

# The Trail head

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## **From the Editor**

Welcome to 2026! Time seems to be accelerating on us. Maybe the planet has gone into hyperspace without us noticing.

The big news council wide is the termination of the lease at Cabrillo Youth Center. The Port of Los Angeles cancelled the lease on December 1, and the Council had to vacate by December 31. The property is going to be used as a training center during the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. As for scouting, it is unclear what the if the council will have access to the facility in the future.

Upcoming HAT training for the first quarter include:

- Canoeing Merit Badge, Santa Fe Dam, January 25 (see attached flyer)
- Canoeing the Lower Colorado Training, Bonelli Park, February 21
- Canoeing Merit Badge, Santa Fe Dam, Feb 22
- Adult Leader Backpack Training Feb. 27-March 1, location TBD
- Kayaking Merit Badge, Sante Fe Dam, Mar. 22
- Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training, Cushman Watt Center, Mar. 21-22

Additional information on these programs may be found at:

<https://greaterlascouting.org/training/>

YPT has been revamped for this year and must be completed before adults can re-register. It is now called safeguarding youth and takes about 90 minutes to complete. You can access the new training through your myscouting.org account.

Our next edition will come out at the end of March 2026.

Suggestions and input are more than welcome. Contact us at [trailhead@glaac-hat.org](mailto:trailhead@glaac-hat.org)

## **HAT Team News**

The HAT team meets the first Tuesday of each month except July and August at 7:30pm at Cushman Watt Scout Center or through Zoom.. All registered scouts are welcome to attend.

The October meeting was held October 7. The trainings held in the months prior were well attended with 6 students attending the Desert Travel field experience and the First Aid class reaching maximum capacity. The programs and awards chair, Brian Phail, reported lots of activity and applications being received. David Ledford, the forest service liaison, reported no activity in the local forest due to the government shutdown.

The December meeting was held on December 2. The training held reports showed 2 students took the snow and ice travel class and 10 students took the orientation and navigation class. 6 students completed the certification to become Level II climbing instructors. The equipment chair Beth Miles discussed CNOC water bladders instead on Nalgene bottles. The key advantages are they are lighter, can be rolled and stored, and water filters attach directly to the bladders. Additional information here:

<https://minimalgear.com/pages/cnocoutdoors>

Our own Tommy Martinez from Pio Pico District has been awarded the prestigious Silver Beaver Award. He and his fellow award winners will be honored at the Council Recognition Dinner to be held January 28 at the Quiet Cannon Banquet Hall in Montebello. Additional information here:

<https://greaterlascouting.org/annual-dinner/>

Finally, your CalFire permit has expired and needs to be renewed. The link to do that online is included on the last page of this newsletter.

## **STEM-Nova News**

The STEM Nova 2026 program kicked off a Caltech on January 10 as part of Hello World. The Cybersecurity Merit Badge was presented. The Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technology merit badges will be presented on February 14 also at Caltech. In March, a HAM radio licensing workshop will be offered at Caltech.

For additional information, please contact Karen Baumgartner at [karen@caltech.edu](mailto:karen@caltech.edu) or 213-407-1765.

A Cub Scout STEM day is in the works for next summer at Camp Trask, and additional information will be provided as the event nears. This fall, a backpacking trip to an aircraft crash in the Angeles National Forest is being scheduled. Details to follow.

## **Forest Reports**

Angeles National Forest: Fire conditions are high, meaning that campfires in designated areas, BBQ and stoves are permitted.

The Eaton Fire area restrictions have been lifted in more areas. A copy of the order and map is attached. Note that both the east and west Mt. Lowe trails remain closed.

In view of the three recent deaths in the Mt. Baldy area, the Forest Service is sponsoring a public forum on the use of the area on January 27, 2026, at 5:00 pm. There is a public comment window through February 28. Additional details here:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/angeles/newsroom/releases/angeles-national-forest-seeks-public-input-san-antonio-canyon-mount>

The Angeles Crest Highway received new damage during the Holiday storms, as it is currently closed from Newcombe Ranch to Big Pines through Islip Saddle.

San Bernardino National Forest : Much of the forest recreation areas are covered by shooting and fire restrictions but are open. No campgrounds are currently listed as closed. Prescribed burns are to be conducted into early 2026 to reduce fire hazards.

Cleveland National Forest: Cedar Spur Road is closed due to weather damage. Prescribed burns are also scheduled for winter. A harmful algae bloom has been reported at Cedar Creek Falls Pool

The Airport Fire Burn area remains closed until May 26.

## **Desert Report**

Joshua Tree National Park – Pleasant Valley Loop is closed, including Geology Tour Road, due to fire damage. 49 Palms Trail is closed during the week for repair work, but is open weekends. There is construction at the West Entrance as new facilities are built, so be aware of that.

Anzo Borrego State Park - Coyote Canyon Road remains closed 5 miles before the third crossing.

Death Valley National Park – No boats or watercraft are allowed on Lake Manly in the Badwater Basin. Southern Badwater Road, Bonnie Clare Road (Scotty’s Castle) and the North Highway remain closed. The public restroom at Dante’s View has been repaired and is open again. It’s predecessor was destroyed in a traffic accident.

