



FWP Commercial Use Permit Application

Authority granted via ARM rules [12.14.120](#), [12.14.130](#), 23-1-105(1) MCA, and 87-1-301(1) (c) MCA

Thank you for your interest in conducting commercial activities within Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) fishing access sites, state parks, or wildlife management areas. 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 internet licensing system 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.
- State Park Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule ([provide link](#))
- FAS/WMA Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule ([provide link](#))
- *For guidance on conducting commercial use on a Restricted River please contact a FWP Regional Office.*
- *Please note that the Fishing Access Site (FAS) Permit, mandated for outfitters, guides, and water-based service providers, is obtained through the [online license system](#). Please refrain from utilizing this application for FAS Permit requests.*

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 Office.

1. Business/Organization Information			
Business/Organization Name			
Doing Business As (DBA)		*MT Board of Outfitters License #	
2. Contact Information			
Name of Owner or Contact		*ALS #	Field Contact (if different)
			***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.

3. Type of Activity (Select all that apply)

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| Guided tour or trip: bicycling | Hunting Outfitting (limitations apply – Contact FWP) | Boating |
| Guided tour or trip: cultural or historic | Fishing Outfitting | Special commercial event |
| Guided tour or trip: horseback riding | Watercraft livery, rental, or demonstration | Vending: food |
| Guided tour or trip: scenic/wildlife | Camping unit livery, rental, or demonstration | Vending: Other |
| Guided tour or trip (not listed above) | Photography/filming (w/ models, props, crew, clients) | |
| | Other (please describe): | |

4. Description of Use

Provide a detailed description and the purpose of the commercial use you are proposing to conduct.

5. Location, Timing, and Volume of Use

Please specify the name(s) of FWP sites where you propose to conduct commercial use, the dates, timing, and number of participants.

Site Name	Site Type	Date(s) of Proposed Use	Time(s) of Proposed Use	Number of Participants
	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 & wildlife management areas unless otherwise posted (\$50; valid 12 months).

- Separate payments will be required for State Parks and FAS/WMA requests.
- Not available to crews of four or more people or for the purpose of filming hunting on department lands.

*Note: Send completed application to the appropriate FWP Regional Office, **ATTENTION: COMMERCIAL USE PHOTOGRAPHY/FILMING PERMIT.***

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 Office in which you wish to conduct commercial use (see attached Regional office 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 the requested permit fee to be paid.
- For site- specific information or questions, please contact the regional office for the area in which you are seeking a permit.

FWP Regional Offices

FWP Region 1
490 North Meridian Rd.
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 752-5501
fwprg12@mt.gov

FWP Region 3
1400 South 19th Ave
Bozeman, MT 59718
(406) 994-4042
fwprg3@mt.gov

FWP Region 5
2300 Lake Elmo Dr
Billings, MT 59105
(406) 247-2940
fwprg52@mt.gov

FWP Region 7
Industrial Site West
PO Box 1630
(406) 234-0900
fwprg72@mt.gov

FWP Region 2
3201 Spurgin Rd
Missoula, MT 59804
(406) 542-5500
fwprg22@mt.gov

FWP Region 4
4600 Giant Springs Rd
Great Falls, MT 59405
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