

Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Auto Shuttle Services Commercial Use Authorizations

PEPC Project Number: 60478

Description of Action (Project Description):

The Grand Teton National Park Business Resources Branch is proposing to issue Commercial Use Authorizations (CUAs) for auto shuttle services occurring within Grand Teton National Park (GRTE) and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway (JODR). The auto shuttle services CUA is one of eight authorization categories provided under the parks' CUA Program (PEPC 57792).

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Auto Shuttle Services Category Defined: An auto-shuttle service is the point-to-point ground transportation of vehicles by at least two employees of an authorized operator (or other authorized means) to specifically authorized parking areas or turnouts. Visitors and commercial users in need of a shuttle begin their activity in one location with the activity terminating in a separate location. Shuttle operators manage the logistics of transporting vehicles from a starting location to the location where the activity terminates. This allows visitors or commercial operators to regain access to the original vehicle when their activity has been completed. Transportation of people is not permitted. Activities supported by this category include private backcountry hiking, commercial/private fly fishing, and commercial/private float trip. In 2014, Auto Shuttle Services accounted for 3% of all authorizations issued (3 out of 91 total operators).

Appropriate Use Statement: Auto shuttle services are an appropriate activity in GRTE and JODR because they enable visitors to participate in appropriate activities. The availability of public transportation is limited.

Management Objectives: Scenic private float trips are already permitted as an appropriate park activity and provide access to outstanding experiences in an outstanding natural environment. Private fly fishing is already authorized as an appropriate park activity. Fishing is an activity of historical and cultural significance in GRTE and JODR. For commercial fly fishing and floating trips, auto shuttle services can assist commercial operators to fulfill the terms of their concessions contracts. Backcountry travel is an important resource and value of GRTE as it provides access to outstanding experiences in an outstanding natural environment.

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Project: Guided Bicycle Tours Commercial Use Authorizations

PEPC Project Number: 60488

Project Locations:

Description of Action (Project Description):

The Grand Teton National Park Business Resources Branch is proposing to issue Commercial Use Authorizations (CUAs) for guided bicycle tours occurring within Grand Teton National Park (GRTE) and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway (JODR). The guided bicycle tours CUA is one of eight authorization categories provided under the parks' CUA Program (PEPC 57792).

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Guided Bicycle Tours Category Defined: Guided bicycle tours are non-motorized human pedaled vehicle tours for up to ten total participants on approved routes and roads within Grand Teton National Park GRTE and JODR. Tour groups consist of guides/tour leaders, participants, and may include one support vehicle. Tours provide single day trips in GRTE and JODR that may or may not span multiple days. Bicyclists are required to follow all applicable traffic regulations and safety guidelines. Guides provide messages that encourage visitors to preserve and protect park resources in conjunction with the management objectives of Grand Teton National Park and the mission of the National Park Service. In 2013, five operators provided 308 Guided Bicycle Tours to 2816 visitors.

Appropriate Use Statement: Bicycling is an appropriate self-powered form of transportation that provides outdoor recreation while showcasing the scenery and cultural resources compatible with the enjoyment and inspiration of the park. This is a recreational activity that connects visitors to the natural and cultural resources and the scenery of the Teton Range and Jackson Hole Valley.

Management Objectives: Guided bicycle tours adhere to the management objectives of GRTE and JODR. Bicycles are currently approved for use on park pathways, approved roadways, and in approved parking areas.

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This CE will apply programmatically to all guided bicycle tours CUAs occurring within GRTE and JODR. The CUA holder will be responsible for following all GRTE and JODR CUA conditions.

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Decision: I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

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Project: Hunt Outfitter Services Commercial Use Authorizations

PEPC Project Number: 60491

Description of Action (Project Description):

The Grand Teton National Park Business Resources Branch is proposing to issue Commercial Use Authorizations (CUAs) for hunt outfitter services occurring within Grand Teton National Park (GRTE) and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway (JODR). The hunt outfitter services CUA is one of eight authorization categories provided under the parks' CUA Program (PEPC 57792).

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Hunt Outfitter Services Category Defined: Hunt outfitters assist in providing support services for the elk reduction program in GRTE and hunting in JODR. These services may provide guiding expertise for a specific area, game animal, and/or climate/terrain. They also may provide hunters with necessary gear and supplies. If and when an animal is taken, outfitters may assist in the retrieval and/or harvesting of the hunted animal. Hunting activities occur within the JODR September through December. Specific dates, laws, and limits on hunted animals are specified in annual information released by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Hunting activities associated with the legislatively permitted elk reduction program within Grand Teton National Park occur from October-December only for identified species; no regular hunting is permitted. Commercial operators may only provide services for visitors who have already obtained the appropriate state and park permits/licenses. In 2014, hunt outfitters accounted for 4% of all authorizations issued (4 out of 91 total operators).

