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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE**

**SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

**AUTHORITY:  
#AUTHORITY\_NAME#**

**<Delete all user notes before printing.>**

#HOLDER\_NAME# of #HOLDER\_ADD\_LINE\_1#, #HOLDER\_ADD\_LINE\_2#, #HOLDER\_ADD\_LINE\_3#, #HOLDER\_CITY#, #HOLDER\_STATE# #HOLDER\_ZIP# (hereinafter "the holder") is authorized to use or occupy

National Forest System lands in the  National Forest or  unit of the National Forest System, subject to the terms and conditions of this special use permit (the permit).

This permit covers #USE\_ACRES# acres or #USE\_MILES# miles in the #TOWNSHIP\_SECT\_RANGE# #FIRST\_DIVISION# #FIRST\_DIV\_NAME\_NUMBER#, #SECOND\_DIVISION# #SECOND\_DIV\_NAME\_NUMBER#, #THIRD\_DIVISION# #THIRD\_DIV\_NAME\_NUMBER# ("the permit area"), as shown on the map attached as Appendix A. This permit issued for the purpose of:

#PURPOSE#

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**I. GENERAL TERMS**

**A. AUTHORITY.** This permit is issued pursuant to [name of and cite for authority] and 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, as amended, and is subject to their provisions.

**B. AUTHORIZED OFFICER.** The authorized officer is the Forest or Grassland Supervisor or a subordinate officer with delegated authority.

**C. TERM.** This permit shall expire at midnight on #EXPIRATION\_DATE#,  [years or months] from the date of issuance.

**D. RENEWAL.** This permit is not renewable. Prior to expiration of this permit, the holder may apply for a new permit that would renew the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. Applications for a new permit must be submitted at least 6 months prior to expiration of this permit. Renewal of the use and occupancy authorized by this permit shall be at the sole discretion of the authorized officer. At a minimum, before renewing the use and occupancy authorized by this permit, the authorized officer shall require that (1) the use and occupancy to be authorized by the new permit is consistent with the standards and guidelines in the applicable land management plan; (2) the type of use and occupancy to be authorized by the new permit is the same as the type of use and occupancy authorized by this permit; and (3) the holder is in compliance with all the terms of this permit. The authorized officer may prescribe new terms and conditions when a new permit is issued.

**E. AMENDMENT.** This permit may be amended in whole or in part by the Forest Service when, at the discretion of the authorized officer, such action is deemed necessary or desirable to incorporate new terms that may be required by law, regulation, directive, the applicable forest land and resource management plan, or projects and activities implementing a land management plan pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215.

**F. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.** In exercising the rights and privileges granted by this permit, the holder shall comply with all present and future federal laws and regulations and all present and future state, county, and municipal laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that apply to the permit area, to the extent they do not conflict with federal law, regulation, or policy. The Forest Service assumes no responsibility for enforcing laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that fall under the jurisdiction of other governmental entities.

**G. NON-EXCLUSIVE USE.** The use or occupancy authorized by this permit is not exclusive. The Forest Service reserves the right of access to the permit area, including a continuing right of physical entry to the permit area for inspection, monitoring, or any other purpose consistent with any right or obligation of the United States under any law or regulation. The Forest Service reserves the right to allow others to use the permit area in any way that is not inconsistent with the holder's rights and privileges under this permit, after consultation with all parties involved. Except for any restrictions that the holder and the authorized officer agree are necessary to protect the installation and operation of authorized temporary improvements, the lands and waters covered by this permit shall remain open to the public for all lawful purposes.

**H. ASSIGNABILITY.** This permit is not assignable or transferable.

<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE I.I>

<Delete this clause and re-letter the remaining clause in this section if the permit does not authorize the use of improvements.>

**I. TRANSFER OF TITLE TO THE IMPROVEMENTS**

1. Notification of Transfer. The holder shall notify the authorized officer when a transfer of title to all or part of the authorized improvements is contemplated.

2. Transfer of Title. Any transfer of title to the improvements covered by this permit shall result in termination of the permit. The party who acquires title to the improvements must submit an application for a permit. The Forest Service is not obligated to issue a new permit to the party who acquires title to the improvements. The authorized officer shall determine that the applicant meets requirements under applicable federal regulations.

<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE I.J>

<Delete this clause if the permit is not issued to a business entity.>

**J. CHANGE IN CONTROL OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY**

1. Notification of Change in Control. The holder shall notify the authorized officer when a change in control of the business entity that holds this permit is contemplated.

a. In the case of a corporation, control is an interest, beneficial or otherwise, of sufficient outstanding voting securities or capital of the business so as to permit the exercise of managerial authority over the actions and operations of the corporation or election of a majority of the board of directors of the corporation.

b. In the case of a partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, or individual entrepreneurship, control is a beneficial ownership of or interest in the entity or its capital so as to permit the exercise of managerial authority over the actions and operations of the entity.

c. In other circumstances, control is any arrangement under which a third party has the ability to exercise management authority over the actions or operations of the business.

