

Commercial Cedar Mesa Use Stipulations
(Including Grand Gulch Primitive Area)

1. Commercial groups are required to have an advance permit for all overnight use in canyons and day hiking to Moonhouse; call (435) 587-1550. The permittee must provide an itinerary for all day hiking. Year-long group size limitation for both day and overnight use is 12.
2. During the high use season (March 1-June 15, and September 1-October 31), all overnight permits must be picked up at the Kane Gulch Ranger Station between 8:00a.m. and noon on the trip start date. All backpackers are required to watch an 11 minute low impact video at the Kane Gulch Ranger Station before obtaining the permit.
3. To avoid disturbance to wildlife during the nesting season March 1- August 31, the following limitations apply during the season:
 - a. **No commercial use:** Fish Canyon above junction with McLoyd Canyon, Owl Canyon, Upper McLoyd Canyon (above Moonhouse Ruin), Upper North and South Mule Canyons (beyond 1 mile from Texas Flat Road Trailhead).
 - b. **Day use hiking only:** Upper 7 miles of Road Canyon, Bullet Canyon, Slickhorn Canyon, Todie Canyon, North/South Mule Canyon from the Texas Flat Road Trailhead to one mile up canyon, lower McLoyd Canyon to pour off (from lower Fish Canyon).
4. The permittee will not hike one-half hour before or after sunrise or sunset during the wildlife nesting season (March 1-August 31).
5. PETS are not allowed in any of the Grand Gulch Canyon or its tributaries, Slickhorn Canyons (including East Slickhorn – Pointlook Canyon) and their tributaries, nor within the McLoyd Canyon\Moonhouse Recreation Management Zone. Where permitted, pets must be kept on a leash at all times and out of springs, pot holes and other natural water sources. Domestic pets and pack animals will not be allowed in cultural sites or on archaeological resources as defined in ARPA. This includes ruins, alcoves, and rock art sites. Pet owners must bury pet waste away from trails, campsites and water sources.
6. The permittee must provide an itinerary to the Authorized Officer in advance of any use involving stock animals and must abide by the Cedar Mesa Stock use stipulations.
7. ALL motorized or mechanized vehicle travel is limited to designated roads.
8. The permittee will not use ropes and other climbing aids to access cultural sites or archaeological resources as defined in ARPA. Using a safety rope as an aid along a hiking route is permissible.
9. Acts of Nature present risks which the permit holder assumes. The user is responsible for inspecting and locating a campsite and inspecting the immediate adjoining area to avoid hazards such as dangerous trees, hanging limbs, possibility of flash floods or wildfire, and other hazardous conditions. Permits and permit fees are not a guarantee against such acts of nature, including inclement weather and difficult trail conditions.
10. The permit holder will be held legally and financially responsible for historical, archaeological, cultural, or ecological values damaged, destroyed, or removed by trip participants. Responsibility includes wildfire caused by members of the party. Visitors must report all wildfire to the nearest BLM office. Cultural artifacts located on the surface of an archaeological site or isolated artifacts are not to be disturbed. Moving or disturbing cultural artifacts from any location is a violation of federal law. The major federal laws which protect surface and subsurface cultural property, including artifacts and rock art, from any type of disturbance are as follows:
 - The Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979
 - The Antiquities Act of 1906
 - The Archaeological Resources Protection act of 1979 (as amended)
 - The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of
 - The National Historical Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended)PLEASE REPORT VANDALISM OF CULTURAL PROPERTIES 1-800-722-3998
11. Camping is limited to well used campsites. No new campsites are to be created. No party may spend more than 2 consecutive nights at campsites near Junction Ruin, Turkey Pen Ruin, Jail House Ruin and the mouth of Bullet Canyon. Camping will not be allowed within cultural sites or archaeological resources as defined by ARPA. Camping is not allowed at any ruins, rock art sites or alcoves, nor the bench area surrounding Split Level Ruin. Backpacker camping is not allowed within one mile of the San Juan River in either Grand Gulch or Slickhorn Canyon.
12. The permittee must PACK IT IN-PACK IT OUT. All trash, including toilet paper must be carried out. All liquids just be strained before disposal, then discarded at least 200 feet away from water sources, camps, and trails. Use only biodegradable soap. Clean-up at campsites and day use areas will include obliterating any temporary structures such as rock tables or chairs, tie-up posts and collection of all litter.
13. The permittee will dispose of human waste properly: disposal is not permitted within 200 feet of a water source, trail, or campsite. Human waste will be deposited in a “cat hole” (6 inches deep) and covered with soil. Used toilet paper must be carried out. Do not burn toilet paper. Washing, bathing or swimming is not permitted in or near water sources such as springs, streams and pot holes.
14. The permittee will not use WOOD OR CHARCOAL FIRES in any of the Cedar Mesa Canyons including Grand Gulch.
15. The permittee will not enter any area marked as closed to entry, or physically closed to entry, is a violation.
16. Paleontological resources will not be collected within the Cedar Mesa SRMA under a commercial Special Recreation Permit. All collection of paleontological resources will otherwise be in accordance with the *Paleontological Resources Preservation Act* of 2009 and a permit may be required. The permittee must contact the Monticello BLM in advance for determination of permit requirements.
17. The permittee will obtain a filming permit prior to conducting any commercial filming activities. Please contact our office to determine if a filming permit is needed.