Appropriate Use Statement: Hunt outfitter services are appropriate to GRTE and JODR because they assist visitors in the participation of an activity that has been deemed as appropriate by the enabling legislation of both park units. The enabling act for Grand Teton National Park provides specific legislation allowing for an indefinite Elk Reduction program when jointly determined by the NPS and the State of Wyoming to be necessary for the proper management of the elk population. It is not mandated to occur on an annual basis.

Management Objectives: Hunt outfitter services adhere to the management objectives of GRTE and JODR. The General Management Plan for JODR allows hunting. Management objectives for the elk reduction program in GRTE are most recently specified in the 2007 Bison and Elk Management Plan for GRTE and the National Elk Refuge.

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Project: Road Based Tours Commercial Use Authorizations

PEPC Project Number: 60498

Description of Action (Project Description):

The Grand Teton National Park Business Resources Branch is proposing to issue Commercial Use Authorizations (CUAs) for road based tours occurring within Grand Teton National Park (GRTE) and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway (JODR). The road based tours CUA is one of eight authorization categories provided under the parks' CUA Program (PEPC 57792).

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Road Based Tours Category Defined: A road based tour is a single vehicle guided tour consisting of one or more persons traveling on an itinerary which has been packaged, priced, or sold as an interpretive tour. These activities take visitors through the parks road system with a focus on interpreting the parks features and wildlife. Guides provide an educational forum for the preservation and protection of park resources in conjunction with the management objectives of GRTE, JODR, and the mission of the National Park Service. Step on guides provide the same services from a visitors personal vehicle or from the vehicle of another commercial operator. Road based tours comprise the largest number of CUAs issued. In 2014, Road Based Tours accounted for 45% of all authorizations issued (41 out of 91 total operators).

Appropriate Use Statement: Road based tours provide a means through which visitors can enjoy and gain inspiration from the fundamental resources and values of GRTE and JODR. They provide an easily accessible way for visitors to be introduced to the scenery, landscapes, ecological communities, and cultural resources of the Teton Range and the Jackson Hole Valley.

Management Objectives: Road based tours adhere to the management objectives of GRTE, JODR, and the NPS. Working with other organizations to extend the benefits of resource conservation and outdoor recreation is part of the NPS mission. Commercial vehicle tours are listed in the Superintendents Compendium as an approved commercial activity. Road based tours may help to mitigate vehicle traffic congestion on park roads, parking areas, and at trailheads. The park has conducted public transportation studies which identify traffic congestion and parking as a concern.

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Project: Photography and Painting Workshops Commercial Use Authorizations

PEPC Project Number: 60556

Description of Action (Project Description):

The Grand Teton National Park Business Resources Branch is proposing to issue Commercial Use Authorizations (CUAs) for photography and painting workshops occurring within Grand Teton National Park (GRTE) and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway (JODR). The photography and painting workshops CUA is one of eight authorization categories provided under the parks' CUA Program (PEPC 57792).

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Photography and Painting Workshops Category Defined: A Photography Workshop is an instructional opportunity for one to ten visitors using an itinerary that has been packaged, priced, or sold as a guided photography instructional session. Photography Workshops embrace the scenic, cultural, and natural resources of GRTE and JODR to create an instructional based experience designed to improve a photographers skills and/or photography techniques. A Painting Workshop is an instructional opportunity for one to ten visitors using an itinerary that has been packaged, priced, or sold as a guided painting instructional session. During these sessions, visitors are given painting and related art instruction. Guides provide messages that encourage visitors to preserve and protect park resources in conjunction with the management objectives of GRTE, JODR, and the mission of the NPS. In 2014, Photography Workshops accounted for 29% of all authorizations issued (27 out of 91 total operators). In 2014, Painting workshops accounted for approximately 1% of all authorizations issued (1 out of 91 total operators).

Appropriate Use Statement: Photography and Painting are appropriate uses of GRTE and JODR because they provides visitors with recreational and instructional opportunities to capture a unique combination of rare geological landscapes found in the Teton Range, an array of wildlife found in one of the earths largest intact temperate ecosystems provided by the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and cultural/historic resources unique to this area.

