U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

COMMUNICATIONS USE PERMIT FOR FEDERAL ENTITIES

AUTHORITY:
Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act,
43 U.S.C. 1761-1772

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This communications use permit for federal entities (permit) is issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service), to 
#HOLDER_NAME# (the holder).

This communications use permit (permit) is granted to the holder to operate a #Name# communications facility in the County of [_____], State of [______], #TOWNSHIP_SECT_RANGE#, #FIRST_DIVISION# #FIRST_DIV_NAME_NUMBER#, #SECOND_DIVISION# #SECOND_DIV_NAME_NUMBER#, #THIRD_DIVISION# #THIRD_DIV_NAME_NUMBER#, in the [_____] National Forest (hereinafter the "permit area"). The communications facility and ancillary improvements authorized by this permit (hereinafter "authorized facilities") include:

<USER NOTES FOR AUTHORIZED FACILITIES>
<Insert the appropriate information in each field below. See FSH 2709.11, Chapter 90, for a definition of each type of facility.>

Equipment shelter:  [specify type, dimensions, and material]
Antenna support structure:  [specify type and height]
Ancillary improvements:  [such as fuel tanks, generators, outbuildings, fences, utilities in the permit area, and access routes]
Access:  [specify access route]

The location of the permit area is described or shown generally in the communications site management plan or communications site map dated [______], for the #COMM_SITE_FCLTY_NAME# Communications Site, which is incorporated as Appendix A of this permit.
I. GENERAL TERMS

A. AUTHORITY. This permit is issued pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U.S.C. 1761-1772, 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, a District Ranger, or the Station, Institute, or Area Director with delegated authority pursuant to Forest Service Manual 2700.

C. TERM. This permit shall expire at midnight on #EXPIRATION_DATE#. Expiration of this permit shall not require notice, a decision document, or any environmental analysis or other documentation.

D. CONTINUATION OF USE AND OCCUPANCY. This permit is not renewable. Prior to expiration of this permit, the holder may apply for a new permit for 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. Issuance of a new permit is at the sole discretion of the authorized officer. At a minimum, before issuing a new permit, the authorized officer shall ensure 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 when a new permit is issued.

E. AMENDMENT. This permit may be amended in whole or in part by the Forest Service when deemed necessary or desirable by the authorized officer to incorporate new terms that may be required by law, regulation, directive, the applicable land management plan, or projects and activities implementing the land management plan pursuant to 36 CFR Part 218.

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 and occupancy authorized by this permit are 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 and the authorized facilities 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 the authorized facilities, the permit area shall remain open to the public for all lawful purposes.

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

I. TRANSFER OF TITLE TO THE AUTHORIZED FACILITIES

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

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

J. **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 provided for in this permit. Any use not specifically authorized by this permit must be proposed in accordance with 36 CFR 251.54 or 251.61. Approval of such a proposed use through issuance of a new permit or permit amendment is at the sole discretion of the authorized officer.

B. **DRAWINGS.** All development, layout, construction, and alteration of improvements in the permit area shall be consistent with the applicable communications site management plan. If required by the authorized officer, all drawings for development, layout, construction, or alteration of improvements in the permit area, as well as revisions to those drawings, must be prepared by a professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, or other qualified professional acceptable to the authorized officer. These drawings and drawing revisions must have prior written approval from the authorized officer before they are implemented. After completion, as-built drawings, maps, surveys, or other similar information shall be provided to the authorized officer and appended to the communications site management plan.

C. **SITE DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE.** The holder and the Forest Service jointly shall prepare a site development schedule, which shall be incorporated as Appendix [ ] to this permit, before any construction occurs in the permit area. The site development schedule shall list the authorized facilities to be built in order of priority, the starting date for their construction, and the due date for their completion. All required plans and specifications for the authorized facilities included in the site development schedule shall be properly certified and submitted to the authorized officer at least 45 days before the starting date for their construction. The holder may accelerate the scheduled date for completion of any authorized facilities, as long as the other scheduled authorized facilities are completed on time and to the satisfaction of the authorized officer. Any other changes to the site development schedule must have prior written approval from the authorized officer.

D. **INITIAL CONSTRUCTION AND COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS.** Operations under this permit shall commence on the date specified in the site development schedule. This permit shall terminate if operations under this permit do not commence by that date, unless the parties agree in writing, in advance, to an extension of the commencement date.

