Use Code: 153

Authorization ID: HBE756

Contact Name: THUNDERSTRUCK ADVENTURES INC.

Expiration Date: 04/30/2023

FS-2700-3f (REV.02/17)

OMB No. 0596-0082

TEMPORARY SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR OUTFITTING AND GUIDING Authority: Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 16 U.S.C. 6802(h) (Ref. FSH 2709.11, section 41.53 and 37.21b)

THUNDERSTRUCK ADVENTURES INC. of 93525 HWY 71 CLAY HOCKEL WINDOM MN 56101 (the holder) is hereby authorized to use and occupy National Forest System lands, subject to the terms and conditions of this permit, to provide outfitting and guiding services within Hahns Peak Bears Ears Ranger District of the MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATAIONAL FORESTS described as: Sec. 35, T. 9 N., R. 87 W., 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

This temporary use permit is issued for the purpose of authorizing the following outfitting and guiding activities on National Forest System lands:

100 Service Days authorized for guided snowmobile tours coming off of private property and onto the Routt National Forest in California Park and Slater Park. The snowmobile trips in the Bears Ears area are to utilize NOWECOS groomed snowmobile routes. Winter-motorized recreation on open surface water is prohibited. This includes ponds, lakes, streams, beaver ponds etc. Snowmobiling is restricted to the areas authorized in Appendix C for Lynx habitat management. Winter motorized recreation is allowed when unpacked snow depths equal or exceed 12 inches.

The holder has permit #PL20220056 with Routt County for use of CR 80 to access private property.

The following appendices are attached to and made a part of this permit:

APPENDIX A - Operating Plan

APPENDIX B - Trip Itinerary

APPENDIX C - Map of the Authorized Area

I. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **A. AUTHORITY**. This permit is issued pursuant to Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 16 U.S.C. 6802(h), and 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, as amended, and is subject to their provisions.
- **B. AUTHORIZED OFFICER.** The authorized officer is the Forest Supervisor or a subordinate officer with delegated authority.
- C. TERM. This permit shall expire at midnight on 04/30/2021. The term for this temporary permit shall not exceed 180 days.
- **D. RENEWAL AND EXTENSION.** This permit is not renewable. Upon expiration of the permit, all use shall return to the temporary use pool.
- **E. AMENDMENT.** This permit may be amended, provided that the total use authorized not exceed 200 service days or the equivalent in quotas and the term of the permit not exceed 180 days.
- **F. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.** In exercising the 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 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 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.

II. OPERATIONS

- **A. OPERATING PLAN.** The operating plan submitted in the application corresponding to this permit is incorporated as the operating plan for this permit and is attached as Appendix A. You would be required to notify the Forest Service in writing of any staff changes during your operating season.
- **B. TRIP ITINERARY.** The trip itinerary submitted in the application corresponding to this permit is incorporated as the trip itinerary for this permit and is attached as Appendix B.
- C. REQUIRED LICENSES. The holder shall obtain all licenses required for conducting the activities authorized by this permit.
- **D. CONDITION OF OPERATIONS.** The holder shall maintain the permit area to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer and consistent with other provisions of this permit.
- E. PROHIBITION ON USE OF MECHANIZED TRANSPORT OR MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT IN WILDERNESS AREAS. The holder shall not use mechanized transport or motorized equipment in wilderness areas and shall not use mechanized transport or motorized equipment in proposed or potential wilderness areas without prior written approval from the authorized officer.
- **F. PROHIBITION ON IMPEDING OR INTERFERING WITH OTHER USES.** The holder shall perform the activities authorized by this permit so as not to impede or interfere with administrative or other authorized uses of National Forest System lands.
- **G. RESTRICTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE USE.** The holder shall restrict motor vehicle use to designated roads, trails, and areas, unless specifically provided otherwise in the operating plan.
- H. RESOURCE PROTECTION. The holder shall conduct all activities so as to prevent or minimize scarring, erosion, littering, and pollution of National Forest System lands, water pollution, and damage to watersheds. In addition, the holder shall take precautions at all times to prevent wildfire.
- I. PERFORMANCE OF SUPPORT SERVICES. As a general rule, the holder shall conduct the day-to-day activities authorized by this permit. Activities that support the use authorized by this permit, such as food or shuttle services, may be conducted by a party other than the holder, but only with prior written approval from the authorized officer. The holder shall continue to be responsible for compliance with all the terms of this permit.

J. NONDISCRIMINATION

- 1. The holder and its employees shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex (in educational activities), national origin, age, or disability or by curtailing or refusing to furnish accommodations, facilities, services, or use privileges offered to the public generally. In addition, the holder and its employees shall comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, as amended, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended.
- 2. The holder shall include and require compliance with the above nondiscrimination provisions in any third-party agreement made with respect to the operations authorized under this permit.
- 3. The Forest Service shall furnish signs setting forth this policy of nondiscrimination. These signs shall be conspicuously displayed at the public entrance to the premises and at other exterior or interior locations, as directed by the Forest Service.
- 4. The Forest Service shall have the right to enforce the foregoing nondiscrimination provisions by suit for specific performance or by any other available remedy under the laws of the United States or the State in which the violation occurs.
- **K. EQUAL ACCESS TO FEDERAL PROGRAMS.** In addition to the above nondiscrimination policy, the holder agrees to ensure that its programs and activities are open to the general public on an equal basis and without regard to any non-merit factor.
- **L. SANITATION.** The operation and maintenance of all sanitation and food service systems and facilities shall comply with applicable standards set by state and local health departments.
- M. SIGNS AND TEMPORARY IMPROVEMENTS. Signs posted and temporary improvements installed on National Forest

System lands must have prior written approval from the authorized officer.