2. Effect of Change in Control. Any change in control of the business entity as defined in paragraph 1 of this clause shall result in termination of this permit. The party acquiring control must submit an application for a special use permit. The Forest Service is not obligated to issue a new permit to the party who acquires control. The authorized officer shall determine whether the applicant meets the requirements established by applicable federal regulations.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE I.K>**

**<Use this clause only if the permit is issued under FLPMA to a federal entity.>**

**K. CONVEYANCE OF LANDS COVERED BY THIS PERMIT.** The authorized officer shall give the holder at least 90 days prior written notice of any pending conveyance of the lands covered by this permit. With the holder's consent, the Forest Service may convey the lands covered by this permit without reserving the right-of-way granted by this permit. If the holder does not consent to conveyance without reservation of the right-of-way, the Forest Service may convey the lands covered by this permit only if the lands are subject to the right-of-way granted by this permit.

**II. IMPROVEMENTS**

**A. LIMITATIONS ON USE.** Nothing in this permit gives or implies permission to build or maintain any structure or facility or to conduct any activity, unless specifically authorized by this permit. Any use not specifically authorized by this permit must be proposed in accordance with 36 CFR 251.54. Approval of such a proposal through issuance of a new permit or permit amendment is at the sole discretion of the authorized officer.

**B. PLANS.** All plans for development, layout, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of improvements in the permit area, as well as revisions to those plans must be prepared by a professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, or other qualified professional based on federal employment standards acceptable to the authorized officer. These plans and plan revisions must have written approval from the authorized officer before they are implemented. The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish as-built plans, maps, or surveys upon completion of the work.

**B. CONSTRUCTION.** Any construction authorized by this permit shall commence by  and shall be completed by .

**III. OPERATIONS**

**A. PERIOD OF USE.** Use or occupancy of the permit area shall be exercised at least  days each year.

**B. CONDITION OF OPERATIONS.** The holder shall maintain the authorized improvements and permit area to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer and consistent with other provisions of this permit. Standards are subject to periodic change by the authorized officer when deemed necessary to meet statutory, regulatory, or policy requirements or to protect national forest resources. The holder shall comply with inspection requirements deemed appropriate by the authorized officer.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE III.C>**

**<Include clause III.C in permits that will have an operating plan. Otherwise, delete it.>**

**C. OPERATING PLAN.** The holder shall prepare and annually revise by [date] an operating plan. The operating plan shall be prepared in consultation with the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative and shall cover all operations authorized by this permit. The operating plan shall outline steps the holder will take to protect public health and safety and the environment and shall include sufficient detail and standards to enable the Forest Service to monitor the holder's operations for compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The operating plan shall be submitted by the holder and approved by the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative prior to commencement of operations and shall be attached to this permit as an appendix. The authorized officer may require an annual meeting with the holder to discuss the terms and conditions of the permit or operating plan, annual use reports, or other concerns either party may have.

**D. INSPECTION BY THE FOREST SERVICE.** The Forest Service shall monitor the holder's operations and reserves the right to inspect the permit area and transmission facilities at any time for compliance with the terms of this permit. The holder's obligations under this permit are not contingent upon any duty of the Forest Service to

inspect the permit area or transmission facilities. A failure by the Forest Service or other governmental officials to inspect is not a justification for noncompliance with any of the terms and conditions of this permit.

#### **IV. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES**

**A. LEGAL EFFECT OF THE PERMIT.** This permit, which is revocable and terminable, is not a contract or a lease, but rather a federal license. The benefits and requirements conferred by this authorization are reviewable solely under the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart C, and 5 U.S.C. 704. This permit does not constitute a contract for purposes of the Contract Disputes Act, 41 U.S.C. 601. The permit is not real property, does not convey any interest in real property, and may not be used as collateral for a loan.

**B. VALID OUTSTANDING RIGHTS.** This permit is subject to all valid outstanding rights. Valid outstanding rights include those derived under mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States. The United States is not liable to the holder for the exercise of any such right.

**C. ABSENCE OF THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY RIGHTS.** The parties to this permit do not intend to confer any rights on any third party as a beneficiary under this permit.

**D. SERVICES NOT PROVIDED.** This permit does not provide for the furnishing of road or trail maintenance, water, fire protection, search and rescue, or any other such service by a government agency, utility, association, or individual.

