	Guided whitewater rafting trips on the Alsek River in Glacier Bay National Park. Alsek River rafting permits are primarily issued via concession contract however Canadian contract holders may apply for a CUA to carry out their contract assignment.
<b>Boating Trips</b>	<b>BT</b>	Guided motorized or non-motorized vessel (other than kayak, charter boat, water taxi or ferry service) and not including the provision of on-board overnight lodging.
<b>Boat Rental (non-motorized)</b>	<b>BR</b>	The rental of canoe, kayak, raft, paddleboard or other non-motorized boats and associated equipment.
<b>Paddleboarding</b>	<b>PB</b>	Guided tours using a surfboard or similar long narrow board and long-handled paddle in or on bodies of water within the boundaries of the park and/or preserve.
<b>Charter Boat</b>	<b>CB</b>	Any motor vessel under 100 tons gross (U.S. System) or 2,000 tons gross (International Convention System) engaged in transport of passengers for hire and certified to carry no more than 12 passengers overnight and no more than 49 passengers for daytime use. Charter vessels also include any uninspected motor vessel measuring less than 200 tons gross (U.S. Tonnage "Simplified Measurement System") and not more than 24 meters (79 feet) in length engaged in transport of passengers for hire. Does not apply to freshwater systems/lakes.
<b>Kayaking</b>	<b>KT</b>	Guided trips using a kayak.
<b>Passenger Ferry Service (Glacier Bay Only)</b>	<b>FS</b>	Providing access to the park or other authorized visitor services or facilities at or originating from, the public dock area at Bartlett Cove.
<b>Snorkeling</b>	<b>SKL</b>	Guided trips involving swimming with a diving mask and snorkel in or on bodies of water within the boundaries of the park and/or preserve.
<b>Sportfishing</b>	<b>SF</b>	Guided recreational activity involving the taking of or attempting to take for personal use, and not for sale or barter, any freshwater, marine, or anadromous fish by hook and line held in the hand, or by hook and line with the line attached to a pole or rod which is held in the hand or closely attended or by other means defined by the Alaska Board of Fisheries.
<b>Underwater Wildlife Photography</b>	<b>PHW</b>	The use of photographic equipment to document various forms of wildlife in their natural habitat while swimming or snorkeling underwater.
<b>Water Taxi</b>	<b>WTX</b>	Motorized vessel engaged in the transportation of passengers and/or freight on freshwater systems/lakes.

### Group Size Limitations

This table shows the group size limitations for each park unit.

<b>Park Unit</b>	<b>Group Size Limitations</b>
<b>Alagnak Wild River</b>	No more than 15 persons, including employees
<b>Aniakchak</b>	No more than 15 persons, including employees

<b>Bering Land Bridge</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 12 persons, including guides and boatmen. <u>Backpacking Groups</u> : No more than 10 persons, including guides.
<b>Cape Krusenstern</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 12 persons, including guides and boatmen. <u>Backpacking Groups</u> : No more than 10 persons, including guides.
<b>Gates of the Arctic</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 10 persons , including guides and boatmen <u>Backpacking Groups</u> : No more than 10 persons, including guides (includes side trips taken by river float).
<b>Glacier Bay</b>	Backcountry (On Shore Groups): No more than 12 persons, including guides.
<b>Katmai</b>	Excluding Brooks Camp Developed Area, no more than 15 persons, including employees.
<b>Kenai Fjords</b>	<u>Backcountry Trips</u> : (includes Harding Ice Field and Trail) No more than 14 per group including guides and assistants. See park stipulations for more information.
<b>Klondike Gold Rush</b>	<u>Guided Trips</u> : No more than 12 persons, including guides. There must be at least one guide per trip. <u>Horseback Rides</u> : No more than 5 client-riders for each wrangler/guide (e.g. maximum group size is 12 persons, two of which must be guides).
<b>Kobuk Valley</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 12 persons, including guides and boatmen. <u>Backpacking Groups</u> : No more than 10 persons, including guides.
<b>Lake Clark</b>	No more than 15 persons, including guides and assistants.
<b>Noatak</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 12 persons, including guides and boatmen. <u>Backpacking Groups</u> : No more than 10 persons, including guides.
<b>Sitka</b>	None
<b>Wrangell-St. Elias</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 15 persons, including guides and boatmen. <u>Guided groups in the Donoho Basin</u> : No more than 12 clients. A minimum ratio of one guide per six clients must be maintained. Unguided groups are limited to no more than 12 people total. Exemptions to this limit for commercially guided groups will not be considered.
<b>Yukon-Charley Rivers</b>	<u>Float Trips</u> : No more than 12 persons, including guides and assistants.