III. **OPERATIONS**

A. **RENTAL OF SPACE.** The holder is authorized to rent space in or on the authorized facilities, as long as the use is consistent with the applicable communications site management plan and compatible with all existing uses, and provide other services to occupants of the authorized facilities. The holder is not authorized to rent the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands in the permit area. The holder shall charge each occupant a reasonable rent without discrimination for the use and occupancy of the
authorized facilities and services provided. The holder shall not impose on occupants any unreasonable restrictions, including any restrictions restraining competition or trade. By October 15 of each year, the holder shall provide the authorized officer a completed Form FS-2700-10a, Facility Owner and Occupant Inventory of Communications Uses, listing the holder and all occupants by category of use in or on the authorized facilities on September 30 of that year. The holder shall be responsible for ensuring compliance of the occupants' uses with all the terms of this permit.

B. **COMMUNICATIONS SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN.** All operation and maintenance of improvements in the permit area and equipment installed in or on facilities in the permit area shall be consistent with the applicable communications site management plan and shall require prior written approval from the authorized officer. The Forest Service reserves the right to modify the applicable communications site management plan as deemed necessary by the authorized officer.

C. **COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS.** Use of communications equipment under this permit is contingent upon possession of a valid Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license or National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) authorization, as applicable, and must be in strict compliance with the requirements of the FCC or NTIA. A copy of each FCC license or NTIA authorization shall at all times be maintained by the holder for each transmitter being operated in or on the authorized facilities. Upon request, the holder shall provide the authorized officer with a current copy of all FCC licenses and NTIA authorizations for communications equipment in or on the authorized facilities.

D. **OPERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.** The holder shall ensure that all equipment operated by the holder and the holder’s occupants in or on the authorized facilities operates in a manner that will not cause harmful interference with the operation of existing communications equipment in or on the authorized facilities or in the vicinity of the #COMM_SITE_FCLTY_NAME# Communications Site. If the authorized officer or authorized FCC official determines that use of any equipment installed in or on the authorized facilities interferes with existing communications equipment, the holder shall promptly take the necessary steps to eliminate or reduce the harmful interference to the satisfaction of the authorized officer or authorized FCC official.

E. **TECHNICAL INFORMATION.** Upon request, the holder shall furnish the authorized officer with technical information concerning the communications equipment located in or on the authorized facilities. Both the authorized officer and holder shall follow federal guidelines when dealing with classified or sensitive security information.

F. **CONDITION OF OPERATIONS.** The holder shall maintain the authorized facilities 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 System resources.

G. **USE OF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS AND NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAILS.** The holder's use of National Forest System roads and National Forest System trails shall comply with applicable requirements in 36 CFR Part 212, Subpart A; 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A; and orders issued under 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B. Motor vehicle use shall be consistent with designations made under 36 CFR Part 212, Subpart B, unless specifically provided otherwise in this permit. Over-snow vehicle use shall be consistent with designations made under 36 CFR Part 212, Subpart C, unless specifically provided otherwise in this permit.

H. **MONITORING BY THE FOREST SERVICE.** The Forest Service shall monitor the holder’s operations and reserves the right to inspect the permit area and authorized facilities at any time for compliance with the terms of this permit. The holder shall comply with inspection requirements deemed appropriate by the authorized officer. The holder’s obligations under this permit are not contingent upon any duty of the Forest Service to inspect the permit area or authorized facilities. A failure by the Forest
Service or other governmental officials to inspect is not a justification for noncompliance with any of the terms of this permit.

I. CUTTING, DISPOSAL, AND PLANTING OF VEGETATION. This permit does not authorize the cutting of trees, brush, shrubs, and other plants ("vegetation"). Vegetation may be cut, destroyed, or trimmed only after the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated agent has approved in writing and marked or otherwise identified what may be cut, destroyed, or trimmed. The holder shall notify the authorized officer when approved cutting, destruction, or trimming of vegetation has been completed. The Forest Service shall determine in advance of felling the method of disposal of trees felled in the permit area that meet utilization standards. Disposal may be by sale or without charge per 36 CFR Part 223, as may be most advantageous to the United States. Debris from felling that does not meet utilization standards shall also be disposed of according to methods determined by the Forest Service. Planting of vegetation in the permit area must have prior written approval from the authorized officer.