## **High Sierra Report**

Mammoth Mountain is reporting 62” inches of snow. The Baldy Mountain Area will be closed for most of the rest of January as the Forest Service is trapping and moving to safety a herd of wild horses which is snowbound. Monache Meadows road is closed for the season.

## **Points East**

Grand Canyon: The Dragon Bravo Fire damaged the area water system, so the Boat Beach, Bright Angel and Phantom Ranch campgrounds are closed. South Kaibab, Bright Angel and Phantom Ranch trails are open. Plateau Point, River Trail Silver Bridge and the North Kaibab Trail area remain closed due to fire damage. The Saddle Mountain Wilderness area and trails in it are closed until May due to fire damage.

Mt. Charleston: located about 45 minutes from Las Vegas, meaning that a day hike and roulette is possible on the same day. And it snows there! For more information, visit: <https://www.gomtcharleston.com/>

Way, Way East: My wife and I had the opportunity to attend a college roller hockey tournament in Lewiston Maine a couple of years ago. Lewiston is a critical textile manufacturing center in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and several of the mill buildings, which are massive brick structures, are still standing and have been repurposed for various things. If you ever go, make sure to visit Thorncrag Sanctuary, a 450 acre nature preserve which is an absolutely beautiful visit and nature walk. Details here: <https://stantonbirdclub.org/visit/thorncrag-sanctuary/>

## Trail Food

Bars, Bars, Bars.

Energy bars are a major element of hiking food.

There are thousands of reviews of store bought energy bars online, and your favorite is a matter of personal preference. Why not make some at home?

Here are a couple of recipes from *Taste of Home*:

### Dried Fruit Energy Bars

Total Time Prep: 10 min. Cook: 10 min. + chilling

Yield 9 servings.

These dried fruit energy bars are the perfect breakfast option for busy people. They're easy to make ahead and jampacked with ingredients such as chia seeds, quinoa and oats, which will keep you fueled throughout the day

### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup quinoa, rinsed.
- 10 medjool dates, pitted.
- 3 tablespoons coconut oil
- 2/3 cup almond butter
- 3 tablespoons whey protein powder
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened coconut flakes
- 1 tablespoon chia seeds
- 2 cups old-fashioned oats

### Directions

1. Line an 8-in. square baking pan with parchment, letting ends extend up sides. Prepare quinoa according to package directions. Transfer to a large bowl. Set aside and allow to cool completely.
2. In a food processor, combine dates, coconut oil, almond butter, protein powder and vanilla. Cover and pulse until it blended. Add coconut and chia seeds. Pulse until combined. Add oats and cooked quinoa. Pulse until combined.

3. Press firmly into prepared pan. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or until set. Lifting with parchment, remove from pan. Using a serrated knife, cut into bars. Store in the refrigerator.

### **Nutrition Facts**

1 bar: 239 calories, 13g fat (5g saturated fat), 1mg cholesterol, 45mg sodium, 26g carbohydrate (8g sugars, 5g fiber), 7g protein.

### **Peanut Butter Oatmeal Bars**

Total Time Prep/Cook time: 10 minutes + chilling

Yield 9 servings.

To make a batch of these three-ingredient peanut butter oatmeal bars to enjoy throughout the week, set aside just 10 minutes on your Sunday. But we make no promises the delicious bars won't be eaten by midweek.

### **Ingredients**

- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 3/4 cup honey
- 3 cups old-fashioned oats

### **Directions**

1. In a small saucepan, combine peanut butter and honey. Cook and stir over medium-low heat until melted and blended. Remove from heat; stir in oats. Spread into a greased 9-in. square pan; press lightly. Cool to room temperature; cover and chill for 1 hour.

### **Nutrition Facts**

1 bar: 355 calories, 17g fat (3g saturated fat), 0 cholesterol, 122mg sodium, 47g carbohydrate (27g sugars, 4g fiber), 10g protein.

## Go Take a Hike

In October, Troop 2019 hiked to Cooper Canyon. Thank you to Megan Long for passing along some photos:





As mentioned in the last issue, there has been sporadic contact by state and national by park authorities for permits, especially when groups are involved. These are called special use permits and are now required at the state and federal level. The available information on them is scattered across multiple sources, so here is an overview of what is involved.

First, non-profit organizations such as Scouting are subject to the rules, which would include Troop/Crew/Pack activities or adult training. Second, what triggers the requirement for the special use permit varies between the federal and state entities.

If you are planning a trip for a large group (say 10 or more) start by looking at the Yosemite National Park special use permit page, which is the most comprehensive of the California parks. This will give you a pretty good idea of what is allowed, what is not allowed, and whether or not your visit will require the special use permit: <https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/sup.htm>

California State Parks have a similar program. Their definition is that an activity that impacts “normal park use” may require as special permit application.

Both entities recommend that if a large group is going, that the specific park or site is contacted to discuss the situation and to determine if a special use permit is required. Emphasis is placed on the size of the group and the intended activity and the requirement for a permit. There also appears to be a correlation between the popularity of the park and the requirement for a permit. Joshua Tree and Yosemite, as mentioned, have extensive information.

Attached to the newsletter are the current federal and California application forms. If you are planning a troop or crew activity, review the form and call the park in question to discuss. If a permit is required, California charges a flat \$25 processing fee. The National Park fee varies by park. For budgeting considerations, Yosemite charges \$100 to review the application.