III. 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 214, 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. THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS.** This permit is subject to all valid outstanding rights. Valid outstanding rights include those derived from 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. 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 clauses III.D, III.F, and II.H, "hazardous material" shall mean any hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant, hazardous waste, oil, and/or petroleum product, as those terms are defined under any federal, state, or local law or regulation.
- **E. 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 and occupancy authorized by this permit. This indemnification and hold harmless 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 and 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 material, 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.
- **F. 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. The policies shall also 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 U.S. Government, c/o name of Managing Org, 925 WEISS DRIVE STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO 80487. 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.
- **1. Liability**. The holder shall have in force liability insurance covering losses associated with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit arising from personal injury or death and third-party property damage in the minimum amount of \$500,000 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 and 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 use and storage of normal maintenance supplies in nominal amounts generally would not trigger financial assurance requirements.

- IV. LAND USE FEELand Use Fee. All fees must be paid in advance and are not refundable.
- 1. The land use fee for this permit is \$150 per 50 service days. This permit authorizes 100 service days, and the fee is 300.
- 2. There are no assigned sites
- 3. There is no grazing.
- **B. ACCESS TO ACCOUNTING RECORDS.** The holder shall make all of the accounting books and supporting records for the business activities authorized by this permit available for audit by the Forest Service or other federal agencies authorized to review Forest Service activities. The holder shall retain these records and make them available for review for five years after the end of the year they were generated, unless disposition is otherwise authorized by the Forest Service in writing.
- V. REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION
- 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 laws and regulations;
- 2. For noncompliance with the terms of this permit;
- 3. For failure of the holder to exercise the privileges granted by this permit;
- 4. With the consent of the holder; or
- 5. At the discretion of the authorized officer, for specific and compelling reasons in the public interest.
- **B. NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION.** Prior to revocation or suspension under clause V.A, the authorized officer shall give the holder notice of the grounds for the action to be taken and a reasonable period, not to exceed 30 days, to complete corrective action prescribed by the authorized officer. Failure of the holder to take corrective action shall disqualify the holder from eligibility for another permit for three years.
- **C. 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 must be in writing. Within 48 hours of the request of the holder, the superior of the authorized officer shall arrange for an on-the-ground review of the adverse conditions with the holder. Following this review, the superior shall take prompt action to affirm, modify, or cancel the suspension.
- D. APPEALS AND REMEDIES. Any written decisions by the authorized officer relating to administration of this permit, including revocation or suspension decisions, are subject to the administrative appeal regulations at 36 CFR Part 214. Revocation or suspension of this permit shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service.
- **E. 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. 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.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- **A. ADVERTISING.** The holder shall not misrepresent in any way, either orally, in its circulars, brochures, advertising, and other materials, or on its website, signs, or letterheads, any aspect of the use authorized by this permit, including services provided by the holder, the status of this permit, or the area it covers. All of the holder's circulars, brochures, and advertising and its website regarding use of the permit area shall state that the permit area is located on the Medicine Bow Routt National Forest or National Grassland.
- **B. CURRENT ADDRESSES.** The holder and the Forest Service shall keep each other informed of current mailing addresses, including those necessary for payment of fees.

- **C. 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 service by a government agency, utility, association, or individual.
- **D. 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.
- **E. SUPERIOR CLAUSES.** In the event of any conflict between any of the preceding printed clauses and any subsequent clauses or any provisions in the appendices attached to this permit, the preceding printed clauses shall control.

This permit is accepted subject to all its terms and conditions.

I have read and understand the terms and conditions and agree to abide by them.

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HOLDER: THUNDERSTRUCK ADVENTURES INC. Clay Hockel U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Authorization is granted:

By: _____

MICHAEL J. WOODBRIDGE DISTRICT RANGER

Date: 12/16/2022 Date:

HOLDER MUST HAVE THIS PERMIT (OR A LEGIBLE COPY) IN POSSESSION DURING THE AUTHORIZED ACTIVITY

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RANGER DISTRICT
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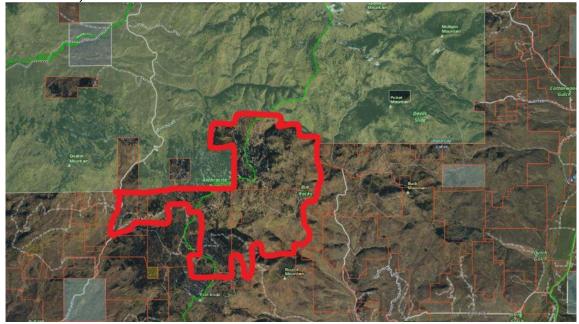
OUTFITTER/GUIDE PERMIT APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete and return or mail the application to the Ranger District Office at Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District, Attn: Allison Lawrence, 925 Weiss Drive Steamboat Springs, CO 80487or email to allison.lawrence@usda.gov. Only typed responses will be accepted. This application will be incorporated as part of the authorization, if the proposal is accepted and the application is approved.

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☐ An Individual								
□ A Corporation (a)	ttach State Certificate of	Good Standing)						
See additional attac	hment							
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☐ State or Local Go schools)	overnment or Agency (in	cludes state universities or public						
\square A Partnership or	Association							
☐ A Non-Profit								
BUSINESS/ORGAN	NIZATION NAME: Thun	derstruck Adventures Inc.						
NAME OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL: Hockel, Clayton M								
MAILING ADDRESS: 93525 Hwy 71 Windom, MN 56101								
PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 93525 Hwy 71 Windom, MN 56101								
PHONE NO. : 970-237-3523 CELL PHONE NO. : 507-832-9186								
EMAIL ADDRESS: info@thunderstruckadventures.com								
WEBSITE ADDRESS: https://www.thunderstruckadventures.com/								
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY (include proposed use dates and duration of activities. Also complete the attached Operating Plan):								