#### **<USER NOTES FOR THE REMAINING CLAUSES IN SECTION IV>**

**<Include the following clauses IV.E through IV.K in permits issued to non-federal entities unless otherwise directed by the user notes, and delete clauses IV.E through IV.G that follow.>**

**E. RISK OF LOSS.** The holder assumes all risk of loss associated with use or occupancy of the permit area, including but not limited to theft, vandalism, fire and any fire-fighting activities (including prescribed burns), avalanches, rising waters, winds, falling limbs or trees, and other forces of nature. If authorized temporary improvements in the permit area are destroyed or substantially damaged, the authorized officer shall conduct an analysis to determine whether the improvements can be safely occupied in the future and whether rebuilding should be allowed. If rebuilding is not allowed, the permit shall terminate.

**F. DAMAGE TO UNITED STATES PROPERTY.** The holder has an affirmative duty to protect from damage the land, property, and other interests of the United States. Damage includes but is not limited to fire suppression costs, damage to government-owned improvements covered by this permit, and all costs and damages associated with or resulting from the release or threatened release of a hazardous material occurring during or as a result of activities of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees on, or related to, the lands, property, and other interests covered by this permit. For purposes of clause IV.F and section V, "hazardous material" shall mean (a) any hazardous substance under section 101(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14); (b) any pollutant or contaminant under section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(33); (c) any petroleum product or its derivative, including fuel oil, and waste oils; and (d) any hazardous substance, extremely hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous waste, ignitable, reactive or corrosive materials, pollutant, contaminant, element, compound, mixture, solution or substance that may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment under any applicable environmental laws.

1. The holder shall avoid damaging or contaminating the environment, including but not limited to the soil, vegetation (such as trees, shrubs, and grass), surface water, and groundwater, during the holder's use or occupancy of the permit area. If the environment or any government property covered by this permit becomes damaged during the holder's use or occupancy of the permit area, the holder shall immediately repair the damage or replace the damaged items to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the United States.

2. The holder shall be liable for all injury, loss, or damage, including fire suppression, prevention and control of the spread of invasive species, or other costs in connection with rehabilitation or restoration of natural resources associated with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit. Compensation shall include but not be limited to the value of resources damaged or destroyed, the costs of restoration, cleanup, or other mitigation, fire suppression or other types of abatement costs, and all administrative, legal (including attorney's fees), and other costs. Such costs may be deducted from a performance bond required under clause IV.I.

3. The holder shall be liable for damage caused by use of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees to all roads and trails of the United States to the same extent as provided under clause IV.F.1, except that liability shall not include reasonable and ordinary wear and tear.

**G. HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.** The holder shall promptly abate as completely as possible and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations any activity or condition arising out of or relating to the authorized use or occupancy that causes or threatens to cause a hazard to public health or the safety of the holder's employees or agents or harm to the environment (including areas of vegetation or timber, fish or other wildlife populations, their habitats, or any other natural resources). The holder shall prevent impacts to the environment and cultural resources by implementing actions identified in the operating plan to prevent establishment and spread of invasive species. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of all serious accidents that occur in connection with such activities. The responsibility to protect the health and safety of all persons affected by the use or occupancy authorized by this permit is solely that of the holder. The Forest Service has no duty under the terms of this permit to inspect the permit area or operations and activities of the holder for hazardous conditions or compliance with health and safety standards.

**H. INDEMNIFICATION OF THE UNITED STATES.** The holder shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States for any costs, damages, claims, liabilities, and judgments arising from past, present, and future acts or omissions of the holder in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit. This indemnification provision includes but is not limited to acts and omissions of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit which result in (1) violations of any laws and regulations which are now or which may in the future become applicable, and including but not limited to those environmental laws listed in clause V.A of this permit; (2) judgments, claims, demands, penalties, or fees assessed against the United States; (3) costs, expenses, and damages incurred by the United States; or (4) the release or threatened release of any solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous materials, pollutant, contaminant, oil in any form, or petroleum product into the environment. The authorized officer may prescribe terms that allow the holder to replace, repair, restore, or otherwise undertake necessary curative actions to mitigate damages in addition to or as an alternative to monetary indemnification.