On a similar note, here are some tips for obtaining a backcountry hiking permit, as recommended by *The Big Outside* <https://thebigoutside.com/10-tips-for-getting-a-hard-to-get-national-park-backcountry-permit/>:

Do your homework and know when to apply. The process is measured in months, not days. Recreation.gov is your friend. Have alternative locations and dates ready when you apply. Focus on less well known areas of popular parks. Think small,

easier to get a permit for 10 instead of 50. Go outside peak season, or go to a less popular park.

## **You Need a Patch for That!**



Continuing the showing of patches which don't require a week in the Sierras, this month is the State Park Award. To earn this award, the requirements are:

- The Campsite and at least half of the scheduled hours hiked must be in a California State Park or State Forest, or Catalina Island.
- There must be at least seven backpacking hours.
- There must be at least one night of camping.
- The recipient must have earned at least 2 training hike awards.

There you go! Off to a state park.

For more information on the HAT awards program, see Hike Aid 6, located here:

<https://glaac-hat.org/HikeAids.html>

All patches can be purchased here: <https://glaac-hat.org/store/>

## Useful Links

Campfire Permit: <https://permit.preventwildfiresca.org/>

Campfire permits are valid January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year. For repeat offenders, the training video was last updated this year.

Bob808knight cooking playlist:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKJRQgIAG8Sqo0rdbYStcCzyZMpQDAHQj>

Bob hikes along the Missouri River where fire restrictions are not an issue. When we eventually reach that state here in California, see what you can do with a little extra gear. Be sure to watch the aluminum dog bowl Dutch oven baking.

Angeles National Forest Website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles>

San Bernardino National Forest Website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf>

Cleveland National Forest Website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/cleveland>

Glendora Natural History: <http://glendoranaturalhistory.com/>

Dick Swinney of Glendora has spent a lifetime in the mountains, and this page is the go to reference for anything that grows, crawls, walks or exists within the local mountains. What bird did you see? You will find it here.

Dan's Hiking Pages: <https://www.simpsoncity.com/hiking/>

The editor was overjoyed at seeing this site still up and running. Covers any hike worth doing in the local mountains.

SGM – The Waterfalls: <https://tchester.org/sgm/lists/waterfalls.html>

A comprehensive list of waterfalls within the San Gabriels. Getting to some of this is quite difficult and is attempted at your own risk.

Windfinder: [https://www.windfinder.com/forecast/los\\_angeles\\_california\\_usa](https://www.windfinder.com/forecast/los_angeles_california_usa)

A website with comprehensive wind information that will help keep you safe from being hit by widow makers or deadfall.

The Hiking Guy: <https://hikingguy.com/>

An amazingly comprehensive guide to hikes in Southern California. Thinking of going? Check this site for tips and tricks. Regularly updated and a true treasure.

Merit Badge pamphlets as PDF documents:

<https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>

Orange County Council HAT Team:

<https://www.occhat.org/>

San Diego County Council HAT Team:

<https://www.sdicscouting.org/programs/high-adventure>

Inland Empire Council HAT Team:

<https://iescouts.org/hat-high-adventure/>

**Have any ideas on useful websites, pass them along!**



## 2025 HAT Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Location
1/6	Snow Shoeing and Cross-Country Skiing Seminar	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
1/7	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
1/11	Cross Country Skiing Field Experience	Day Outing	TBA
1/18	Snow and Ice Travel Field Experience	Day Outing	Mount Baldy Area
1/25	Snow Shoeing Field Experience	Day Outing	TBA
02/01 & 02	Winter Camping and Travel Field Experience	Wkend Outing	Mount San Jacinto
2/4	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
2/8	Canoe Training	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Bonelli regional park San Dimas
02/28-03/02	Adult Leaders Backpack Training Seminar	Wkend Outing	Cabrillo Beach Youth Center
TBA	Adult Leaders Backpack Training Field Experience	Wkend Outing	TBA
3/4	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
3/8	Scout Leaders Backpack Training Seminar	8:00 – 4:00	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
TBD	Scout Leaders Backpack Training Field Experience	Wkend Outing	TBA
3/21&22	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
3/23	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Stoney Point
TBA	CPR and First Aid	TBA	La Verne Church of the Brethren
03/29 & 30	Wilderness and Remote First Aid	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
4/1	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
4/11-13/	B.S.A. Level I Climbing Instructor Course	Wkend Outing	Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
4/14	Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Training Seminar	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
TBD	Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Training Field Experience	Wkend Outing	Joshua Tree National Park
5/3	Trail Boss (Advanced)	Day Outing	TBA
5/6	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
5/24	Wilderness Woman	8:00 am-12:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
6/3	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
6/7	Trail Boss	Day Outing	TBA
9/2	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
9/6	Trail Boss (Advanced)	Day Outing	TBA
9/20	Desert Camping and Travel Training Seminar	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
TBD	Desert Camping and Travel Training Field Experience	Wkend Outing	Joshua Tree National Park
10/7	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
10/17-19/2025	B.S.A. Level I Climbing Instructor Course	Wkend Outing	Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
TBA	CPR and First Aid	TBA	La Verne Church of the Brethren
10/25 & 26	Wilderness and Remote First Aid	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
10/27	Wilderness Woman (male version)	7:30 – 10:30 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
11/4	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
11/8	Navigation & Orienteering Training Seminar	Day Outing	Firestone Scout Reservation
11/14&15	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
11/16	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Stoney Point
11/18	Snow & Ice Travel Training Seminar	7:30 – 11:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
12/2	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
12/13	Winter Camping and Travel Training Seminar	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center

For more details on the above Listed Trainings, go to our website - [glaac-hat.org](http://glaac-hat.org) – and click on the Training or flyers tab.

