

**COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION FOR GUIDED PAINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS**  
**OPERATING PLAN - EXHIBIT B**

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**OVERVIEW**

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This CUA authorizes road-based photography and painting workshops which include photography and/or painting instruction or facilitation. Stops at visitor facilities, services, walks on trails less than a ½ mile from trailheads or roadways, and on boardwalks/developed areas are authorized under this CUA.

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**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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1) Definitions

- a. **Photography Workshops:** An organized group using an itinerary that has been packaged, priced, or sold as a guided photography instructional session. Photography Workshops embrace the scenic, cultural, and/or natural resources of Yellowstone National Park to create a facilitated or instructional experience designed to provide a photography opportunity and/or improve a photographer's skills and/or photography techniques.
- b. **Painting Workshops:** An organized group using an itinerary that has been packaged, priced, or sold as a guided painting instruction session. During these sessions, visitors are provided painting and related art instruction and/or facilitated opportunities that embrace the scenic, cultural, and/or natural resources of Yellowstone National Park.
- c. **Props:** Sets and props means items constructed or placed on agency lands to facilitate commercial filming or still photography including, but not limited to, backdrops, generators, microphones, stages, lighting banks, camera tracks, vehicles specifically designed to accommodate camera or recording equipment, rope and pulley systems, and rigging for climbers and structures. Sets and props also include trained animals and inanimate objects, such as camping equipment, campfires, wagons, and so forth, when used to stage a specific scene. The use of a camera on a tripod, without the use of any other equipment, is not considered a prop.
- d. **Models:** Model means a person or object that serves as the subject for commercial filming or still photography for the purpose of promoting the sale or use of a product or service. Models include, but are not limited to, individuals, animals, or inanimate objects, such as vehicles, boats, articles of clothing, and food and beverage products, placed on agency lands so that they may be filmed or photographed to promote the sale or use of a product or service. For the purposes of this part, tour participants are not considered models, if the image will not be used to promote or sell a product or service.

- 2) Group size is limited to 15 participants including guides/instructors. Multiple groups must be dispersed and may not congregate at a destination.
- 3) Incidental props are authorized under this CUA. Incidental props are handheld objects, or items that a person may be carrying/wearing (e.g. binoculars, photo equipment).
- 4) The use of models, non-incidentals props, sets, lighting, and other specialized equipment are not allowed under this authorization. Photography and videography equipment allowed in this authorization is limited to hand-held equipment and tripods (e.g. SLR cameras, micro 4/3rd cameras, action cameras, point-and-shoot cameras, etc.) Holders wishing to utilize models, non-incidentals props, sets, lighting, and other specialized equipment in association with this CUA may need to obtain a special use permit if their activity includes non-low-impact filming or photography. For more information, please visit this link: <https://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/filmp permit.htm>.
- 5) Guides and clients may not ask other visitors to move and areas may not be closed to accommodate painting and photography workshops.
- 6) Impeding traffic or causing unnecessary delays in traffic is prohibited. Vehicles may not stop in the roadway to allow clients to take pictures or load and unload passengers.
- 7) Permitted groups are sharing visitor facilities with the general public. This permit does not convey any priority use of any park area including park trails, roadside pullouts, parking areas, picnic areas, etc. Permittees are responsible for the conduct of their clients.
- 8) The use of tripods or any multi-legged stabilization device is authorized but may not interfere with the general visiting public or with the free flow of traffic on roads, boardwalks, and trails.
- 9) For nighttime photography, illuminating park features and landscapes in any way for the purpose of photography is not authorized.

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- 10) Specific to Hayden Valley and Lamar Valley there is a 2-hour maximum use allowed for the utilization of any one pull-out or parking area. Parking spaces in pull-outs are available on a first-come first-served basis and cannot be blocked or saved.
- 11) All individuals are required to comply as directed by NPS staff engaged in administering wildlife management operations or managing wildlife viewing opportunities.
- 12) All guides and/or drivers are required to follow speed limits and all state traffic laws.
- 13) All guides are required to hold a current CPR and first aid certification.
- 14) Tours with incidental photography are more appropriate for the environmental education or road-based tour CUA. Instruction for video filming is not allowed under this permit.

**I have read and agree to the Painting & Photography Workshop CUA conditions. I hereby confirm that myself, all guides, and all relevant employees will be trained in the requirements of this CUA, the Yellowstone CUA Special Park Conditions, and this Operating Plan.**

**CUA Holder's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_