**I. BONDING.** The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish a surety bond or other security for any of the obligations imposed by the terms and conditions of this permit or any applicable law, regulation, or order.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSES IV.I.1, IV.I.2, and IV.I.3>**  
**<Delete clauses IV.I.1, IV.I.2, and IV.I.3 when a bond is not required.>**

1. As a further guarantee of compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit, the holder shall deliver and maintain a surety bond or other acceptable security, such as cash deposited and maintained in a federal depository or negotiable securities of the United States, in the amount of [bond amount] for [specify obligations covered]. The authorized officer may periodically evaluate the adequacy of the bond or other security and increase or decrease the amount as appropriate. If the bond or other security becomes unsatisfactory to the authorized officer, the holder shall within 30 days of demand furnish a new bond or other security issued by a surety that is solvent and satisfactory to the authorized officer. If the holder fails to meet any of the requirements secured under this clause, money deposited pursuant to this clause shall be retained by the United States to the extent necessary to satisfy the obligations secured under this clause, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies of the United States.

2. The bond shall be released or other security returned 30 days after (a) the authorized officer certifies that the obligations covered by the bond or other security are met and (b) the holder establishes to the satisfaction

of the authorized officer that all claims for labor and material for the secured obligations have been paid or released.

3. Prior to undertaking additional construction or alteration not covered by the bond or other security, or when the authorized improvements are to be removed and the permit area restored the holder may be required to obtain additional bonding or security.

**<Include clause IV.J where the authorized use is high-risk pursuant to 36 CFR 251.56(d)(2) (e.g., a high-voltage power line, an oil and gas pipeline, or a dam or reservoir). Delete clause IV.J where the authorized use is not high risk pursuant to 36 CFR 251.56(d)(2), and re-letter the remaining clause in this section if clause IV.J. is deleted. The amount of strict liability in tort must be determined by a risk assessment and may not exceed \$1 million. Insurance may be appropriate for high-risk uses to cover strict liability in tort, as well as liability based on negligence.>**

**J. STRICT LIABILITY.** The holder shall be strictly liable (liable without proof of negligence) to the United States for \$[amount up to \$1 million] per occurrence for any injury, loss, or damage arising in tort under this permit. Liability in tort for injury, loss, or damage to the United States exceeding the prescribed amount of strict liability in tort shall be determined under the law of negligence.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE IV.K. RELETTER THIS CLAUSE IF NECESSARY.>**

**<READ ALL USER NOTES BEFORE MAKING A SELECTION.>**

**<Include clause IV.K in permits that authorize public services. Delete clause IV.K from permits that do not authorize public services and for which the authorized officer has determined that insurance is not required.>**

**<Select the appropriate clause IV.K based on the type of holder.>**

**K. INSURANCE.** The holder shall furnish proof of insurance, such as a certificate of insurance, to the authorized officer prior to issuance of this permit and each year thereafter that this permit is in effect. The Forest Service reserves the right to review and approve the insurance policy prior to issuance. The holder shall send an authenticated copy of any insurance policy obtained pursuant to this clause to the authorized officer immediately upon issuance of the policy. Any insurance policies obtained by the holder pursuant to this clause shall name the United States as an additional insured, and the additional insured provision shall provide for insurance coverage for the United States as required under this clause. Such policies also shall specify that the insurance company shall give 30 days prior written notice to the authorized officer of cancellation of or any modification to the policies. The certificate of insurance, the authenticated copy of the insurance policy, and written notice of cancellation or modification of insurance policies should be sent to . Minimum amounts of coverage and other insurance requirements are subject to change at the sole discretion of the authorized officer on the anniversary date of this permit.

**<Select the following clause IV.K.1 for insurance policies with separate limits of coverage for personal injury or death and third-party property damage. Include the reference to strict liability if insurance for strict liability under clause IV.J is required.>**

1. The holder shall have in force liability insurance covering losses[, including those arising from strict liability,]associated with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit arising from personal injury or death and third-party property damage in the minimum amount of:

\$  for injury or death to one person per occurrence;

\$  for injury or death to more than one person per occurrence; and

\$  for third-party property damage per occurrence.

<Select the following clause IV.K.1 for insurance policies with combined single limits of coverage for personal injury or death and third-party property damage. Include the reference to strict liability if insurance for strict liability under clause IV.J is required.>

1. The holder shall have in force liability insurance covering losses, [including those arising from strict liability,] associated with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit arising from personal injury or death and third-party property damage in the minimum amount of \$  as a combined single limit per occurrence.

2. Depending on the holder's operations, the Forest Service may require the holder to demonstrate the availability of funds to address any release or threatened release of hazardous materials that may occur in connection with the holder's use or occupancy. Any requirements imposed would be established on a case-by-case basis by the authorized officer based on the degree of environmental risk from the holder's operations. The storage and use of normal maintenance supplies in nominal amounts generally would not trigger financial assurance requirements.