Some of the above trainings have field outings, see individual flyers for details.

2026 HAT Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Location
1/5/2026	Snow Shoeing and Cross-Country Skiing Seminar	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
1/6/2025	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
1/10/2026	Cross Country Skiing Field Experience	Day Outing	TBA
1/17/2026	Snow and Ice Travel Field Experience	Day Outing	Mount Baldy Area
1/24/2026	Snow Shoeing Field Experience	Day Outing	TBA
2/3/2026	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
2/07&08	Winter Camping and Travel Field Experience	Wkend Outing	Mount San Jacinto
2/21/2026	Canoe Training	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Bonelli regional park San Dimas
2/27-03/01	Adult Leaders Backpack Training Seminar	Wkend Outing	Cabrillo Beach Youth Center
TBD	Adult Leaders Backpack Training Field Experience	Wkend Outing	TBA
3/3/2026	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
3/8/2026	Scout Leaders Backpack Training Seminar	8:00 – 4:00	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
TBD	Scout Leaders Backpack Training Field Experience	Wkend Outing	TBA
3/20&21/2026	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
3/22/2026	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Stoney Point
3/21&22/2026	Wilderness and Remote First Aid	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
4/7/2026	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
4/11//2026	CA Trails Day/Trail Boss	Day Outing	TBA
4/13/2026	Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Training Seminar	7:00 - 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
4/17-19/2026	B.S.A. Level I Climbing Instructor Course	Wkend Outing	Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
4/30,5/1,&5/2	Rock Climbing and Rope Use/Rescue Training Field Experience	Wkend Outing	Joshua Tree National Park
5/2/2026	Trail Boss (Advanced)	Day Outing	TBA
5/5/2026	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
5/16/2026	Wilderness Woman	8:00 am-12:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
6/2/2026	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
6/6/2026	National Trails Day/Trail Boss	Day Outing	TBA
9/1/2026	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
9/5/2026	Trail Boss (Advanced)	Day Outing	TBA
9/19/2026	Desert Camping and Travel Training Seminar	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
TBD	Desert Camping and Travel Training Field Experience	Wkend Outing	Joshua Tree National Park
10/6/2026	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
10/16,17,18/2026	B.S.A. Level I Climbing Instructor Course	Wkend Outing	Hubert Eaton Scout Reservation
10/24&25/2026	Wilderness and Remote First Aid	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
10/26/2026	Wilderness Woman (male version)	7:30 – 10:30 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
11/3/2026	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
11/14/2026	Navigation & Orienteering Training Seminar	Day Outing	Firestone Scout Reservation
11/20&21/2026	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
11/22/2026	B.S.A. Level II Climbing Instructor Course	7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Stoney Point
12/1/2026	HAT Meeting	7:30 – 10:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center
12/5/2026	Winter Camping and Travel / Snow & Ice Travel Training Seminar	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Cushman-Watt Scout Center

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# Scouting Aquatics



10am-3pm

[bring a sack lunch  
and Health form A and B]

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan 25 Santa Fe Dam - Canoeing Merit Badge 1st half
- Feb 22 Santa Fe Dam - Canoeing Merit Badge 2nd half
- Mar 22 Santa Fe Dam - Kayaking Merit Badge

### More to Come:

- Lifesaving Merit Badge
- Rowing Merit Badge
- Swim Lessons (Camp Trask)
- Mile Swim Award (Camp Trask)
- Standup Paddleboard Award
- Snorkeling Award (Camp Trask)
- Continuous: National Outdoor Award, Aquatics

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**ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST  
USDA FOREST SERVICE  
Forest Order No. 05-01-26-04  
Eaton Fire Area Closure**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety and to protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. This Order is effective from January 7, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

1. Going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Eaton Fire Closure Area as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being on any National Forest System Road within the Eaton Fire Closure Area as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
3. Being on any National Forest System Trail within the Eaton Fire Closure Area as described in Exhibit A and shown on Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Owners, lessees, or residents of private land within the Eaton Fire Closure Area, to the extent necessary to access their land, unless the area is under evacuation order by the County Sheriff or California Office of Emergency Management.
2. Any Federal, State, or local government official, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months or both 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Arcadia, California, this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2026.