J. SIGNAGE. Signage posted on National Forest System lands must have prior written approval of the authorized officer, unless the signage is required by the FCC or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

K. REFUSE DISPOSAL. The holder shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements related to the disposal of refuse resulting from the use and occupancy authorized by this permit.

IV. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

A. VALID EXISTING RIGHTS. This permit is subject to all valid existing rights. Valid existing rights include those derived from mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States. The Forest Service is not liable to the holder for the exercise of any such right.

B. 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.

C. NO WARRANTY OF ACCESS, SITE SUITABILITY, OR SERVICES. This permit authorizes the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands by the holder for the purposes identified in this permit. The Forest Service does not make any express or implied warranty of access to the permit area, of the suitability of the permit area for the authorized uses, or for the furnishing of road or trail maintenance, water, fire protection services, search and rescue services, or any other services by a government agency, utility, association, or individual.

D. RISK OF LOSS. The holder assumes all risk of loss to the authorized facilities and all risk of loss of the holder's use and occupancy of the permit area, in whole or part, due to public health and safety or environmental hazards. Loss to the authorized facilities may result from but is not limited to theft, vandalism, fire and any fire-fighting activities (including prescribed burns), environmental contamination, avalanches, rising waters, winds, falling limbs or trees, and other forces of nature. If any of the authorized facilities are destroyed or substantially damaged, the authorized officer shall conduct an analysis to determine whether the authorized facilities can be safely occupied in the future and whether rebuilding should be allowed. If rebuilding is not allowed, this permit shall terminate. If the authorized officer determines that the permit area cannot be safely occupied due to a public health or safety or environmental hazard, this permit shall terminate.

E. HEALTH AND SAFETY. The holder shall take all measures necessary to protect 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 in connection with the authorized use and occupancy during the term of this permit that causes or threatens to cause a hazard to the health or safety of the public or the holder's employees, agents, contractors, or occupants. The
holder shall as soon as practicable notify the authorized officer of all serious accidents that occur in connection with these procedures, activities, events, or conditions. 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.

F. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION


2. Definition of Hazardous Material. For purposes of clause IV.F and section V, "hazardous material" shall mean (a) any hazardous substance under section 101(14) of 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.

3. Oil Discharges and Release of Hazardous Materials. 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 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.

4. Remediation of Release of Hazardous Materials. The holder shall remediate any release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials that occurs in connection with the holder’s activities in the permit area, including activities conducted by the holder’s agents, employees, contractors, or occupants in or on the authorized facilities and regardless of whether those activities are authorized under this permit. The holder shall perform remediation in accordance with applicable law immediately upon discovery of the release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials. The holder shall perform the remediation to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the Forest Service. Upon revocation or termination of this permit, the holder shall deliver the site to the Forest Service in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and free and clear of contamination.

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 costs of damages and injury to persons, personal property, and land caused by its operations and activities under the terms of this permit. The holder further agrees, to the extent legally permissible, to use its appropriations and resources as required to pay any awards or claims and to repair damages to the land within the permit area. The Forest Service is exempt from any liability, other than administrative costs, that may arise in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit.
V. RESOURCE PROTECTION

A. WATER POLLUTION. No waste or by-product shall be discharged into water in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit except in full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental and other laws. Storage facilities for materials capable of causing water pollution, if accidentally discharged, shall be located so as to prevent any spillage into waters or channels leading into water except in full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental and other laws.

B. SCENIC VALUES. The holder shall protect the scenic values of the permit area and the adjacent land to the greatest extent possible during construction, operation, and maintenance of the authorized facilities.

C. VANDALISM. The holder shall take reasonable measures to prevent and discourage vandalism or disorderly conduct and when necessary shall contact the appropriate law enforcement officer to address these problems.

D. PESTICIDE USE

1. Authorized Officer Concurrence. Pesticides may not be used outside of buildings in the permit area to control pests, including undesirable woody and herbaceous vegetation (including aquatic plants), insects, birds, rodents, or fish without prior written concurrence of the authorized officer. Only those products registered or otherwise authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and appropriate State authority for the specific purpose planned shall be authorized for use within areas on National Forest System lands.