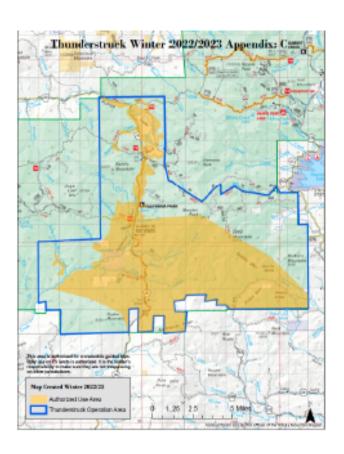
Thunderstruck Adventures provides clients with the ability to ride snowmobiles with a professional snowmobiling guide. We are proposing to expand our current area of where we are able to operate (Currently at the private Mike Nottingham Ranch) into the National Forest (California Park) that borders our privately owned ranch as well as the Hahns peak area Including Little Red PARK, Big Red Park, & Crane Park). We are seeking permits that would allow our guides to take clients snowmobiling in these areas. Our season (snow permitting) starts on Dec. 20th and goes until April 15th. We are proposing for our permits to allow us to use these designated areas of National Forest from Dec. 20th to April 15th (snow permitting).

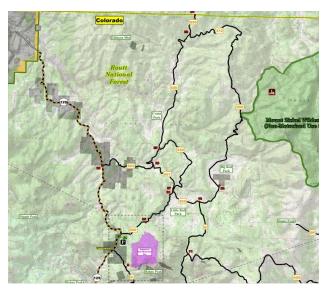
LOCATION OF ACTIVITY & DESCRIPTION OF ATTACHED MAP (location description should include geographic coordinates, legal description, Forest roads or trails, geographic features, etc. Maps must clearly show any proposed camps, routes, activity areas, etc. In addition to a paper map, GIS/Google Earth files may be submitted.):



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area highlighted in red is the Nottingham Land & Livestock ranch where we are currently operating at. This ranch is about 22 miles northeast of Hayden. It sits just east of County road 80, south of the border of national forest designated California Park and Anthracite Ridge, and just north of Pilots Knob and the property owned by Henry B. Babson.





The area highlighted in Purple is where we are currently operating on our temporary permit in California Park. The other map highlights the Forest Service Authorized area for the HBE 756 Permit.

EXPLAIN WHY THE PROPOSED USE IS NEEDED BY THE PUBLIC ON

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS: The desire for individuals to use National forest land to snowmobile is very high amongst the hundreds of thousands of people that vacation to Steamboat Springs and Northern Colorado each winter. While anyone can operate a snowmobile in properly designated areas, only a small percent newer riders (and even experienced riders often times) have the ability to navigate the terrain, the knowledge to know how to get a 650 pound snowmobile unstuck, monitor other people in their group, handle a broken down sled, or have the slightest idea what to do in an emergency situation.

Thunderstruck Adventures has established itself as one of the most successful outfitters in North West Colorado. As our business grows, we would like the areas of riding we are able to operate on to grow as well. While other companies with previous permits on some of the areas aren't even operating anymore, we are. We are seeing their loss of business opportunity and clients migrating to us.

Our proposed use of being able to provide professional snowmobile guides with people that would elsewise be riding alone on national forest provides direction and making sure clients are only riding in the correct areas and not trespassing on private land or wilderness areas. This would provide riders the ability to have the safest, most fun, and worriless experience while snowmobiling in Northern Colorado. Being with a company that has plans in place for any and all sorts of variables that could happen while on a snowmobile in the backcountry is a huge public need. This overall helps lower the amount of times Search and Rescue & other emergency services have to be used.

Speaking from personal experience, I personally had a group from Minnesota that wanted me to guide them in 2018, but due to not having permits or access to private land to operate on I had to decline their request. That very day they didn't make it back and had to spend the night on the mountain. They didn't make it back to where their truck was parked until noon the next day. If we had been able to guide these riders (like the dozens of other groups we've now guided) this simply would not have happened and these guys wouldn't be suffering from the frostbite they incurred while spending all that time lost in the mountains.

EXPLAIN YOUR TECHNICAL CAPABILITY TO SUCCESSFULLY OPERATE THE

PROPOSED USE: We have been operating on the property that is adjacent to the proposed area with fantastic success and client satisfaction. As a company that has a very detailed plan for how we operate from start to finish on each and every day, we have shown time and time again at where we currently operate how capable we are. Nothing major would change in our operation that wouldn't allow us to operate just as successfully on these additional acres of riding area than what we are currently operating on now.

To expand on how capable we are on operating in this proposed area, let me go over a few of the details of what we already do to run a successful operation. Each guide has years of

backcountry snowmobiling experience and how to navigate the backcountry. Even in situations where they might not know exactly where they are, have a broken down sled in the group, or an injured person, we have NEVER not made it back at the end of the day with everyone that left the staging area with us. We have NEVER had to call for an SOS or search and rescue, we have NEVER had to spend the night, we have always gotten guests back safely and happy at the end of each day. If we were to have a situation arise, we have detailed plans in place for any and all situations that may arise and how to handle them.

We have dealt with broken down sleds, terrible weather, and all sorts of variables while on a day's ride before and have ALWAYS gotten guests, and snowmobiles out of any less than ideal situation in the safest and most fun manor.

Each guide is equipped with a SPOT GPS receiver, BCA link Radio, fully charged cell phone (cell service is great in most areas of our current riding area as well as in the proposed area) avalanche gear, Shovels, saw, fire starter kit, First aid kit, tool kits, and food. Our property (20+ miles from the nearest town and house) has its own set of hunting cabins on it. We can store all sorts of emergency equipment directly on property, additional food, and it can provide shelter and heat in the event we need it. Besides from being equipped with everything needed for just about any situation, our office staff knows where each days ride will take place. We do not leave details to chance with our operation and operating plans.

EXPLAIN YOUR FINANCIAL CAPABILITY TO SUCCESSFULLY OPERATE THE PROPOSED USE: Due to being an established business with re-peat customers and a high traffic website that gets viewed weekly, we have established ourselves well with the financial ability of our business.