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Darrell Vance  
Deputy Forest Supervisor  
Angeles National Forest  
San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

**ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST  
USDA FOREST SERVICE  
Forest Order No. 05-01-26-04  
Eaton Fire Area Closure**

**Exhibit A**

**CLOSED AREA DESCRIPTION**

The boundary of the Angeles National Forest Eaton Fire Closure Area begins at the intersection of the Angeles National Forest congressional boundary and Mt Willson trail (11W22) on border of section 8 of Township 1 North, Range 11 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian (SBBM); then continues west along the congressional boundary to US Forest Service property boundary in the section 33 of Township 2 North, Range 12 West, SBBM; then continues north along Chany trail (2N65) to its intersection with Forest Road No. 2N50 in section 33 of Township 1 North, Range 12 West, SBBM; then continues northeast along the eastern edge of Forest Road 2N50, continuing along the eastern edge of Forest Road No. 2N50 its intersection with Mt Wilson Road in section 14 of Township 2 North, Range 12 West, SBBM; then continues east along the southern edge of Mt Wilson Road to its intersection with the Winter Creek Trail in section 32 of Township 1 North, Range 12 West, SBBM; then continues south along the Mt Wilson trail back to the Angeles National Forest congressional boundary (the closure area boundary starting point), as shown in Exhibit B.

**ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST  
USDA FOREST SERVICE  
Forest Order No. 05-01-26-04  
Eaton Fire Area Closure**

**CLOSED NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS**

NFS Road No.	NAME
2N45.2	Mount Wilson Toll Road (below Mt Wilson Trail)
2N45.3	Mount Wilson Toll Road (below Henniger Flats)
2N45B0	Mount Wilson Road Henniger Flats

**CLOSED NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAILS**

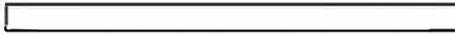
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1312W18	Idlehour Trail
1312W28	Castle Canyon Trail
1312W14.1	Sam Merrill Trail (Lower)
1312W14.2	Sam Merrill Trail (Middle)
1312W14.3	Sam Merrill Trail (Upper)
12W12A	Echo Mountain Trail
1312W14.3A	Mount Lowe West Trail
1312W14.3B	Mount Lowe Trail (East)

# Eaton Fire Closure Area

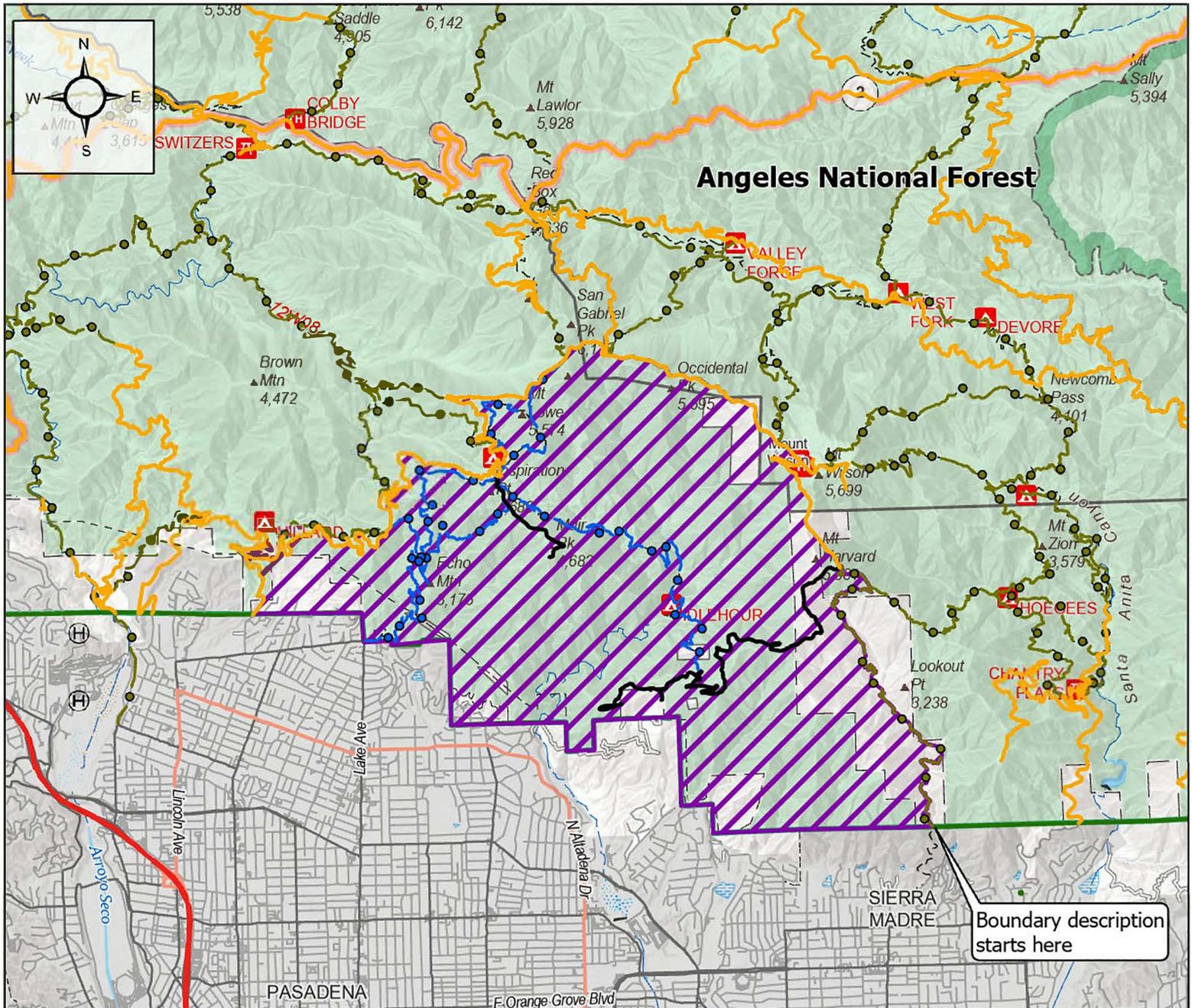
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST  
 USDA FOREST SERVICE  
 ORDER No. 05-01-26-04  
 Exhibit B