2. Pesticide-Use Proposal. Requests for concurrence of any planned uses of pesticides shall be provided in advance using the Pesticide-Use Proposal (form FS-2100-2). Annually the holder shall, on the due date established by the authorized officer, submit requests for any new, or continued, pesticide usage. The Pesticide-Use Proposal shall cover a 12-month period of planned use. The Pesticide-Use Proposal shall be submitted at least 60 days in advance of pesticide application. 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 require control measures which were not anticipated at the time a Pesticide-Use Proposal was submitted.

3. Safety Plan. Before applying pesticides in the permit area, the holder shall submit to the authorized officer a safety plan that includes, at a minimum, a precise statement of the treatment objectives; a description of the equipment, materials, and supplies to be used, including pesticide formulation, quantities, and application methods; a description of the lines of responsibility for project planning, project monitoring, and after-action review; a description of any necessary interagency coordination; a copy of the current Pesticide-Use Proposal for the permit; a description of the process by which treatment effectiveness will be determined; and a spill plan, communications plan, security plan, and when required by applicable local requirements, a provision for prior notification to sensitive individuals.

4. Reporting. By September 30th annually, the holder shall submit to the authorized officer a written report of each pesticide application project completed during the previous 12-month period. The report shall contain information pertaining to the pesticide application projects as requested by the authorized officer.

5. Labeling, Laws, and Regulations. Label instructions and all applicable laws and regulations shall be strictly followed in the application of pesticides and disposal of excess materials and containers. No pesticide waste, excess materials, or containers shall be disposed of in any area administered by the Forest Service.

E. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES. The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of any 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 otherwise directed by the authorized officer.

F. NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION (NAGPRA). 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 leave the discoveries intact and in place. The holder shall follow the applicable NAGPRA protocols for the undertaking provided in the NAGPRA plan of action or the NAGPRA comprehensive agreement; if there are no such agreed-upon protocols, the holder shall as soon as practicable notify the authorized officer 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 NAGPRA plan of action has been executed by the Forest Service following tribal consultation and any preconditions have been met.

G. PROTECTION OF HABITAT OF THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES, SENSITIVE SPECIES, AND SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN AND THEIR HABITAT

1. Threatened and Endangered Species and Their Habitat. 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 within designated critical habitat shall be shown in the communications site management plan or on a map in an appendix to this permit and may be shown on the ground. The holder shall take any protective and mitigation measures specified by the authorized officer as necessary and appropriate to avoid or reduce effects on listed species or designated critical habitat affected by the authorized use and occupancy. Discovery by the holder or the Forest Service of other sites within the permit area containing threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat not shown in the communications site management plan or on the map in the appendix to this permit shall be promptly reported to the other party and shall be added to the communications site management plan or to the map.

2. Sensitive Species and Species of Conservation Concern and Their Habitat. The location of sites within the permit area needing special measures for protection of plants or animals designated by the Regional Forester as sensitive species or as species of conservation concern pursuant to Forest Service Manual 2670 shall be shown in the communications site management plan or on a map in an appendix to this permit and may be shown on the ground. The holder shall take any protective and mitigation measures specified by the authorized officer as necessary and appropriate to avoid or reduce effects on sensitive species or species of conservation concern or their habitat affected by the authorized use and occupancy. Discovery by the holder or the Forest Service of other sites within the permit area containing sensitive species or species of conservation concern or their habitat not shown in the communications site management plan or on a map in an appendix to this permit shall be promptly reported to the other party and shall be added to the communications site management plan or to the map.

H. 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 or release prevention and control plan. Such terms shall be proposed by the holder and are subject to approval by the authorized officer.

<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSES V.H.1, V.H.2, and V.H.3>  
<Include clauses V.H.1, V.H.2, and V.H.3 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. Any hazardous material transportation and disposal manifests shall clearly identify the holder as the generator of the hazardous waste.

2. The holder shall not release any hazardous material onto land or into rivers, streams, impoundments, or natural or artificial channels leading to them. All prudent and safe attempts must be made to contain any release of these materials. The authorized officer may specify conditions that must be met, including conditions more stringent than those imposed by federal, state, and local regulations, to prevent releases and protect natural resources.