<If the holder is a state or a political subdivision of a state that has shown that state law limits its liability or obligation to indemnify, follow the direction in FSH 2709.11, Chapter 50.>

<Use the following clauses IV.E through IV.G when issuing a permit to federal entities, and delete clauses IV.E through IV.K above.>

**E. LOSS OF AUTHORIZED IMPROVEMENTS.** If authorized temporary improvements in the permit area are destroyed or substantially damaged, the authorized officer shall conduct an analysis to determine whether the improvements can be safely occupied in the future and whether rebuilding should be allowed. If rebuilding is not allowed, the permit shall terminate.

**F. HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.** The holder shall take all measures necessary to protect the environment, natural resources, and the health and safety of all persons affected by the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder shall promptly abate as completely as possible and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations any physical or mechanical procedure, activity, event, or condition existing or occurring before, during, or after the term of this permit, and arising out of or relating to any activity, event, or condition existing or occurring during the term of this permit, that causes or threatens to cause a hazard to workers' safety or to public health or safety or harm to the environment (including but not limited to areas of vegetation or timber, fish or other wildlife populations, their habitats, or any other natural resources). The holder shall prevent impacts to the environment and cultural resources by implementing actions identified in the operating plan to prevent establishment and spread of invasive species. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of all serious accidents that occur in connection with such activities. The responsibility to protect the health and safety of all persons affected by the use and occupancy authorized by this permit is solely that of the holder. The Forest Service has no duty under the terms of this permit to inspect the permit area or operations and activities of the holder for hazardous conditions or compliance with health and safety standards.

**G. LIABILITY FOR INJURY.** As an agency of the United States, the holder is limited by federal law as to the assumption of liability for its acts or omissions. The holder agrees, within its legal limitations and limitations of appropriations, to be responsible for all damages arising from injury to persons or property associated with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder further agrees, to the extent legally permissible, to use its appropriations and resources as required to pay any claims and to repair damage to the federal lands covered by this permit. The Forest Service is exempt from any burdens, other than administrative costs, which may arise in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit.

## **V. RESOURCE PROTECTION**

**A. COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.** The holder shall in connection with the use or occupancy authorized by this permit comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to those established pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, the Oil Pollution Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et*

*seq.*, the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*, CERCLA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, the Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*, and the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*

**B. VANDALISM.** The holder shall take reasonable measures to prevent and discourage vandalism and disorderly conduct and when necessary shall contact the appropriate law enforcement officer.

**C. PESTICIDE USE.** Pesticides may not be used outside of buildings to control undesirable woody and herbaceous vegetation (including aquatic plants), insects, rodents, fish, and other pests and weeds without prior written approval from the authorized officer. A request for approval of planned uses of pesticides shall be submitted annually by the holder on the due date established by the authorized officer. The report shall cover a 12-month period of planned use beginning 3 months after the reporting date. Information essential for review shall be provided in the form specified. Exceptions to this schedule may be allowed, subject to emergency request and approval, only when unexpected outbreaks of pests or weeds require control measures that were not anticipated at the time an annual report was submitted. Only those materials registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the specific purpose planned shall be considered for use on National Forest System lands. Label instructions and all applicable laws and regulations shall be strictly followed in the application of pesticides and disposal of excess materials and containers.

**D. ARCHAEOLOGICAL-PALEONTOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES.** The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of all antiquities or other objects of historic or scientific interest, including but not limited to historic or prehistoric ruins, fossils, or artifacts discovered in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder shall leave these discoveries intact and in place until directed otherwise by the authorized officer. Protective and mitigative measures specified by the authorized officer shall be the responsibility of the holder.

**E. NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION.** In accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3002(d) and 43 CFR 10.4, if the holder inadvertently discovers human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony on National Forest System lands, the holder shall immediately cease work in the area of the discovery and shall make a reasonable effort to protect and secure the items. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer by telephone of the discovery and shall follow up with written confirmation of the discovery. The activity that resulted in the inadvertent discovery may not resume until 30 days after the authorized officer certifies receipt of the written confirmation, if resumption of the activity is otherwise lawful, or at any time if a binding written agreement has been executed between the Forest Service and the affiliated Indian tribes that adopts a recovery plan for the human remains and objects.

**F. PROTECTION OF HABITAT OF THREATENED, ENDANGERED, AND SENSITIVE SPECIES.** The location of sites within the permit area needing special measures for protection of plants or animals listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*, as amended, or identified as sensitive or otherwise requiring special protection by the Regional Forester under Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2670, pursuant to consultation conducted under section 7 of the ESA, may be shown on the ground or on a separate map. The map shall be attached to this permit as an appendix. The holder shall take any protective and mitigative measures specified by the authorized officer. If protective and mitigative measures prove inadequate, if other sites within the permit area containing threatened, endangered, or sensitive species or species otherwise requiring special protection are discovered, or if new species are listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA or identified as sensitive or otherwise requiring special protection by the Regional Forester under the FSM, the authorized officer may specify additional protective and mitigative measures. Discovery of these sites by the holder or the Forest Service shall be promptly reported to the other party.