-  Open Roads
-  Closed Roads
-  Open Trails
-  Closed Trails
-  Eaton Fire Closure
-  Forest Boundary

3

 Miles

ROAD CLOSURES ARE IN ADDITION TO USE RESTRICTIONS IDENTIFIED ON THE MOTOR VEHICLE USE MAP AND ENFORCED UNDER 36 CFR 261.13



# SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

**INSTRUCTIONS:** To apply for a Special Event Permit, complete this form and read the Special Event Permit Terms and Conditions attached. Submit an original and 2 copies of completed forms (an original and 3 copies for hazardous events), all with original signatures, any supplemental documents (see No. 4 below), and a check or money order to cover the required filing fee to the District office of the park unit where the event will be held.

APPLICANT/ORGANIZATION		
ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE	
CONTACT PERSON	BUSINESS PHONE (     )	HOME PHONE (     )
PARK UNIT	LOCATION	
SPECIFIC USE	DATE(S)	HOURS

1. PURPOSE OF THE EVENT:

2. PARK AREA/FACILITIES TO BE USED:

3. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE EVENT AT ONE TIME AND METHOD FOR LIMITING ATTENDANCE (THE STATE MAY LIMIT THE MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE WITHIN ITS DISCRETION):

4. PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- |                          |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| YES                      | NO                       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the event involve the sale or use of alcoholic beverages?                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will additional fees be charged for participants (beyond regular facility fees)?           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will items or services be sold at the event?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there any other special conditions or requirements? (e.g., accessibility - see page 2) |

If you answered yes to any of the above questions or if liability insurance is required (see Special Event Permit Terms and Conditions), please complete and attach a DPR 246A, Special Event Permit Supplement. If none of the above conditions apply, please complete the signature block below.

I have read and accept the Special Event Terms and Conditions attached. I understand that the District Superintendent or authorized representative may terminate without prior notice any special event activity when it is necessary for the safety and enjoyment of the public, for the protection of the resources, or for violation of any rules or regulations of the Department of Parks and Recreation or conditions of this permit. I also understand that any Special Event Permit may be cancelled without notice in the event of disaster or unforeseen emergency.

SIGNATURE

DATE

<b>FOR DEPARTMENT COMPLETION ONLY</b>		<b>Department of General Services Use Only</b>
TOTAL PERMIT FEES	COMMENTS	
REVIEWED AND RECOMMENDED BY ▶	DATE	
TITLE	BUSINESS PHONE (     )	
ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE	
APPROVED BY ▶	DATE	
TITLE	BUSINESS PHONE (     )	
ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE	
DIRECTOR APPROVAL (for alcoholic beverage sale of more than 4 days only) ▶	DATE	

## SPECIAL EVENT ACCESSIBILITY CHECKLIST

1. If the expected attendance is a thousand or more, have ASL interpreters been hired to be present during programs or activities?
2. If providing additional toilet facilities, such as portable toilets, have additional (20% plus one) accessible toilet facilities been provided?
3. Are wheelchair seating spaces, with companion seating, provided in assembly areas?

**Seating Capacity**

1 - 50  
51 - 300  
301 - 500  
over 500

**Wheelchair Seating Space**

2  
4  
6  
Add 1 per 100

4. Are individual wheelchair seating spaces at least 30" wide and 60" in length?
5. If the seating capacity is more than 300, are the wheelchair seating areas in more than one location?
6. If providing additional parking spaces, has the number of accessible parking spaces been increased?

**Total Number Of  
Parking Spaces**

1 - 25  
26 - 50  
51 - 75  
76 - 100  
101 - 150  
151 - 200  
201 - 300  
301 - 400  
401 - 500  
501 - 1000

**Minimum Number Of Accessible  
Parking Spaces Required**

1 Van Accessible Space  
2 Including One Van Accessible Space  
3 Including One Van Accessible Space  
4 Including One Van Accessible Space  
5 Including One Van Accessible Space  
6 Including One Van Accessible Space  
7 Including One Van Accessible Space  
8 Including One Van Accessible Space  
9 Including One Van Accessible Space  
2%, Including Three Van Accessible Spaces

7. For outdoor events, has an adequate number of shaded seating areas been provided?
8. Are "visiting" exhibits physically accessible?
9. Are stages and their path(s) of travel accessible?
10. Does advertising include a phone number for persons requesting special accommodation?