Management Objectives: Recreation through photography and painting are in line with the Heritage Education principles of the NPS mission statement. GRTE is committed to preserving its cultural history and resources. Categorical Exclusion Form - Photography and Painting Workshops Commercial Use Authorizations - PEPC ID: 60556

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Project: Towing Services Commercial Use Authorizations

PEPC Project Number: 60565

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Description of Action (Project Description):

The Grand Teton National Park Business Resources Branch is proposing to issue Commercial Use Authorizations (CUAs) for towing services occurring within Grand Teton National Park (GRTE) and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway (JODR). The towing services CUA is one of eight authorization categories provided under the parks' CUA Program (PEPC 57792).

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Towing Services Category Defined: A towing service assists or removes a disabled or damaged vehicle from GRTE or the JODR. Vehicles are removed via a tow truck and taken to a repair or storage facility, usually in the local area of Jackson, Wyoming. Circumstances causing the need for a tow generally include mechanical failure, unsafe vehicle operating conditions, and damage caused by contact with other objects. Towing companies are contacted directly by park visitors or by the Teton Interagency Dispatch Center as unique situations dictate. Visitors are required to pay all fees associated with a towing service. In 2014, Towing services accounted for 3% of all authorizations issued (3 out of 91 total operators).

Appropriate Use Statement: Towing services are appropriate uses of GRTE and JODR because they help to facilitate visitor travel in the park and assist the park in addressing vehicle accidents and other issues in an efficient and legal way.

Management Objectives: Towing services adhere to the management objectives of GRTE and JODR by assisting the park in meeting the NPS mission standards of providing excellent visitor service and preserving the natural resources of the park. Removing disabled vehicles from roadsides helps to protect spectacular scenery of the Teton Range and Jackson Hole Valley. Towing services assist park operations by helping to keep roadways safe and clean.

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Project: Transit Services Commercial Use Authorizations

PEPC Project Number: 60566

Description of Action (Project Description):

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Transit Services Category Defined: A transit service is a logistics system for the picking-up and dropping-off of visitors to specifically authorized points along a regular route with a pre-announced schedule. Services and stops are continuous and specifically authorized. This service allows visitors to be transported to facilities and recreational opportunities who may otherwise be unable to get there by other means. A transit service allows visitors to utilize public transportation for convenience. Interpretive touring is not part of this service, although operators must relay specifically approved messages to visitors, consistent with the management objectives of GRTE, JODR, and the mission of the NPS. Transit services were authorized to be a part of the CUA program on a trial basis from 2011 through 2013. Beginning in 2014, they were introduced as a new CUA category on a permanent basis. In 2014, Transit services accounted for approximately 1% of all authorizations issued (1 out of 91 total operators).

Appropriate Use Statement: Transit services are an appropriate activity GRTE and JODR because they assist visitors and employees in accessing the park to participate in a variety of appropriate services and activities.

Management Objectives: Transit services assist the park in helping to reduce vehicle traffic congestion in popular parking areas and trailheads. The park has conducted public transportation studies which encourage and support this use. Transit services help GRTE and JODR extend visitor services which is a guiding principle of the NPS mission.

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Project: Youth Group Guided Day Hiking Commercial Use Authorizations

PEPC Project Number: 60568

Description of Action (Project Description):

The Grand Teton National Park Business Resources Branch is proposing to issue Commercial Use Authorizations (CUAs) for youth group guided day hiking occurring within Grand Teton National Park (GRTE) and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway (JODR). The youth group guided day hiking CUA is one of eight authorization categories provided under the parks' CUA Program (PEPC 57792).

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Youth Group Guided Day Hiking Category Defined: Youth group guided day hiking is an instructional and supervised non-overnight hiking activity provided to youths under the age of twenty one. Day hike groups are limited to no more than 10 participants and two guides per group. Groups operate using specifically authorized trails in GRTE and JODR. These services must provide information about the area and its resources, instill conservation ethics, and increase environmental awareness in participants. Operators must adhere to all required safety practices. In 2013, four operators provided 10 youth group guided day hiking trips to 295 visitors.

Appropriate Use Statement: Day hiking provides a means through which youth visitors can enjoy and gain inspiration from the fundamental resources and values of GRTE and JODR. This activity provides a way for youth visitors to observe wildlife and cultural resources, experience wilderness character, have opportunities for solitude, view spectacular scenery, enjoy night sky resources, and listen to natural soundscapes.

Management Objectives: Youth group guided day hiking adheres to the management objectives of GRTE and JODR. Backcountry travel is an important resource and value of GRTE because it provides access to outstanding experiences in an outstanding natural environment. "The service encourages backcountry use, but recognizes the need to control and direct this increasingly popular activity to protect park resources and visitor enjoyment of them". Working with other organizations to extend the benefits of resource conservation and outdoor recreation is part of the NPS mission.

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