3. 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. 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 applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

VI. FEES AND DEBT COLLECTION

A. HOLDER’S USE AND OCCUPANCY. The holder’s occupancy and use under this permit are exempt from land use fees under federal law and regulation.

B. OCCUPANTS’ USE. The holder shall pay land use fees annually as determined by the authorized officer in accordance with law, regulation, and policy for any occupants’ occupancy and use of the authorized facilities. The annual land use fees shall be adjusted by the authorized officer each year using the Consumer Price Index–Urban (CPI–U); to reflect changes in market value and tenant occupancy; and to include phase-in land use fees, if applicable.

C. PAYMENTS

1. Due Date and Crediting of Payments. Land use fees are due January 1 of each year. Payments in the form of a check, draft, money order, or credit card shall be made payable to USDA, Forest Service. 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 Land Use Fees. Land use fees are due and payable by the due date. Disputed land use fees, other than land use fees recalculated pursuant to an audit, 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. Delinquent land use fees and other charges associated with this permit shall be subject to administrative offset of payments due the holder from the Forest Service.

D. NONPAYMENT. This permit shall terminate if the holder fails to pay the land use fee, interest, or any other charges within 90 calendar days of the due date. The holder shall remain responsible for the delinquent charges.
VII. REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION

A. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION

1. The authorized officer may not revoke or suspend this permit without the consent of the head of the agency that holds this permit.

2. The holder may request that the authorized officer revoke this permit. Revocation at the request of the holder must be agreed to in writing by the authorized officer. As a condition of revocation of this permit at the request of the holder, the authorized officer has discretion to impose any terms deemed appropriate as provided for in this permit.

B. 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 214, as amended. Revocation or suspension of this permit shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service.

C. 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. For example, this permit terminates upon expiration or upon a change in ownership of the authorized facilities. Termination of this permit does 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.

D. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON REVOCATION OR TERMINATION WITHOUT ISSUANCE OF A NEW PERMIT. Upon revocation or termination of this permit without issuance of a new permit, the holder shall remove within 90 days, unless otherwise agreed to 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. Prior to conducting any removal or restoration activities, the holder shall prepare a removal and restoration plan for the permit area, which must be approved in writing by the authorized officer.

E. CONTINUATION OF OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES BEYOND TERMINATION OR REVOCATION. Notwithstanding the termination or revocation of this permit, its terms shall remain in effect and shall be binding on the holder and the holder’s successors and assignees until all the holder’s obligations and liabilities accruing before or as a result of termination or revocation of this permit have been satisfied.

F. TERMINATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER OR RECLAMATION PURPOSES. Any lands covered by this permit which have been withdrawn for hydroelectric power under the act of March 3, 1879, or the act of June 25, 1910, or are covered by an application or license governed by the Federal Power Act of June 10, 1920, are subject at any time to use for the development of hydroelectric power. Any lands covered by this permit which have been withdrawn under the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, are subject at any time to use for reclamation purposes. This permit is issued with the specific understanding that (1) the use and occupancy authorized by this permit shall not interfere with such development of hydroelectric power or reclamation and that (2) the permit shall terminate after 90 days written notice when, in the judgment of the Federal Power Commission, the lands in question are needed for the development of hydroelectric power or, in the judgment of the Bureau of Reclamation, the lands in question are needed for reclamation purposes. The holder shall have 90 days to remove the authorized facilities.
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 Forest Service and the holder shall keep each other informed of current mailing addresses, including those necessary for billing and payment of land use fees.

C. SUPERSEDED AUTHORIZATION. This permit supersedes a special use authorization designated: #PREV_REISSUE_HOLDER#, #PREV_AUTH_ID#, dated #PREV_REIS_ISSUE_DATE#.

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

THIS PERMIT IS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO ALL ITS TERMS.

BEFORE THIS PERMIT IS ISSUED, DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE SIGNATORY TO BIND THE HOLDER TO THE TERMS OF THIS PERMIT.

ACCEPTED:

__________________________________________
[NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING ON
BEHALF OF HOLDER, IF HOLDER IS AN ENTITY]
#HOLDER_NAME#

APPROVED:

__________________________________________
#AUTHORIZED OFFICER NAME#
#TITLE#

National Forest
USDA Forest Service

<Attach maps and other appendices.>