## **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Special Event Permits, when approved, shall be issued subject to the following provisions:

1. All activities and arrangements for advance preparations within the above named unit, shall be at the direction of the District Superintendent or authorized representative.
  2. Rules and regulations of the Department of Parks and Recreation unless specifically exempted or otherwise noted shall be observed by the permittee, employees, agents, or contractors.
  3. The only special activities granted permittee herein are those which are listed in writing on the permit.
  4. No structures or sets may be constructed unless specifically provided for and described in writing, no digging or excavation is permitted, and no shrubbery or trees are to be cut, trimmed or injured. No additions, alterations, modification, or decorations may be affixed to any Department of Parks and Recreation facility without specific written approval of the District Superintendent.
  5. Fires will not be permitted except upon the specific written approval of the District Superintendent and under specific direction.
  6. Vehicles under the authority of the permittee will be parked in areas designated by the District Superintendent.
  7. Permittee will control all traffic and vehicles associated with the event as directed by the District Superintendent.
  8. Permittee will maintain the permitted area in a clean and sanitary condition and will restore the area to the condition in which it was received to the satisfaction of the State.
  9. Permittee will repair or be billed at the discretion of the State any and all damage to the park unit or any State property which was a result of permittee's activities. State will be the sole judge of the extent of damage and the extent of repairs required to remedy the damage. All repairs will be performed to the satisfaction of the State.
  10. The State may require at its discretion, the following special conditions:
    - a) Fire control measures and additional fire fighting equipment to be furnished by permittee as required by the District Superintendent.
    - b) First-aid service to be supplied by permittee, including ambulance service, doctors or nurses.
    - c) Additional police protection and/or traffic control personnel. Policing of the event will be provided by permittee and at own expense.
    - d) Parking arrangements required for permittee's operating personnel.
    - e) Additional sanitary facilities as required by the District Superintendent. Sanitary facilities over and above those furnished by State may be provided by permittee and at own expense.
- The permittee will be charged a fee based on the number of hours and job classification of State personnel required to meet any special condition.
- All special conditions and associated fees will be listed on the permit.
11. Unless otherwise specified on the Special Event Permit, the State agrees to provide the following services, if available or appropriate.
    - a) Maintain public restrooms.
    - b) Provide fresh water.
    - c) Provide electricity.
    - d) Provide garbage cans and remove refuse.
    - e) Clean all areas prior to occupancy by permittee.

12. The interest of permittee created by this agreement may be subject to property taxation. Permittee agrees to pay any possessory interest tax or any other tax levied on such interest and to indemnify the State from any damage or loss arising, by reason of such tax or Revenue Taxation Code Section 107.6.
13. Permittee may be charged a permit fee in addition to normal park fees, based on costs incurred by the State, size and scope of the event, and prevailing fees for commercial facilities in the locality.
14. Depending on circumstances and probability of occurrence, permittee may be charged a damage deposit as determined by the District Superintendent. Costs for damage repair and any fines or penalties for noncompliance with permit conditions will be deducted from this deposit. The District Superintendent shall determine if all or only a portion of the deposit is refundable.
15. The District Superintendent may terminate without prior notice any special event activity when it is necessary for the safety and enjoyment of the public for the protection of resources, or for violation of any rules or regulations of the Department of Parks and Recreation or conditions of this permit. In addition, any Special Event Permit may be cancelled without notice in the event of disaster or unforeseen emergency.
16. It is an express condition of this permit that the State, its officers, agents and employees shall be free from any and all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suit for or by reason of any death of or injury or injuries to any person or persons or damages to property of any kind whatsoever, whether the person or property of permittee, its agents or employees, or third persons, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this permit or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by permittee in connection therewith; and permittee hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify and to save harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees from all liabilities charges, expenses (including counsel fees) and costs on account of or by reason of any such deaths, injury, liabilities, claims, suits, or losses however occurring or damage growing out of same.
17. For events having greater potential hazard or liability to the State than is incurred through typical daily park activities, permittee will be required to provide the District Superintendent with a certificate of insurance with required endorsements as proof of liability insurance coverage. The policy will cover the period of the permit and will be in an amount no less than one of the following as determined by the District Superintendent:
  - Public Liability \$300,000 each person, \$500,000 each occurrence. Property Damage Liability and Products Damage Liability \$200,000; OR
  - Combined single limit (CSL) \$500,000 per occurrence; OR
  - Combined single limit (CSL) \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Insurance policies shall be underwritten to the satisfaction of the State and shall contain the following special endorsement:

State of California, its officers, employees, and servants are included as additional insured but only insofar as operations under this contract or permit are concerned;

The insurer will not cancel or reduce the insured's coverage during the period that this permit is in effect or without 30 days prior written notice, whichever is shorter, to State.

This cancellation provision shall not be construed in derogation of the duty of the permittee to furnish insurance during the entire term of the permit.

18. Contacts relating to the insurance policy and payment of fee and in regard to the permit generally may be made through the District Superintendent.



## APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT



Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** A non-refundable application fee of \_\_\_\_\_ must accompany this application. You must allow sufficient time for the Park to process your request; check with the park for guidelines. You will be notified of the status of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. Your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States of America an additional insured.

