



Yellowstone National Park Commercial Use Program Changes 2022

Actions	Previous Program	Current Program
Service Categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Biking- Day hiking- Skiing/Snowshoeing- Motorized boating- Non-motorized boating- Overnight Backcountry Trips*- Photography- Stream and Shoreline Fishing *- Road-based Transportation- Towing- Other Miscellaneous suitable visitor services <p>*Began in 2014</p>	<u>Activity-Based Categories</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bicycling Tours- Environmental Education Tours- Skiing/Snowshoeing- Motorized Boating- Non-Motorized Boating- Overnight Backcountry Trips- Painting and Photography Workshops- Stream and Shoreline Fishing- Road-Based Transportation (groups 1-25)- Wedding and Portrait Photography- Single-session Wedding & Portrait Photography <u>Service-Based Categories</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Towing and Automotive Services (RV and RV appliance repair, tire repair, locksmith)- Water Access
Application Period	Applications accepted from October 1 to March 1 for two-year term beginning on January 1 of issuing year.	Applications are accepted year-round. Applications may be submitted any time during the current operating year of January 1 st through December 31 st . Applications for the following operating year will be accepted beginning October 1 st of the current year.
Application Fee	\$300 annually for each service category.	\$300 annually for each activity-based CUA requested. \$150 every two years for a service-based CUA. \$100 per Single-Session Photography CUA.
Management Fees	2%, 3%, 4%, or 5% of annual gross receipts, depending on income.	3%, 4%, or 5% of annual gross receipts, as previously defined for activity-based CUAs. Additional fees are not required for service-based or Single-Session Photography CUAs.
Annual Reporting	Permittee Annual statement of Operations and Financial Report due January 31 st each year.	Annual Reports due January 31 st each year.
Monitoring and Evaluations	Improved monitoring and evaluation of the services.	Improved monitoring and evaluation of the services.

Service Category Changes

Skiing and Snowshoeing

- Previously defined to allow for guided interpretive Nordic skiing and Snowshoeing trips.
- The amended service category classifies angles of trips as low angle, moderate angle and steep angle.
- Steep angle trips are not authorized under this service however Mountain passes above the tree line and terrain greater than 34° may be traversed to go from one area to another only if they are *incidental* to the trip (i.e. the pass is not the destination of the trip) AND only when these routes can be safely used without the aid of technical mountaineering equipment. Ski Schools, Ski Lessons, technical training, and ski mountaineering activities are not authorized.
- Avalanche Education courses are authorized with pre-approval from Business and Commercial Services Office and respective VRP district leadership in the area classes are proposed.

Guided Bicycling

- Service amended with additional access to approved park roadways when gate is closed to vehicular traffic by general public (Administrative Travel only).
- Group sizes adjusted with additional safety equipment standards to prevent motor vehicle incidents.

Wedding and Portrait Photography

- New service category capturing commercial services provided by photographers to clients in NPS boundaries.
- Service allows the CUA holder to conduct services for wedding and portrait photography. This type of photography includes, but is not limited to, the following: Engagement Photography, Wedding Photography, Family Portraits, School/Graduation Portraits, Pet Portraits (must abide by park pet policy in thermal areas). Appropriate Wedding permits required.
- Single Session 1 day permit allowed.

Guided Environmental Education Tours

- New service category replacing the Day Hiking category.
- Includes elements of road-based transportation, and day hiking to provide an intimate natural history interpretive tour.
- Category includes interpretive requirements such as mandatory guide training event attendance, and interpretive guide testing.

Towing and other miscellaneous suitable visitor services

- Locksmith, RV Repair, RV Appliance Repair are consolidated under one Authorization/Service category now titled **Towing and Automotive Services**.

Water Access

- Standalone service category authorizes commercial operators to travel through NPS property to access the Yellowstone River at the Gardiner confluence area for the purpose of providing guided tours and trips.

Fee Changes

- Re-defined Authorization fee as Application fee to reflect fee structure outlined in 2005 Interim CUA Guidance document.
- Application fee for Towing and Automotive Services and Water Access reduced to \$150 and operating season extended to two years. Management Fees have been waived.