



2025 Special Recreation Permit Application for Commercial Use: Madison River

Authority: ARM 12.14.10 –12.14.170; ARM 12.8.211; 23-1-105(1) MCA; 87-1-301(1)(c) MCA; 43 U.S.C. 1201; 43 U.S.C. 1701; 16 U.S.C. 460 L-6(a); and 43 CFR Group 2930

Application No.
(Administrative Use Only)

Instructions: Please complete and return this application, insurance certificate, current advertising brochure or price list and minimum permit fee to Fish, Wildlife & Parks by April 1, 2025. FWP will consider applications received after April 1, 2025 on a case-by-case basis. Applications must be complete to be considered. It is a violation of FWP/BLM rules to conduct commercial use on the Madison River without a Special Recreation Permit.

This application excludes the Bear Trap Wilderness Area.

Please Print or Type

Name of Applicant (name that will appear on the permit): _____
(Permit Holder must be a licensed outfitter if providing hunting or angling services)

Name of Company or Organization: _____

Montana Board of Outfitters License No. (Required if providing angling or hunting services): _____

Address: _____ **Phone number:** () _____ - _____

_____ **Cell Phone:** () _____ - _____

_____ **E-mail:** _____

Permit Fees

The permit fee for commercial use on the Madison River is 3% of your annual unadjusted gross revenue. Annual unadjusted gross revenue is the total amount of unadjusted income you earn from commercial use of the Madison River from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

A \$110 minimum fee payment is required when applying for the Madison River Special Recreation Permit. The remainder of the permit fee must be paid in full by January 10, 2026.

SRP Boat Tags

Each watercraft operating under your permit must display a set of valid Madison River Special Recreation Permit (SRP) boat tags (2 tags per set) when conducting commercial use on Madison Rivers. You are responsible for proper placement and replacement of you and your guides' boat tags.

SRP boat tags may not be permanently attached to a boat. If you or your guides have SRP boat tags permanently attached to a boat, remove them. SRP boat tags must be **completely visible**, **detachable**, and **displayed on both sides** of the boat in a **conspicuous location**.

How many SETS of SRP Boat Tags will you need for the 2025 season?

Number of SETS of Tags: _____

In the past two years have you, any employee or any of your company representatives been convicted of a violation in connection with guide/outfitting operations or associated activities? No Yes

Have you had a Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or US Forest Service (USFS) permit denied, suspended or revoked? No Yes

If you answered yes to either of the questions above, please provide an explanation: _____

Please Submit the Following Required Materials:

- Signed and completed application.
- Current insurance certificate or liability. Please refer to the provided Insurance Example for all specific insurance requirements.
- Copy of 2025 Montana Board of Outfitters license (if providing fishing services).
- Minimum application fee payment of \$130.00. Make checks payable to FWP.
- Printed price list for the 2025 season.

APPLICATIONS LACKING ANY OF THE ABOVE MATERIALS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Please mail completed and signed application and ALL materials to:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Attn: Madison River SRP
2300 Lake Elmo Dr.
Billings, MT 59105

After verifying and processing all 2024 Madison River SRP report materials (if applicable) and 2025 application materials, an FWP Authorized Officer will sign the permit and mail you a copy to act as both a receipt and your permit. Applicants are not authorized to conduct commercial use on the Madison River in 2025 until receiving a signed 2025 permit and boat tags.

ALL APPLICANTS – SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED BELOW*****

I acknowledge that I have read the permit terms and conditions accompanying this application, I am required to comply with these terms and conditions and I am aware of the penalties for violations. I agree to comply with FWP and BLM rules and regulations and I understand that failure to comply may result in the probation, suspension or revocation of the permit. 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.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

(FWP ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY)

2025 Madison River Commercial Special Recreation Permit

Permittee Name: _____ App. Postmark Date: _____ App. Received Date: _____

2024 Carryover: \$ _____ Payment: \$ _____ Check #: _____ Total Fees Paid: \$ _____

Insurance Expiration Date: _____ Outfitters License: _____ Sets of Boat Tags: _____

Approved: ___ Yes ___ No Justification (If not approved): _____

Notes: _____

Authorized Official: _____ Date: _____