



FWP Commercial Use Permit Application

As authorized by 23-1-105(1) MCA, 87-1-301(1) (c) MCA, and ARM [12.14.120](#), [12.14.130](#).

Official Use Only:

POS# 3-

Permit #

Date Issued

Fee Paid

Expire Date

Thank you for your interest in conducting commercial activities within Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) fishing access sites (FAS), state parks, or wildlife management areas (WMA). Your application's information will assist FWP in evaluating your request thoroughly.

- A commercial use permit is required to conduct commercial use on department lands and restricted waterbodies.
- Commercial use permit application must be submitted to the regional office that oversees the site or sites where the use will occur. If use is proposed for sites located in more than one department administrative region, the application may be submitted to one of the regional offices and the department may issue a single permit to authorize the use.
- The completed application shall be submitted **at least 45 days** before the use is intended to begin unless authorized by the department.
- The department will process complete applications. The department may require additional time to process an application if the department determines that an environmental analysis is required.
- A fishing access site permit may be obtained at a department regional office or through the department's automated licensing system (ALS) so long as the applicant provides the required application information and remits the required permit fee.
- The department requires the following when applying for a commercial use permit when applicable:
 - a completed permit application form;
 - an outfitter or guide license number if providing angling services;
 - an automated license system number;
 - permit fee;
 - deposit or damage security bond;
 - proof of insurance that the department judges sufficient to protect the public and the state of Montana from liability and property loss;
 - proof of workers' compensation or an independent contractor exemption certificate;
 - information explaining how the proposed use would benefit the public's resources or the public's enjoyment of the site; and
 - other relevant information in sufficient detail to allow the department to evaluate the nature and impact of the proposed activity, including measures the applicant will use to prevent or mitigate adverse impacts.
- Commercial use fees applicable to this permit are established pursuant to the State Park Commercial Use Fee Rule and the FAS/WMA Commercial Use Fee Rule.
- For guidance on conducting commercial use on [Restricted Use Rivers](#) please contact a FWP Regional Office.
- *Note: Fishing Access Site (FAS) Permits, mandated for guides, assistants, contractors for licensed outfitters or water-based service providers with a CUP on a non-restricted water body, are obtained through the [automated license system \(ALS\)](#). Please refrain from utilizing this application for FAS Permits.*

Instructions

1. Fill out the application form including signature and date.
2. Attach your insurance certificate and proof of non-profit status (if applicable).
3. Include maps, itineraries, a calendar of activities, or other relevant information for your group/activity.
4. Mail or email the application to the appropriate Regional Recreation Manager.

Check this box if this is a renewal application for a previously approved commercial use permit.

1. Business/Organization Information			
Business/Organization Name		Website (if applicable)	
MT Board of Outfitters License #*		MT Guide License #*	
2. Contact Information			
Name of Owner or Contact (permittee)**		ALS #***	Field Contact (if different from permittee)
			ALS #***
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip
Email Address		Business Phone	Cell Phone

* Required if providing angling or hunting services. ** Name that will appear on the permit.
 *** Automated License System number. Required if providing services at FAS's or WMA's.

3. Type of Activity (Select all that apply)

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| Guided tour or trip: bicycling | Hunting outfitting/guiding (limitations apply) | Boating/floating trip |
| Guided tour or trip: cultural or historic | Angling outfitting/guiding | Special commercial event |
| Guided tour or trip: horseback riding | Watercraft livery, shuttle, rental, or demonstration | Vending: food/beverage |
| Guided tour or trip: scenic/wildlife | Camping unit livery, shuttle, rental, or demonstration | Vending: other |
| Guided tour or trip (please specify):
_____ | Photography/filming (w/ models, props, crew, clients) | Unmanned vehicle (drones) |
| | Other (please specify):
_____ | |

4. Description of Use

1. Provide a detailed description and the purpose of the commercial use you are proposing to conduct.
2. Explain how the proposed use would benefit public resource or enjoyment of the site.
3. What measures will be taken to prevent or mitigate adverse impacts.

5. Location, Timing, and Volume of Use

Please specify the name(s), site type(s), date(s), timing, and number of participants where you propose to conduct commercial use.
Note: Please attach additional documentation if the table is not large enough to include all proposed uses.

Site Name	Site Type	Date(s) of Proposed Use	Time(s) of Proposed Use	# of participants OR client days
	STATE PARK FAS WMA			
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Check this box if you are a one-to-three-person photography or film crew seeking a permit valid at **all** FWP state parks, fishing access sites (FASs) & wildlife management areas (WMAs).

Note: Separate payments will be required for State Parks, and FAS/WMA requests. Statewide photography/filming permits are not available to crews of four or more people, or for the purpose of filming hunting on department lands.

Check this box if you are seeking an annual permit to conduct watercraft livery, rental, or demonstration for **all FWP FAS sites within a region**. Please select the region(s) you wish to conduct use.

Region 1 Region 2 Region 3 Region 4 Region 5 Region 6 Region 7

Fee Adjustment: Check this box if any of the following apply to your application:

- Educational group providing service not primarily for recreation. **Attach written explanation of educational purpose.**
- Donating all proceeds, minus expenses, to the management or improvement of fish, wildlife or parks.
- Donating all proceeds, minus expenses, to a nonprofit or a charitable cause.
- Special event involving children under the age of 13.

I certify that the information given by me in this application is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that the provision of false information, or the failure to keep this application or other permit information updated, are grounds for probation, suspension, or revocation of the permit. I understand that I must comply with the terms and conditions listed on the permit.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

- Please send your completed permit application to the FWP Regional Recreation Manager in which you wish to conduct commercial use (see attached contact information below), **ATTENTION: COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT.**
 - Upon authorization of your permit application, FWP will send you a permit that specifies the locations and periods the permit is valid, permit terms and conditions, and fees to be paid.
 - **The permit is not valid until signed by the permittee and returned to the regional recreation manager, and the requested fees are paid.**
 - For site-specific information or questions, please contact the regional office for the area in which you are seeking a permit.
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