**G. CONSENT TO STORE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** The holder shall not store any hazardous materials at the site without prior written approval from the authorized officer. This approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the authorized officer provides approval, this permit shall include, or in the case of approval provided after this permit is issued, shall be amended to include specific terms addressing the storage of hazardous materials, including the specific type of materials to be stored, the volume, the type



of storage, and a spill plan. Such terms shall be proposed by the holder and are subject to approval by the authorized officer.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSES V.G.1 and V.G.2>**

**<Include clauses V.G.1 and V.G.2 when consenting to store hazardous materials. Otherwise, delete them.>**

1. If the holder receives consent to store hazardous material, the holder shall identify to the Forest Service any hazardous material to be stored at the site. Such identification information shall be consistent with column (1) of the table of hazardous materials and special provisions enumerated at 49 CFR 172.101 whenever the hazardous material appears in that table. For hazard communication purposes, the holder shall maintain Material Safety Data Sheets for any stored hazardous chemicals, consistent with 29 CFR 1910.1200(c) and (g). In addition, all hazardous materials stored by the holder shall be used, labeled, stored, transported, and disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

2. The holder shall not release any hazardous material as defined in clause IV.F. onto land or into rivers, streams, impoundments, or natural or man-made channels leading to them. All prudent and safe attempts must be made to contain any release of these materials. The authorized officer in charge may specify specific conditions that must be met, including conditions more stringent than federal, state, and local regulations, to prevent releases and protect natural resources.

**H. CLEANUP AND REMEDIATION**

1. The holder shall immediately notify all appropriate response authorities, including the National Response Center and the authorized officer or the authorized officer’s designated representative, of any oil discharge or of the release of a hazardous material in the permit area in an amount greater than or equal to its reportable quantity, in accordance with 33 CFR Part 153, Subpart B, and 40 CFR Part 302. For the purposes of this requirement, “oil” is as defined by section 311(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321(a)(1). The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer or the authorized officer’s designated representative of any release or threatened release of any hazardous material in or near the permit area which may be harmful to public health or welfare or which may adversely affect natural resources on federal lands.

2. Except with respect to any federally permitted release as that term is defined under Section 101(10) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(10), the holder shall clean up or otherwise remediate any release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials that occurs either in the permit area or in connection with the holder’s activities in the permit area, regardless of whether those activities are authorized under this permit. The holder shall perform cleanup or remediation immediately upon discovery of the release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials. The holder shall perform the cleanup or remediation to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the United States. Upon revocation or termination of this permit, the holder shall deliver the site to the Forest Service free and clear of contamination.

**I. CERTIFICATION UPON REVOCATION OR TERMINATION.** If the holder uses or stores hazardous materials at the site, upon revocation or termination of this permit the holder shall provide the Forest Service with a report certified by a professional or professionals acceptable to the Forest Service that the permit area is uncontaminated by the presence of hazardous materials and that there has not been a release or discharge of hazardous materials upon the permit area, into surface water at or near the permit area, or into groundwater below the permit area during the term of the permit. This certification requirement may be waived by the authorized officer when the Forest Service determines that the risks posed by the hazardous material are minimal. If a release or discharge has occurred, the professional or professionals shall document and certify that the release or discharge has been fully remediated and that the permit area is in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

**VI. LAND USE FEE AND ACCOUNTING ISSUES**

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE VI.A>**

**<READ ALL USER NOTES BEFORE MAKING A SELECTION.>**

<Select one of the VI.A clauses below and delete the rest.>

<Select the following clause VI.A for uses that are exempted from a land use fee or for which the land use fee is waived. Fee waivers should be documented in SUDS. Delete clauses VI.B and VI.C.>

**A. LAND USE FEES.** The use or occupancy authorized by this permit is exempt from a land use fee or the land use fee has been waived in full pursuant to 36 CFR 251.57 and Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 30.

<Select clause VI.A below for organizational camps or uses subject to the graduated rate fee system (GRFS).>

**A. LAND USE FEES.** [From FSH 2709.11, Chapter 50, insert clause A.16 for organizational camps or clauses A.1 and A.2 for uses subject to GRFS.]

