



MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Reference Guide: Commercial Use Permit for Special Events or Vending

This reference guide provides information on the permit required to conduct a special event or vending (not including fishing contests) for commercial purposes on Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks land (FWP). Please note that commercial use on FWP land is a privilege, not a right. Authorization may be denied, amended, or revoked at any time for cause.

Permit Requirements

A Commercial Use Permit is required to conduct a special event or vending for commercial purposes when using a FWP fishing access site, state park or wildlife management area. Special events that meet the definition of commercial use are usually events where the participants pay a fee to participate in the event. Examples of special events include but are not limited to an archery shoot, running race, or dog field trial. Note: a special event that does not meet the definition of commercial use may be required to obtain a *special use permit* if there are thirty or more people participating in the event – contact FWP for more information.

Permit Authorization

The Commercial Use Permit for a special event or vending is valid for the location(s) and time period specified on the permit.

Permit Application and Fee

The Commercial Use Permit application for a special event or vending is available on the FWP web site or at any FWP regional office. FWP may adjust the fee on a case by case basis to accommodate the nature of the activity, compensate for site impact or department staffing needs, or for other unique circumstances pertaining the permitted event. See the Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule for the current fee schedule.

Terms and Conditions

The terms and conditions for the event will be printed on your permit. Your compliance is important to ensure future opportunities to obtain a permit.

Insurance Requirements

FWP may require the permit holder to possess and maintain a general liability policy for the special event that names the State of Montana – FWP as additionally insured. The minimum coverage for special events is \$300,000 per occurrence and \$600,000 aggregate. If required, you will need to provide a copy of your policy or an Insurance Certificate with your permit application.

For questions regarding commercial use, please contact the following:

- Fishing Access Sites: Don Skaar, (406) 444-7409, dskaar@mt.gov
- Montana State Parks: Pat Doyle, (406) 444-3818, pdoyle@mt.gov
- Wildlife Management Areas: Rick Northrup, (406) 444-5633, rnorthrup@mt.gov