**\* Enter either a Social Security Number OR a tax ID number; we do not require both.**

Applicant Information	Company/Organization Information
Applicant Name:	Company/Organization Name:
Social Security Number*:	Tax Identification Number*:
Street Address:	Street Address:
City:	City:
State:	State:
Zip Code:	Zip Code:
Country:	Country:
Telephone Number:	Telephone Number:
Cell Phone Number:	Contact Name:
Fax Number:	Fax Number:
Email Address:	Email Address:

### Activity Details

Description of Proposed Activity (attach diagram and/or additional pages, if necessary)

**Location Details**

Requested Location

**Equipment Details**

Support equipment (list all equipment; attach additional pages if necessary)

**Timing**

Set-Up Begins	Activity Begins	Activity Ends	Removal Completed
<i>Date:</i> <i>Time:</i> AM PM	<i>Date:</i> <i>Time:</i> AM PM	<i>Date:</i> <i>Time:</i> AM PM	<i>Date:</i> <i>Time:</i> AM PM
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**Vehicles & Participants**

If using any vehicles, attach a parking plan to this form.

Type	Maximum Number
Participants (best estimate)	
Cars	
Vans/Light Trucks	
Utility Vans/Trucks	
Buses/Oversized Vehicles	

**Support Personnel**

List support personnel including addresses and telephones; attach additional pages if necessary.

Name	Address	Cell Phone Number

**Individual in Charge**

Individual in charge of activity onsite who is authorized to make decisions related to the permitted activity.

Name	Cell Phone Number

**Activity Questions**

- Have you visited the requested area? Yes No
- Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release before the event? Yes No
- Have you obtained a permit from the National Park Service in the past?  
(If yes, provide a list of permit dates and locations on a separate page.) Yes No
- Will you distribute printed material? Yes No
- Is there any reason to believe there will be attempts to disrupt, protest or prevent your event?  
(If yes, please explain on a separate page.) Yes No
- Do you intend to solicit donations or offer items for sale?  
(These activities may require an additional permit.) Yes No
- Is this permit to carry out a Good Samaritan Search and Recovery Mission? Yes No

**You are encouraged to attach additional pages with information useful in evaluating your permit request including:** staging, sound systems, parking plan, security plans, sanitary facilities, crowd control, emergency medical plan, use of any building, site clean-up, etc.

*The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or statements have been given.*

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Title</b>	
<b>Company Name</b>	
<b>Date</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	

## NOTICES

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANT

This application does not serve as permission to conduct any special use activity in the Park. The information provided will be used to evaluate whether a permit will be issued. All applicable parts of the form must be completed. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

The application must be signed and dated in order for the application to be considered complete.

**Purposes** The purposes of this application are (1) to provide a National Park Service (NPS) Park Superintendent with information to approve or deny requests for activities that provide a benefit to an individual, group, or organization, rather than the public at large; and (2) to assist Park staff to manage the activity to ensure that the permitted activity does not interfere with the enjoyment of the Park by visitors and that the natural and cultural resources of the Park are protected.

**Routine Uses:** In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(b) of the Privacy Act, records or information contained in this system may be disclosed outside the NPS as a routine use pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(b)(3) to other Federal, State, territorial, local, tribal, or foreign agencies and other authorized organizations and individuals based on an authorized routine use when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled as described under the system of records notice for this system

If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable terms and conditions will be sent to you. The permit must be signed by the responsible person and returned to the Park for final approval by the Park Superintendent before the permitted activity may begin.

### CUSTOMERS MAKING PAYMENT BY PERSONAL CHECK

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

### PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (Title 44 U.S.C. § 3501) to provide the Park Superintendent information needed to evaluate whether a permit will be issued for the requested use. You are not required to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The authority to collect information on the attached form is derived from Title 31 U.S.C. § 7701, Taxpayer identifying number, Title 54 U.S.C. § 100101, Promotion and regulation; Title 54 U.S.C. § 100751, Regulations; Title 54 U.S.C. § 103104, Recovery of costs associated with special use permits; and Title 54 U.S.C. § 100905 Commercial filming.

### ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 30 minutes per response including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions, and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate, or any aspects of this form, to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 13461 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston, Virginia 20192. Please do not send your application to this address.

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

**General:** This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 21, 1984, for individuals completing this application. All information collected using this form will be safeguarded in accordance with established regulations and published notices of System of Records, NPS

**Information Regarding Disclosure of Your Social Security Number Under Public Law 93-579 Section 7(b):** The collection of your SSN or TIN is necessary to allow the NPS to collect fees under Title 54 U.S.C. § 103104 and Title 54 U.S.C. § 100905. Your SSN or TIN will only be used as necessary to: (1) process this application, (2) collect any associated permit fees, and (3) collect and report any delinquent financial obligations. Failure to disclose your SSN or TIN when required may prevent or delay the processing of your application and issuing the associated permit. Use of your SSN or TIN will be carried out in accordance with established regulations and published notices of system of records, NPS-1

**Effects of Nondisclosure:** Failure to provide the requested information may impede your ability to obtain a permit from the NPS. The U.S. Criminal Code, Title 18 U.S.C. § 1001, provides that knowingly falsifying or concealing a material fact is a felony that may result in fines of up to \$10,000 or 5 years in prison, or both. Deliberately and materially making false or fraudulent statements on this form will be grounds for denying you a Special Use Permit.

**INTERNAL AGENCY USE ONLY**

**Project Number/BILL:**

**Date Processed:**

**Permit Number:**

**Prepared By:**

**Organization Name:**