

Special Uses Training

WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES COMPONENT

The following items should be included in Special Uses Training that includes commercial services in wilderness.

1. Basis for commercial services in wilderness

The Wilderness Act of 1964, Section 4d:

(6) Commercial services may be performed within the wilderness areas designated by this Act to the extent necessary for activities which are proper for realizing the recreational or other wilderness purposes of the areas.

2. Policy for establishment and management of commercial services in wilderness:

Forest Service Wilderness Management Policy:

FSM 2320.6: The Wilderness Management Model and the Wilderness Act

FSM 2323.1: Management of Recreation (as necessary for recreation purposes)

FSM 2323.13g: Outfitters and Guides (needs assessment)

FSM 2323.14: Visitor Management (capacity determination)

3. Commercial Services Needs Assessments for Wilderness:

- Purpose, outline of needs assessment
- Wilderness dependency
- Wilderness management objectives
- Examples
- Relationship to forest plan

4. Capacity Determination and Allocation Process:

- Wilderness capacity determination based on social, biological, and physical components
- Consideration of non-wilderness opportunities
- Allocation of capacity in wilderness

5. Commercial, Institutional, Non-profit

- Wilderness vs. non-wilderness opportunities (dependency, group size limits, etc.)
- Who needs a permit?
- Who is charged a fee?

Training courses on management of commercial services in wilderness are not offered by the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center. Please see the sample training

agendas and consult with regional wilderness and special use program managers for more information on training.