<Select clause VI.A below for uses for which the land use fee is indexed (such as linear uses). Calculate the land use fee based on applicable direction in FSH 2709.11, Chapter 30.>

**A. LAND USE FEES.** The holder shall pay an initial annual land use fee of \$ [ ] for the period from [ ] to [ ], and thereafter on [ ], shall pay an annual land use fee of \$ [ ]. The annual land use fee shall be adjusted annually using the [insert applicable indexing factor].

<Select clause VI.A below for uses for which the land use fee is not indexed (such as many non-linear uses). Calculate the land use fee based on applicable direction in FSH 2709.11, Chapter 30.>

**A. LAND USE FEES.** The holder shall pay an initial annual land use fee of \$ [ ] for the period from [ ] to [ ], and thereafter on [ ], shall pay an annual land use fee of \$ [ ].

<Select clause VI.A below for tenants and customers in federal communications site facilities who hold permits pursuant to FSH 2709.11, Chapter 90.>

**A. LAND USE FEES.** The holder shall pay in advance an annual land use fee in accordance with the fee schedule for communications sites in Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 90. The annual land use fee shall be adjusted annually using the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U).

**B. MODIFICATION OF THE LAND USE FEE.** The land use fee may be revised whenever necessary to reflect the market value of the authorized use or occupancy or when the fee system used to calculate the land use fee is modified or replaced.

**C. FEE PAYMENT ISSUES.**

1. Crediting of Payments. Payments shall be credited on the date received by the deposit facility, except that if a payment is received on a non-workday, the payment shall not be credited until the next workday.

2. Disputed Fees. Fees are due and payable by the due date. Disputed fees must be paid in full. Adjustments will be made if dictated by an administrative appeal decision, a court decision, or settlement terms.

3. Late Payments

(a) Interest. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3717 *et seq.*, interest shall be charged on any fee amount not paid within 30 days from the date it became due. The rate of interest assessed shall be the higher of the Prompt Payment Act rate or the rate of the current value of funds to the Treasury (i.e., the Treasury tax and loan account rate), as prescribed and published annually or quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury in the

*Federal Register* and the Treasury Fiscal Requirements Manual Bulletins. Interest on the principal shall accrue from the date the fee amount is due.

(b) Administrative Costs. If the account becomes delinquent, administrative costs to cover processing and handling the delinquency shall be assessed.

(c) Penalties. A penalty of 6% per annum shall be assessed on the total amount that is more than 90 days delinquent and shall accrue from the same date on which interest charges begin to accrue.

(d) Termination for Nonpayment. This permit shall terminate without the necessity of prior notice and opportunity to comply when any permit fee payment is 90 calendar days from the due date in arrears. The holder shall remain responsible for the delinquent fees.

4. Administrative Offset and Credit Reporting. Delinquent fees and other charges associated with the permit shall be subject to all rights and remedies afforded the United States pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3711 *et seq.* and common law. Delinquencies are subject to any or all of the following:

(a) Administrative offset of payments due the holder from the Forest Service.

(b) If in excess of 60 days, referral to the Department of the Treasury for appropriate collection action as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3711(g)(1).

(c) Offset by the Secretary of the Treasury of any amount due the holder, as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3720 *et seq.*

(d) Disclosure to consumer or commercial credit reporting agencies.

#### <USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE VI.C.5>

<When the annual land use fee is \$100 or less, the authorized officer may require consolidated payment of land use fees, i.e., payment of land use fees for more than one year. If the annual land use fee is over \$100 and the holder is an individual rather than an entity, the holder has the option to consolidate payment of the land use fee. Under FSH 2709.11, section 32.21, no more than 5 payments may be consolidated. If payment of land use fees is consolidated, include the following clause VI.C.5. Otherwise, delete it.>

5. Consolidated Payment. Payment of annual land use fees for [number up to 5] years shall be consolidated. The first consolidated payment shall be made on [date first full payment is due], when the first full annual land use fee payment is due, and thereafter every [number up to 5 given above] years from [date first full payment is due], until this permit expires.

## VII. REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION

#### <USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE VII.A>

<Use the following clause VII.A when issuing a permit under FLPMA to federal entities, delete clauses VII.A and VII.B below, and re-letter the remaining clauses in section VII,

**A. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION**. The authorized officer may not revoke or suspend this permit without the consent of the head of the agency that holds this permit.

<Use the following clauses VII.A through VII.E when not issuing a permit under FLPMA to federal entities, and delete clause VII.A above.>

**A. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION**. The authorized officer may revoke or suspend this permit in whole or in part:

1. For noncompliance with federal, state, or local law.
2. For noncompliance with the terms of this permit.
3. For abandonment or other failure of the holder to exercise the privileges granted.
4. With the consent of the holder.
5. For specific and compelling reasons in the public interest.