I personally own 2 other companies that are both profitable. 755 credit score, never have missed any sort of loan payments, never have filed for bankruptcy, very low amount of personal debt, went to college for business, and with owning multiple established businesses I've shown my capability through real life situations and trials.

DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A PERMIT WITH THE: ☐ BLM ☐ FS ☒ NPS HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY HAD A PERMIT WITH THE: ☐ BLM ☐ FS ☒ NPS If yes, attach a copy of your most recent performance evaluation.			
FINES AND VIOLATIONS			
Have you ever been denied or had a permit revoked?: \square Yes \boxtimes No			
Have you ever forfeited a bond or other security?: \square Yes \boxtimes No			
Do you have any unresolved criminal, civil, or administrative actions related to a permit or your proposal? \Box Yes \boxtimes No			
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Have you been convicted or paid a fine for violations related to a permit, natural resources, cultural resources, or any other activity related to your proposal? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, provide a detailed explanation. List all citations or violations received in association with O/G activities.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST

HAHNS PEAK/BEARS EARS RANGER
DISTRICT
925 Weiss Drive
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

OPERATING PLAN

TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY: We are proposing to be allowed to operate our already established snowmobiling outfitting company on California Park in the Routt National Forest. Our company focuses on providing a guiding service to our clients that helps them learn how to better ride a mountain specific snowmobile. We are geared towards clients that want to enjoy powder riding snowmobiles and want to better their ability of handling and operating a snowmobile. We rent snowmobiles that clients can pick up and ride on their own, or they can have a professional guide accommodate them on their ride. We are big into providing instruction and information to all our clients to help them become better snowmobilers.

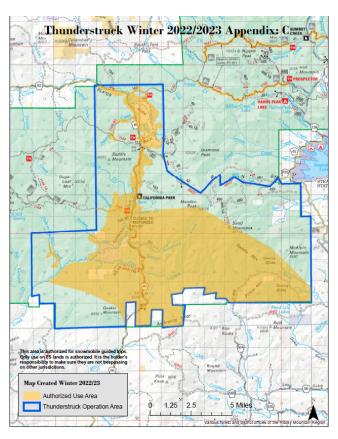
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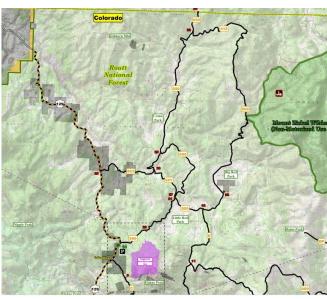
Winter/Spring

DATES, TIMES & LENGTHS OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

Snow permitting, our season begins on Dec. 20th and ends on April 15. Our clients gear up at our Steamboat office at 9:00 am and then from there we head to the staging area (The winter turnaround area on county road 80 just north of Hayden). A typical day ride will leave the staging area at 9:45 am and be back to the staging area at 3:00-4:00 PM. We are seeking this permit so that we can expand our riding area in situations where we "run out" of fresh snow to ride on our property in the case of an extended time without fresh snowfall OR in the later months of Winter when the snow is more sunbaked and we put on more miles riding since we can cover more terrain without so much deep powder. We would be proposing to have access with whatever use of use permit days we are granted to operate in Cali Park from Dec. 20th to April 15th (snow permitting of course).

DESCRIBE LOCATION OF PROPOSED USE & PROVIDE A MAP: Location description should include geographic coordinates, legal description, Forest roads or trails, geographic features, etc. Maps must clearly show any proposed camps, routes, activity areas, etc. In addition to a paper map, GIS files may be submitted.



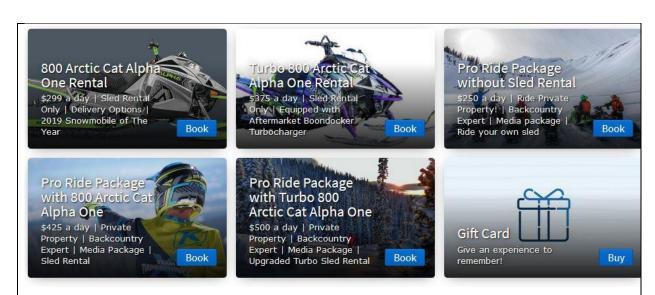


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LIST DROP CAMPS PROPOSED FOR USE THIS YEAR, THEIR LOCATION, AND THEIR DATES OF USE, INCLUDING SET-UP AND TAKE-DOWN: We won't need any of this for our permit as we already have a full service permanent Cabin on the property



CAMP NAME	OCATION DATES OF USE					
a. NA	a. NA			NA		
b. Camp Name	b. Location Description			Dates		
c. Camp Name	c. Location	on Description	c.	Dates		
ESTIMATED # CLIENTS TRIP: 6	ESTIMATED # OF	GU	IIDES PER TRIP: 2			
ESTIMATED # OF TRIPS PER SEASON: 15		CHARGE PER CLIENT PER TRIP:				
		\$ \$425 Total for clients that need their own sled (\$300 for snowmobile rental & \$125 for guiding is the pricing breakdown) If the customer owns their own machine, it would be \$250 for just the guiding.				
ATTACH RATE SHEET AND ADVERTISING MATERIALS.						



https://www.thunderstruckadventures.com

DESCRIBE CLIENT BRIEFINGS:



Clients show up at our Steamboat office at 9:00 am where they gear up and sign paperwork. As they are gearing up we help explain to them the use of their gear and how to properly dress and prepare for the day ahead. From there the clients ride with one of our guides to the trailhead. On the 30 minute drive to the trailhead the guides are able to ask questions and get a very good understanding of how experienced each rider is and what they are looking to get out of their day. The guide also shares

current avalanche conditions with the clients, talks about the mental side of snowmobiling and how to mentally prepare themselves, answers any and all questions the clients have, and shares tips about what to expect while snowmobiling for the day. At the trailhead, the guides then get all the snowmobiles unloaded and have each client listen to a detailed talk about how each snowmobile works and how to operate it. The next part of the talk is a detailed description of where they will be riding and how many miles of trail they will be on before we reach property. The third part of the talk consists of showing them how to position their body on a snowmobile, how to use their weight to steer, hand signals when meeting another oncoming snowmobile, and a bunch of other detailed tips to make their riding experience more enjoyable. Finally, the guides give a detailed safety talk and discus some of the emergency locations we have in place throughout our operating area as well as just outside of our operating area. From there, we get the clients onto the trail and riding. We usually go 1 mile up the trail and then stop, wait for everyone to catch up, and then discuss any questions they have so far and give any advice we noticed from the first impressions of their riding. We are constantly helping instruct clients throughout their whole day on how to be a better snowmobiler and how to stay safe in the types of terrain we are entering into. We make sure they know to follow the lead guide at all times and that if they get stuck or need help, the guide in the back of the group will be able to help them if the lead guide doesn't see them get stuck or something.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

DESCRIBE SANITATION MEASURES THAT WILL BE TAKEN:

Everything we pack in we pack out. Besides a few plastic wrappers, water bottles, and such from the packed lunches, we have a very low amount of any waste while operating.

DESCRIBE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT FROM EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED USE:

Having guides that know the terrain of this property helps ensure clients aren't getting into areas with low snow that could damage any of the environments we operate in. Because we are lucky enough to operate on snow, our goal is to only operate on snow and not be involved in coming in contact with trees, rocks, streams, brush, grasses, or any of the natural habitat that exists under the snow layer. We will not operate our machines out of the safety of our guest, guides, environment and snowmobiles if there is not enough snow to not have to worry about hitting objects that aren't covered in fresh powder or a good snow base. We take adequate snow coverage very serious as all of our machines are mountain specific snowmobiles and require much more snow to operate than a trail or crossover snowmobile.

DESCRIBE FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES THAT WILL BE TAKEN:

Because of the moisture of snow and how our snowmobiles operate with the exhaust exiting the bottom of the machine, the snowmobiles stay cool and do not leave anything in their track that could spark a flame. In the case of a fire, we have shovels

to scoop snow onto whatever catches fire as well as a miniature fire extinguisher. Fires at this time of the season are unlikely to be caused by the low impact activity of what we are doing on snowmobiles. We also do not plan on starting any fires since we have access to the cabins on our own private property.

SAFETY & EMERGENCY CONSIDERATIONS

WHAT SAFETY TRAINING (CPR, FIRST AID, WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER, EMT, ETC.) DO YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE?: Note: If you are granted a permit, proof that each employee is CPR certified will need to be provided.

Avalanche training and CPR (My personal CPR certification is due for renewal and will be renewed this fall)

LIST TYPES & LOCATION OF FIRST AID SUPPLIES AND EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE:





Orion Sled Rescue Sled (safest way to extract someone severely injured out of the backcountry). Also have access to a Polaris Ranger with tracks that is just a few minutes away from where we stage at (Allen Boccos Ranch). Full first aid kit, splints, BCA Link radios, SPOT GPS with SOS capabilities, and a permanent cabin on property that can be used for whatever needs arise. We have equipment at both the cabins on our property as well as Allen Boccos ranch that is just a few miles down the road from where we stage at. First aid supplies, SPOT, and those items are on the snowmobile with us guides at all times.

DESCRIBE CLIENT SAFETY PROCEDURE BRIEFINGS:

Due to the fact that clients ride to the staging area with us, we get a lot of time to go talk with them and go over our safety briefings while driving to the trailhead as well as once we are on the snowmobiles and getting ready to leave the trailhead. We talk to clients about avalanche danger and how important it is to always keep us guides in view at all times. We discus with them the importance of communication throughout the day and not riding into areas that don't already have tracks from a guide into it. We also go over how to handle and operate a snowmobile, how to dress accordingly to avoid getting cold, what to do if they get stuck, how we will extract them if they are injured and need to be taken out instead of riding their own sled out, and the importance of always being alert. This time driving to the trailhead gives them a much more comfortable atmosphere to listen to what we are saying as well as ask any

questions they may have. From when they first arrive to our office and we brief them on the gear they are using, then to driving there and describing what I just mentioned above, to always helping instruct and guide them throughout their day ride, we make sure all clients are well briefed and prepared for whatever may happen during a day.

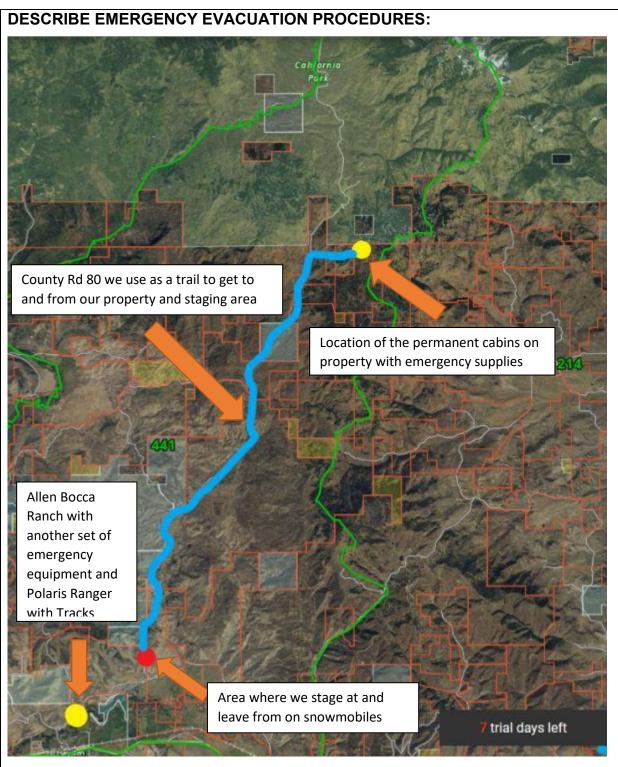
DESCRIBE COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES AND LIST COMMUNICATION DEVICES AVAILABLE:

Each guide and certain clients will all have BCA Link Radios. One guide leads the group while the second guide brings up the rear of the group to ensure everyone always keeps moving along nicely and doesn't get lost or separated. Clients are able to use hand signals as well as their radios to get in touch with us guides on their ride. The guides are able to easily communicate through the BCA radio even when they can't always able to see each other. Cell service is good in a majority of the area we ride. If we need to make a call bac to our office or somewhere we can. We also have the SPOT GPS which is a communication device that allows us to send pre-made messages, SOS, and tracks our movement for the employees back at the office to see where we are at.

DESCRIBE LOST/OVERDUE CLIENT PROCEDURES:

Our first procedure is one to not allow clients to get to the point of being able to be lost. With two guides operating on each ride, and with only allowing a smaller amount of riders per group, we are able to almost always keep an eye on each guest we have on our ride. The lead guide keeps eyes on at least the two people behind him while leading and the follow up guide can usually see all 6 guest, and if not he for sure is able to see the 4 guest in front of him. We stop frequently to make sure guests are doing well and that nobody is separated. We always make sure we are keeping a close distance between riders so that it's not easy for people to get off on the wrong tracks and separate. We have never lost a client before and due to our intense procedures we have in place, we don't ever plan on losing a client.

Now, we know we can have perfect plans in place and things still happen. We are very aware that it's very possible to lose a client and of course have a plan in place. Our procedure is to never leave an area without making sure everyone is present. Because of this, if we ever did lose a client they would not be far from where we are at. They have a radio to radio us and that helps tremendously with not losing them. If for some reason we weren't able to get in radio contact with them, we are able to do a sweep of whatever area we are in and find them that way. If someone got lost, one guide would stay with the group while the other guide went and looked for them. Radio communication would be between both guides to help communicate both of their situations. Like I said, due to never going very far or clients having the ability to ride off by themselves, we are never in a situation where a client could be very far from wherever we last saw them.



If evacuation is needed in the area closest to our riding area, we are able to use our emergency equipment (Orion Rescue Sled) that is located at the Cabins on property to extract the individual/individuals. This cabin would be perfectly located in the "middle" of our operating area if we were to have permits to our proposed area granted. If they are closer to our staging area than the property cabins when

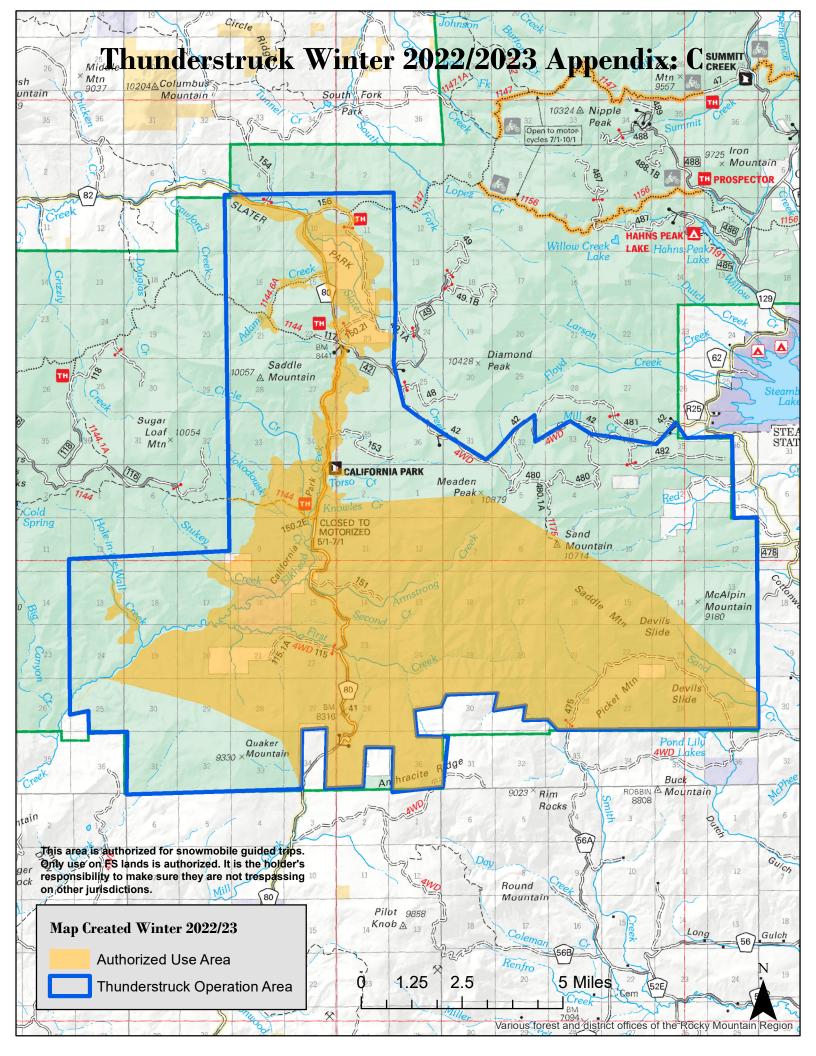
something happens, we are then able to utilize our resources from the Allen Bocco ranch that is located just Southwest of the winter turnaround area on county road 80 where we stage from. We can use another Orion Rescue Sled and also have access to a Polaris ranger with tracks. In the event that an individual needs to be airlifted directly out of the backcountry, we have multiple areas pinpointed with coordinates that a helicopter could perform an evacuation from. Our cabin sits on the edge of a large meadow towards the peak of our riding area that is very accommodating and convenient for a helicopter to gain access to.