### Insurance Requirements

Minimum Coverage Amounts for Liability Insurance (in thousands of dollars)			
Type of Activity	Per Occurrence Amount	General Aggregate Amount	Type of Insurance
Backpacking, Bicycle Tours, Camping (Group), Hiking, Photography, Skiing, Snorkeling, Snowcoach, Snowshoeing, Sportfishing (from land)	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	Comprehensive General Liability



Bear Viewing, (Dog) Sledding, Horse Packing, Horse Rides, Mountaineering, Wagon Rides	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	Comprehensive General Liability
Boating Trips, Kayaking, Paddleboarding, Sportfishing (from watercraft)	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	Comprehensive General Liability ( <b>“watercraft liability”</b> or <b>“boat endorsement”</b> must be noted)
Whitewater Rafting	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	Comprehensive General Liability ( <b>“watercraft liability”</b> or <b>“boat endorsement”</b> must be noted) OR Protection & Indemnity ( <b>“shoreside liability”</b> or <b>shore excursion coverage</b> must be noted) OR Commercial Marine Liability ( <b>“shoreside liability”</b> or <b>shore excursion coverage</b> must be noted)
Charter Boat, Ferry Service, Water Taxi OR vessels 26 feet and over in length	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	Protection & Indemnity OR Commercial Marine Liability
Vehicle Tours, Shuttle/Taxi (owned, non-owned and hired vehicles)	Up to 12 passengers - \$500,000/occurrence, 13-20 passengers - \$750,000/occurrence, 20+ passengers - \$1,500,000/occurrence		Commercial Auto Liability* Required for all CUAs transporting passengers or using a vehicle on park lands in performance of their authorized service(s).
Aircraft Operators	\$150,000 per passenger seat		
Employee Coverage (Workers Comp)	The State of Alaska requires anyone who employs one or more persons whether full or part time to carry workers’ compensation insurance. Insurance certificate must indicate coverage.		

### Insurance Certificate Standards

Insurance certificates must:

- Be written in English with monetary amounts reflected in \$USD
- Show the current policy period
- Name as insured the business or person shown on the CUA application
- Name the United States of America as additionally insured (certificate holder) using the following address:  

United States of America  
National Park Service  
240 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501
- Reflect at a minimum the coverage amount required by the commercial activity (see above table)

- Include the insurance provider rating in accordance with these outlined *Minimum Insurance Company Standards*. Insurance companies must have a rating of at least A- by the most recent edition of A.M. Best's Key Insurance Reports (Property-Casualty edition) or similar insurance rating companies (Moody's, Standard and Poor's, or Fitch). This rating must be noted on the certificate of insurance or provided in a separate document with the submission of the CUA application.
- **Watercraft Coverage:** If you are using watercraft (boats, kayaks, rafts, etc.) within park boundaries or landing/launching from park land, your insurance certificate must include watercraft liability coverage or a boat endorsement.
- **Aircraft Coverage:** If you will be landing within park boundaries, on park lands or waters, your insurance certificate must list the tail numbers of the aircraft you wish to use under your CUA.

### **Visitor Acknowledgement of Risk (VAR)**

It is consistent with National Park Service policy for a Commercial Use Authorization Holder to warn visitors of the dangers inherent in high-risk activities and for visitors to assume responsibility for their own negligence.

For activities that require prerequisite skills or experience, it is appropriate to require that visitors declare in writing that they possess those prerequisites.

CUA Holders may request a VAR form from the Regional Office for this purpose. The VAR form may not be modified beyond the blank text fields on the template. If use of an alternate VAR is desired, the operator must submit a copy of the form to the Regional Office for approval.

It is not consistent with National Park Service policy to require visitors to waive their right to hold CUA Holders or the Government responsible for bona fide negligence resulting in bodily injury, death or loss of personal property. Operators may not modify a VAR to include language alluding to a "waiver of liability".