



# Filming In Yellowstone National Park

*These rules are intended for the safety and protection of park visitors and resources.*

PLEASE NOTE: If you plan on filming talent or in thermal areas, an NPS escort (monitor) will be required and must be arranged at least a week in advance.

This form must be read, understood, initialed and signed before any filming will take place. Film permit may be revoked if any member of the film crew fails to comply with the following filming guidelines, park regulations, or Federal Laws.

<b>Basic Orientation</b>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Film permit will act as entrance pass (only crew vehicles will be allowed free entrance with pass- no busses). Permit is not a recreation pass.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Film Crew must have a full copy of film permit with them at all times.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No special access into closed areas will be permitted.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear communication is expected.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crew size includes anyone travelling with or assisting film crew in any way including family, children, talent, friends, drivers, or any other person whether or not they plan on supporting the crew. Location fees apply to any crew that exceeds 2 people.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All NPS staff interviews must be approved and organized through filming office.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special permission may be granted and addendums issued for:                             <table border="1" data-bbox="250 1146 1300 1295" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Thermal filming without monitor</td> <td>Underwater filming</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wilderness filming ( &gt;1/2 mile from road)</td> <td>Overnight filming</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Filming Staff interviews</td> <td>Filming in buildings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Increase in crew size with assoc. fees</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </li> </ul>	Thermal filming without monitor	Underwater filming	Wilderness filming ( >1/2 mile from road)	Overnight filming	Filming Staff interviews	Filming in buildings	Increase in crew size with assoc. fees		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filming prohibited at the Grand Prismatic overlook social trails and Boiling River.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPS employees are not permitted to sign release forms. Permit will act as a release of employees and locations.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) are not permitted in Yellowstone.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time-lapse photography is considered "filming".</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please stay with your equipment at all times- remote cameras not permitted.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filming or photography to advertise a product or service is not permitted in the backcountry of Yellowstone (backcountry is anything greater than 1/2 mile from roadway).</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filming in backcountry thermal areas is prohibited.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unless a monitor is present you may not approach other visitors for film related requests.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filming in residential areas or service roads not permitted.</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of artificial lighting during evening or early morning hours is prohibited.</li> </ul>									

<b>Thermal area filming– Requires an NPS Monitor- <i>Filming in thermal areas from June 1<sup>st</sup>- Sept 15<sup>th</sup> is prohibited during the hours of 9am-7pm.</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All crew members and equipment must stay on designated boardwalks and paths and must not touch any thermal water or features.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crew must stay together unless more than one monitor is present.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visitors have preference and monitor will make all visitor contacts.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 minute closures for silence and stillness can be requested. Monitor will hold visitors and limit noise for filming provided the visitors comply.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment may be limited where boardwalk space is minimal.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crew members must wait for monitor before entering thermal areas with equipment.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If any visitors need assistance (ex. medical situation) filming will stop temporarily.</li> </ul>	

<b>Park Regulations and Expectations</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please be respectful and courteous to other visitors and film crews. If violations are issued for any reason during your visit to Yellowstone or complaints are filed from other visitors, your permit may be revoked.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must remain: 25 yards (23m) from all wildlife &amp; birds/ 100 Yards (91m) from bears and wolves and if animals change their behavior you must back up.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not feed wildlife intentionally or on accident.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Imitating animal calls or use of electronic equipment used to track wildlife is prohibited.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smoking is not allowed in buildings or on the boardwalks in thermal areas.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removing or disturbing any natural features from Yellowstone is prohibited.</li> </ul>	

<b>Travelling through Yellowstone</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are responsible for knowing and following traffic laws.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If filming from a vehicle, everyone must be in an approved seatbelt and doors closed.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are in a wildlife jam, everyone must stay in the car until you are properly parked and can remain appropriate distance from animals. Use designated pullouts only and all four wheels must be completely right of the white fog line.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When caravanning with monitor – you must stay with monitor at all times.</li> </ul>	

Violation of regulations or visitor complaints may result in termination of filming permit and/or require an NPS monitor at all times. [Please help us](#) help you, have a successful project in Yellowstone National Park.

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Film crew manager

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