I hereby certify that I am on legal age and am authorized to do business in the State of Colorado. I have personally examined the information contained in this application and certify that this information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby acknowledge this is an application only, and that the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands is not authorized until an authorization is signed and issued by an authorized officer.

Clayton M Hockel (Applicant Name)	12-22-2022 (Date)
Clay Hockel (Applicant Signature)	12-22-2022 (Date)

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OUTFITTER/GUIDE ACTUAL USE REPORT & FINAL FEE WORKSHEET

MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS

YEAR:	PERMIT HOLDER:		DISTRICT: HAHNS PEAK/BEARS EARS RD
This report covers	ACTUAL use for SU	MER/FALL operations.	

Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	l	J	K	L	М
TRIP ID	TYPE OF USE *	OPERATING AREA	DATES OF USE		# DAYS TRIP **		TOTAL	DAILY RATE PER GUEST	TOTAL CHARGE PER GUEST	TOTAL TRIP REVENUE G x J	# STOCK	# HORSE DAYS PER TRIP F x L
						TOTAL			TOTAL		TOTAL	

^{*}Refers to trip type (backpack; day hike; rock climb; pack trip; day ride; day-use fish; day-use hunt; base, spike or drop camp hunt, etc.)

^{**}First and last days counted as full days. Any part of a day on the Forest counts as a Service Day.

^{***}Not required for day-use activities. No grazing fees charged unless overnight grazing is allowed. Day-use activities do not allow such use.

MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS

STANDARDS FOR OPERATIONS

Permit holders should provide educational information, natural history and cultural resource interpretation, as well as specific minimum impact outdoor living skills to their clients. Their experience should be highly different from their daily lives, inspiring, sometimes challenging, but always safe and healthful for their abilities.

1. EQUAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

This permittee is an equal opportunity service provider. The receipt of a Forest Service Special Use Permit is considered to be receipt of federal financial assistance under federal regulations. This permittee, as a recipient of federal financial assistance, must meet the requirements of all laws, regulations, and USDA policies regarding nondiscrimination in the provision of services to the public. The following program has been implemented to meet these requirements:

A. Public Notification:

All advertisements, brochures, signs, and other materials that address service and programs offered will contain the following statements:

Insert Business Name is an equal opportunity service provider.

Insert Business Name is a permittee of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests.

Advertisements or materials produced for public distribution that contain photos or drawings will demonstrate diversity of race, gender, age and/or ability.

Signs setting forth this policy of nondiscrimination, when furnished by the Forest Service, will be displayed at the following locations:

1
Exterior entrance to public buildings.
Reception area of business office.
Other locations as directed by the Forest Service.

2. <u>AUTHORIZED USE</u>

The number of livestock and/or clients cannot exceed the number specified on the permit without first obtaining an approved amendment to the permit.

Requests for proposed changes in trip itinerary will be made to the District Ranger in writing at least ten (10) days in advance of the trip. Changes will be approved or disapproved in writing by the District Ranger or Permit Administrator.

The District Ranger may withhold authorization for the holder to use all or part of an assigned amount for reasons of resource protection or public health and safety.

This permit assigns only service days of use and specific camp location(s) and does not assign exclusive use areas to the permit holder.

To prevent trespass situations on private land neighbors of national forest system lands, letters from landowners granting parking or access through private lands to national forest lands must be included with the Operating Plan, when applicable.

3. TRAVEL ROUTES

No signs, tape flagging, or other artificial markers and advertising devices are permitted, except as specifically authorized in writing by the District Ranger or authorized representative. Trees will not be blazed to mark travel routes.

No trail construction or maintenance (including removal of live trees) will be allowed unless authorization is obtained in writing from the District Ranger or Permit Administrator. The exception is that downfall can be removed and lower branches along authorized travel routes can be pruned to the extent necessary to provide safe passage of the permit holder's clients. All resulting slash will be scattered.

4. SAFETY

The permit holder shall require all personnel responsible for transporting, guiding, instructing, and accompanying the public in activities associated with this permit to possess a current and valid standard/Basic Emergency Care (BEC) first aid card and CPR certification or Emergency Medical Technician certification. Evidence of these required certifications is to be provided by the permit holder to the District Ranger or authorized representative prior to the beginning of field operations.

Emergency first aid kits shall be immediately available to all of the permit holder's employees at all times when performing activities authorized under the terms of this permit.

The permit holder, in the client instruction, will discuss safety regarding the type of environment and activities authorized under the Special Use Permit.

The permit holder will provide as safe an environment for the clients, guests, and employees as is reasonably possible under the permitted use conditions. If an accident occurs, it is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure that an appropriate level of care is provided to the victim(s) until the victim(s) can receive professional medical assistance.

The District Ranger will be notified within 48 hours of the occurrence of any accident involving human injury requiring professional medical assistance and within seven (7) working days for property damage in excess of \$500.00 in connection with the operation of this permit.

Requests for search and rescue, including helicopter rescue, will be directed to the appropriate county sheriff. The permit holder will immediately notify the District Ranger that this request has been made. Use of helicopter for wilderness rescue must be approved in advance by the District Ranger.

In case of human death, the county sheriff in the county in which the death occurred will be notified immediately. The Forest Service will be notified immediately after the sheriff.

The Forest Service shall not be held liable for any costs incurred by state and county governmental agencies, and/or any private companies or organized volunteer groups, for any assistance, search or rescue effort resulting from the permit holders activities in relation to this permit.

The permit holder shall be liable for costs incurred by any search or rescue effort involving the permit holders client, if the client is not a holder of a valid Colorado state hunting or fishing license or other license, permit or registration for which the state of Colorado is obligated to cover costs.

5. CAMP DEVELOPMENT AND SANITATION

Permit holders will practice "Leave No Trace" techniques in their operations in cooperation with their Permit Administrator. They will also make "Leave No Trace" interpretive materials available to clients.

