

**ZION NATIONAL PARK
COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM**

**2026 OPERATION PLAN FOR
RV DELIVERY/SETUP:
COMMERCIAL CAMPER TRAILER & RV DELIVERY**

1. Authorized Use Defined:

The delivery of hard-sided rental recreational vehicles on wheels (camper trailers/motorhomes) in pre-reserved electric sites in Watchman Campground. The campsite reservation must be made by the client/visitor. Only services defined above may occur under this authorization.

2. Authorized Use Areas Defined:

The only campsites available and authorized for RVs are in the A and B loops of Watchman Campground. The CUA holder must ensure that the RV does not exceed the maximum permitted vehicle size of the site.

3. Unauthorized Use Defined:

Commercial RV rental companies and/or private individuals renting their RVs are not permitted to reserve campsites. No third-party reservations permitted. The set-up of campsites with camping gear including tents, yurts, or other structures is not permitted.

Laws and Policies: A Commercial Use Authorization does not authorize permittees to facilitate any activities or actions that are prohibited in the park. For more information on park regulations visit: <http://www.nps.gov/zion/learn/management/lawsandpolicies.htm>. Permit violations can result in punitive action (fine, revocation of permit and or arrest) against both the representative (guide), and the permittee.

4. Driver and Operational Requirements:

- RVs must be maintained in good condition. The interior must be clean and meet State health and safety code standards for a commercial rental. The National Park Service reserves the right to inspect trailers delivered to park campgrounds.
- The RV must be equipped with at least one ABC dry chemical or carbon dioxide (CO2) type portable fire extinguisher in working condition, maintained in accordance with NFPA 10, with a UL rating of at least 2A:10B:C.
- A list of the RV(s) with the make, model, length, gross vehicle weight, license tag number and rental rate must be submitted to the CUA office prior to the approval of this authorization. Notice must be given to the CUA Office prior to the use of any trailer not on the accepted list.
- Employees towing travel trailers must be at least 18 years of age and have experience towing and backing the size of travel trailer being delivered. The CUA holder must leave a 24-hour contact phone number with the campground ranger in case of an emergency.
- Delivery of the RV is permitted no earlier than noon on the day of arrival.
- The CUA holder must give the reservation number to the campground ranger upon arrival at the Watchman kiosk. He/she must also present a copy of the approved CUA at the entrance station and the campground kiosk.
- All drivers are required to submit an online acknowledgement of CUA permit conditions before delivering camper trailers/motorhomes into Zion National Park. This acknowledgement form is

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available online by visiting: <https://www.nps.gov/zion/getinvolved/commercial-use-authorization.htm>

- The RV must be removed from the campsite no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of departure. If the client checks out prior to the scheduled departure date, the CUA holder is responsible for removing the RV on that day.
- The site must be clean and ready for the next camper upon departure. The CUA holder is responsible for any litter, spills, etc. in the site.
- In the case of a park emergency, the CUA holder must be available to remove the travel trailer from the park within 12 hours of receiving notification.
- The use of electrical generators is prohibited at all times in Watchman Campground.
- Only one RV is permitted in each campsite.
- The Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel is closed to all vehicles at or exceeding 7'10" (main body) in width and/or 11'4" in total height, except under the auspices of a Special Use Permit.
- The Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway between the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive and the East Entrance of the Zion National Park is closed to the following "oversized" vehicles:
 - vehicles greater than 13'1" high
 - vehicles with a single or combined gross weight greater than 50,000 pounds
 - single vehicles greater than 40' long
 - combined vehicles that are greater than 50' long
 - combined vehicles where the distance between the hitch attachment of the towing vehicle and the rear-most axle of the towed vehicle exceeds 26 feet.

5. Speed Limits, parking, and vehicle requirements:

Speed Limits: Permittee and permittee's employees must follow all applicable traffic laws and posted speed limits throughout the park. Operating a vehicle at a speed in excess of the speed limit is prohibited. **The passing of motor vehicles is prohibited throughout the park.**

Parking: Parking is only available at the reserved campsite in Watchman Campground.

Vehicle Requirements: The tow vehicle must be a proper match for the travel trailer being towed. The travel trailer must not exceed the gross vehicle weight of the tow vehicle and must meet requirements set forth in the State of Utah Vehicle Code.

6. Closures and Public Use Limits:

The following areas are closed or restricted as indicated below. Additional locations may be closed or restricted by the posting of appropriate signs.

During the park shuttle operation season (including limited holiday service) the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is restricted to pedestrians, bicyclists, park shuttle buses, private vehicles driven by Lodge guests with lodging reservations, and 16+ capacity passenger buses with lodge activity reservations. Travel in Zion Canyon above the Lodge is restricted to all motor vehicles except Zion National Park shuttle buses and administrative traffic. Permittee's vehicles that do not meet the above criteria are prohibited from traveling on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive (unless in possession

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of overnight lodging reservations as stated above, a valid Red Permit must be displayed and visible in windshield). For more information on the park's shuttle system visit: <https://www.nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/zion-canyon-shuttle-system.htm>

The Permittee is prohibited from traveling up the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.

Additional closed areas: Behind administrative offices, employee housing areas, behind locked gates, near water tanks, beyond fences, on service roads, and in construction areas. Any addition official seasonal or emergency closures of roads, trails, or public areas must be observed by permittee.

7. Accidents/Injuries/Illness:

All accidents involving property damage, injuries, and/or medical problems should be reported to the park immediately at a ranger contact station or by calling (435) 772-3322. All such information must also be relayed by the permittee to the Commercial Services Office within 24 hours via email to: zion_commercialservices@nps.gov.

8. Resource Protection Message:

- Collecting or removing from the park any natural or cultural resource, or damaging or defacing any natural or cultural resource is prohibited.
- All food scraps (fruit peels, nut shells, etc.) are considered trash and must be disposed of properly. It is a violation to feed the wildlife, including squirrels.
- Vehicles must not idle their engines when parked. Vehicles that sit with engines idling create unacceptable amounts of noise and air pollution within Zion National Park.
- The Permittee shall take adequate measures, as directed and approved by the Superintendent, to restrict and prevent soil erosion on the lands covered hereby and shall so utilize such lands as not to contribute to erosion on adjoining lands.

9. Monitoring:

The Superintendent shall have the right to monitor permittees activity for compliance with all aspects of this permit.

10. Entrance Fees:

Each time the permittee enters the park, they must identify themselves, show a copy of the CUA (in full), and state that they are delivering a rental trailer. This will enable the Zion entrance station personnel to verify that the permittee is on the approved list for commercial activities. The park entrance fees are waived for employees of the permittee; the vehicle and driver have free entry into the park while on official business. The permittee and/or permittee's employees must exit the park upon delivery or pick-up of RV units. Clients of the permittee must pay the appropriate park entrance fee. Permittees may not use personal annual or lifetime federal recreational land passes to gain entry to the park for themselves or their customers when conducting business.

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Tunnel permit fees are required for any vehicle driving through the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway Tunnel that is 7 feet 10 inches (2.4 meters) in width or wider including mirrors, awnings, and jacks, and/or 11 feet 4 inches (3.4 meters) in height or higher is required to have a tunnel permit for traffic control at the tunnel. Vehicles over 13 feet 1-inch tall, single vehicles over 40 feet long, combined vehicles over 50 feet long, all bicycles, and pedestrians are prohibited from entering the tunnel. Pay \$15.00 for the tunnel permit at the entrance station before proceeding to the tunnel. Your tunnel permit is good for two trips through the tunnel for the same vehicle and same group within seven days of purchase.

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