Prior to revocation or suspension, other than immediate suspension under clause VI.B, the authorized officer shall give the holder written notice of the grounds for revocation or suspension. In the case of revocation or suspension based on clause VII.A.1, 2, or 3, the authorized officer shall give the holder a reasonable time, typically not to exceed 90 days, to cure any noncompliance.

**B. IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION.** The authorized officer may immediately suspend this permit in whole or in part when necessary to protect public health or safety or the environment. The suspension decision shall be in writing. The holder may request an on-site review with the authorized officer's supervisor of the adverse conditions prompting the suspension. The authorized officer's supervisor shall grant this request within 48 hours. Following the on-site review, the authorized officer's supervisor shall promptly affirm, modify, or cancel the suspension.

**C. APPEALS AND REMEDIES.** Written decisions by the authorized officer relating to administration of this permit are subject to administrative appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart C, as amended. Revocation or suspension of this permit shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service.

**D. TERMINATION.** This permit shall terminate when by its terms a fixed or agreed upon condition, event, or time occurs without any action by the authorized officer. Examples include but are not limited to expiration of the permit by its terms on a specified date and termination upon change of control of the business entity. Termination of this permit shall not require notice, a decision document, or any environmental analysis or other documentation. Termination of this permit is not subject to administrative appeal and shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE VII.E>**

**<Include the following clause VII.E in permits issued to non-federal entities, and delete the remaining clause VII.E.>**

**E. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON REVOCATION OR TERMINATION WITHOUT RENEWAL.** Upon revocation or termination of this permit without renewal of the authorized use, the holder shall remove all structures and improvements, except those owned by the United States, within a reasonable period prescribed by the authorized officer and shall restore the site to the satisfaction of the authorized officer. If the holder fails to remove all structures and improvements within the prescribed period, they shall become the property of the United States and may be sold, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of without any liability to the United States. However, the holder shall remain liable for all costs associated with their removal, including costs of sale and impoundment, cleanup, and restoration of the site.

**<Include the following clause VII.E in permits issued to federal entities, and delete the remaining clause VII.E.>**

**E. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON REVOCATION OR TERMINATION WITHOUT RENEWAL.** Upon revocation or termination of this permit without renewal of the authorized use, the holder shall remove within a reasonable period prescribed by the authorized officer all structures and improvements installed by the holder in the permit area and shall restore the site to the satisfaction of the authorized officer.

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**A. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.** No member of or delegate to Congress or resident commissioner shall benefit from this permit either directly or indirectly, except to the extent the authorized use provides a general benefit to a corporation.

**B. CURRENT ADDRESSES.** The holder and the Forest Service shall keep each other informed of current mailing addresses, including those necessary for billing and payment of land use fees.

**C. SUPERSEDED PERMIT.** This permit supersedes a special use permit designated #PREV\_REISSUE\_HOLDER#, #PREV\_AUTH\_ID#, dated #PREV\_REIS\_ISSUE\_DATE#.

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**D. SUPERIOR CLAUSES.** If there is a conflict between any of the preceding printed clauses and any of the following clauses, the preceding printed clauses shall control.

**<USE THIS SIGNATURE PAGE FOR INDIVIDUAL(S), PARTNERSHIPS, BUSINESSES, AND ALL NONCORPORATE ENTITIES>**

This permit is accepted subject to the conditions set out above.

HOLDER NAME: #HOLDER\_NAME# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Forest Service

By: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Holder Signature) (Authorized Officer Signature)

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Holder Signature) (Name and Title)

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

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This permit is accepted subject to the conditions set out above.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ \*CORPORATE NAME

(CORPORATE SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Vice) President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Assistant) Secretary

The following certificate shall be executed by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the Corporation:

I \_\_\_\_\_ certify that I am the \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of the Corporation that executed the above permit; that \_\_\_\_\_ who signed said permit on behalf of said Corporation was then \_\_\_\_\_ of said Corporation; that I know his/her signature on said permit is genuine; and that said permit was duly signed, sealed, and attested to for and on behalf of said Corporation by authority of its governing body

(CORPORATE SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Assistant Secretary)

**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
Forest Service

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Officer Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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**THIS PERMIT IS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO ALL ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**

**BEFORE ANY PERMIT IS ISSUED TO AN ENTITY, DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE SIGNATORY FOR THE ENTITY TO BIND IT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PERMIT.**

ACCEPTED:

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HOLDER NAME, PRECEDED BY NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF HOLDER, IF HOLDER IS AN ENTITY	SIGNATURE	DATE
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APPROVED:

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NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER	SIGNATURE	DATE
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**<Attach annual operating plan and any master development plan, maps, and other appendices.>**

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