



Paria River District SRP Application Guidance

The Bureau of Land Management strives to be a good neighbor in the communities we serve and facilitates opportunities for commercial recreation on public lands to help local communities. To streamline and improve management of the Special Recreation Permit program, the Paria River District is establishing two periods annually for submitting and processing Special Recreation Permit applications within Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the Kanab Field Office. This also includes application requests to renew expiring permits.

Effective immediately, the BLM will process all applications received by December 1 for the following spring-summer season (March 1 through August 31) and June 1 for the following fall-winter season (September 1 through February 28). The BLM will continue to accept applications at any time, but applications will only be processed **beginning** in December or June. **Average processing could take up to six months.** Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals **up to six months** in advance.

The Paria River District hosts more than one million visitors annually who come to explore public lands in Garfield and Kane counties. Additionally, the district administers more than 200 Special Recreation Permits annually. Local outfitters, guides, and other businesses play a large role in helping the BLM serve local communities and visitors. The BLM uses Special Recreation Permits to manage commercial recreation and organized group activities on public lands, including competitive events. Please note that general recreation by individuals and families does not require a Special Recreation Permit.

This new application schedule will:

- Improve the ability to complete environmental reviews in a timely manner by grouping application reviews for similar activities and areas.
- Help ensure fair and consistent treatment of all applicants, given increasing demands for similar services and areas of operation.
- Enable the BLM to continue effective management of commercial recreation, competitive events, and organized group activities.

It is always beneficial to stop by or phone your local BLM office to discuss your application. As the BLM implements this new schedule, requests for extensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For more information visit or contact the Paria River District at 669 South Highway 89A, Kanab, UT, or call 435-644-1313.

For more information please visit: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-passes/special-recreation-permits>. An application form is available for download here: https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/recreation_specialrecreationform.pdf.