All camp operations, including tents, latrines, hitching racks, campfires, etc. will be located a minimum of 200 feet from lakes, streams, and trails, and out of sight from system trails and roads if vegetative or topographic screening is available (unless authorized otherwise by the Permit Administrator).

Campsites will be located below timberline, when possible, on flat dry slopes where impacts can be kept to a minimum.

Location of all facilities must be approved by the District Ranger or Permit Administrator. Temporary facilities at all campsites may include tents, toilets and horse control measures. Camp areas shall be policed periodically; no trash or litter will be allowed to accumulate. When the campsite is dismantled, the area will be left in a natural state. The only evidence of use should be the normal wear on vegetation.

All improvements, such as tent poles, frames, tables, hitch racks, etc., will be dismantled. Natural material used, such as poles, will be neatly stacked out of sight from the passing visitor. All boards, plywood, visquine, nails, wire, string, etc. will be removed. Any items not removed from the campsite on a yearly basis must have prior approval from the District Ranger.

Caches will be allowed only when authorized in writing. Authorized caches will be neatly stacked and covered out of sight of system roads and trails. Locations of all caches must be approved by the District Ranger or Permit Administrator.

Cat holes, pit toilets or portable self-contained toilets are mandatory, and must be located at least 200 feet from live water. Toilet pits will be filled with soil when excrement reaches a point one foot below ground level; new locations will then be selected. All pits will be filled with soil at the end of each operating season.

Where possible, tents and tarps will be earth tones (green, brown, gray, etc.).

No piles of firewood will be left after the camp has been removed.

6. RESOURCE PROTECTION

All refuse, including unburned portions of trash in fire rings, tin foil, etc., will be packed out of the site. No burying of garbage is permitted.

The permit holder will minimize the number and size of campfires.

Water used in cooking and cleaning will be discarded at least 100 feet from live water.

Only dead or down timber will be utilized in this operation. Cutting or defacing live trees without prior authorization is not permitted.

Nailing or cutting into, or wrapping wire around green trees is not permitted.

7. CAMPFIRE/STOVES

The permit holder may be required to have available an axe and shovel for fire purposes and will be required to actively prevent, suppress and report forest fires. Fires are authorized only in an area cleared to mineral soil, away from dead logs, snags, and roots, at least ten (10) feet away from trees and brush or low hanging limbs. Existing fire rings will be used whenever possible for campfires. Campfires will not be left unattended and will be completely extinguished before leaving them.

All stoves must have a screen or spark arrester on the stovepipe. Tents will have stove boots or a protective device.

Location of all stoves must be far enough away from tent walls to ensure safety for all occupants.

Guests will be advised of what to do in case of a tent or stove fire, or escaped fire.

The permit holder shall be held liable for fires resulting from their outfitter/guide operations and for actions by their employees or subcontractors.

8. WILDERNESS

Activities in wilderness areas will be consistent with direction provided by the 1964 Wilderness Act and conform to Forest Supervisor's Orders for each area. Special Orders are attached to permits involving Wilderness Areas.

9. FISH AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION

Group activities and campsites will be located at least 1/4 mile away from active raptor nest from April 1 through July 30. Permit holders will report any raptor nests they discover to the Forest Service.

Permit holders will maintain a distance of at least 200 yards from nesting sandhill cranes. Be especially alert for cranes near streams and ponds.

Fishing permit holders should promote catch and release techniques, especially with Colorado River cutthroat trout. Guides should educate clients about the concern for Colorado River cutthroat, the only trout native to the Colorado River drainage.

Translocation of any fish, aquatic plants or substrate is prohibited.

To reduce the potential spread of whirling disease and other pathogens, guides should provide fishing clients with the Colorado Division of Wildlife's brochure on Whirling Disease, and take the following preventative actions in order:

Standards for Operations

- · Wash all mud and vegetation from vehicles, boats, waders, boots and all other fishing gear.
- Coat all equipment (especially waders) after cleaning off mud and debris, and after use in any waterbody, with a 10% solution of chlorine bleach before moving to another waterbody. (note: bleach solution is ineffective after 72 hours. A fresh solution should be prepared daily or when needed).
- Drain boats, equipment, coolers, bait wells and water holders at the same site before moving to another waterbody and rinse with bleach solution.
- · Do not dispose of fish entrails or byproducts into or next to any waterbody.

10. HERITAGE RESOURCES

The permit holder shall:

Ensure that activities conducted under this permit will not impact historic, prehistoric, or paleontological resources.
Instruct clients that all artifacts, features, buildings, structures, vertebrate fossils and other items of antiquity are covered by federal laws prohibiting their destruction or removal.
Report any and all archaeological, historical, or paleontological finds to the Forest Service, and shall also report any witnessed incidents of vandalism, removal, or destruction of these resources.

11. GENERAL

The permit holder, as well as their employees, agents, guest, and clients, shall abide by all current Forest Service regulations, as well as applicable federal, state, and county laws. The permit holder is responsible for any actions of these persons.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CERTIFICATE OF FACT OF GOOD STANDING

I, Jena Griswold, as the Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, hereby certify that, according to the records of this office,

THUNDERSTRUCK ADVENTURES INC.

is an entity formed or registered under the law of Minnesota , has complied with all applicable requirements of this office, and is in good standing with this office. This entity has been assigned entity identification number 20201742076.

This certificate reflects facts established or disclosed by documents delivered to this office on paper through 11/16/2022 that have been posted, and by documents delivered to this office electronically through 11/22/2022 @ 06:47:26.

I have affixed hereto the Great Seal of the State of Colorado and duly generated, executed, and issued this official certificate at Denver, Colorado on 11/22/2022 @ 06:47:26 in accordance with applicable law. This certificate is assigned Confirmation Number 14481437



Secretary of State of the State of Colorado

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