



Guide to Recreation Permit Requirements For Recreation Use of Public Land in the BLM Salt Lake Field Office

Welcome to the Salt Lake Field Office (SLFO)! The information contained in this handout explains when and for what areas a BLM permit is required, timeframes required for obtaining a permit, and who you need to contact to obtain a permit. This information incorporates and is supplemental to 43 CFR 2930.

The SLFO requires different types of recreation permits and agreements for use based on type and location of activity, size of group, and if the activity/event is commercial and/or competitive. Although there are four types of permits, only one permit is required for any given activity/event (other authorizations may be required based on your proposal, ie: commercial filming). Requirements for each type of permit or agreement are as follows:

1.) Recreation Use Permit. Recreation Use Permits (RUP's) are required for individual or group use of developed fee areas. The SLFO manages two campgrounds with a fee requirement. Campgrounds and associated fees include: Simpson Springs, \$5.00 per campsite per night (limit 2 vehicles per campsite), and Clover Springs, \$6.00 per campsite per night (limit 2 vehicles per campsite). The Knolls Recreation Area now has restrooms, and an entrance fee of \$6.00 per day is required. Fee envelopes are located at self-service pay stations at each site. All sites at these campgrounds are available on a first come/first serve basis, with the exception of Clover Springs Group site #7 (available by reservation through the SLFO, \$20 per night, limit 50 individuals and 15 vehicles). You must pay the required fees upon occupation of a campsite. When utilizing these facilities, you must comply with all BLM Occupancy and Use Regulations (43 CFR 8365) and any site specific rules as posted on site.

2.) Small Group Camping Use Agreement. Small Group Use Agreements (SGUAs) are required for organized group¹ camping activities that do not take place in a developed fee area, are not commercial or competitive, have 25 or less participants, and have no more than 8 primary vehicles². Issuance of this agreement allows for Small Group Camping Use activities throughout the Field Office. This agreement applies to the use of public lands for dispersed, undeveloped camping activities (no BLM recreation facilities or developments). To obtain a SGUA, complete the attached Small Group Notification and Use Agreement and return to the SLFO at the address listed below 10 days before proposed use date. Upon receipt of the completed SGUA, the BLM will review, sign, and return a copy to you. NOTE: some conditions may require the BLM to deny your application or redirect you to a different location, ie: fire danger, extreme draught conditions, etc. When conducting or participating in camping activities under a SGUA, you must agree to and comply with SGUA Conditions of Use (found on back of the permit). Currently, there is no fee for a SGUA. Issuance of a SGUA does not reserve sites or grant your group exclusive use of an area. All sites under this agreement are available on a first come/first serve basis.

3.) Large Group Camping Use Agreement. Large Group Use Agreements (LGUAs) are required for organized group camping activities that do not take place in a developed fee area, are not commercial or competitive, have more than 25 participants and/or more than 8 primary vehicles. This agreement is applies to dispersed, undeveloped camping activities (no BLM recreation facilities or developments) at seven specific large group camping locations (see Attachment 2, Large Group Camping Locations and Map). To obtain a LGUA, select one of the seven large group camping locations, complete the attached Large Group Notification

¹ An organized group activity is defined in BLM's regulations as a structured, ordered, consolidated, or scheduled event on, or occupation of, public lands for the purpose of recreational use that is not commercial or competitive.

² Primary vehicle is defined as a street legal vehicle used for transportation to a recreation site, which does not include trailers.

and Use Agreement, and return to the SLFO at the address listed below 10 days before proposed use date. Upon receipt of the completed LGUA, the BLM will review, sign, and return a copy to you. NOTE: some conditions may require the BLM to deny your application or redirect you to a different location, ie: fire danger, extreme draught conditions, etc. When conducting or participating in camping activities under a LGUA, you must agree to and comply with LGUA Conditions of Use (found on back of permit). Issuance of a LGCA does not reserve sites or grant your group exclusive use of an area. All sites under this agreement are available on a first come/first serve basis.

4.) Special Recreation Permit. Special Recreation Permits (SRP's) are required for commercial recreation operations, competitive events and activities, and may be required for organized group activities (exclusive of those organized group camping activities which fall under a Small or Large Group Camping Use Authorization). SRP application (form 8370-1), an operating plan, and map must be submitted with a non-refundable \$90 application fee 180 days in advance of the proposed activity. Other requirements and timeframes for issuance of a SRP are found on Attachment 1.

These permit and use agreement requirements are only applicable to the Salt Lake Field Office (SLFO) Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Permits may be suspended by the BLM to protect public health, public safety, the environment, or you. Permits may be revoked if you violate any of the acts prohibited in Attachment 3, Regulations for the Occupancy and Use of Undeveloped Public Lands; any of the stipulations attached to your permit; any conditions of use; or any site-specific rules posted in the area.

Send or fax completed application to:

Outdoor Recreation Planner
Salt Lake Field Office
Bureau of Land Management
2370 S. 2300 W.
SLC, UT 84119
Phone 801-977-4300
Fax 801-977-4397



Attachment 2: Large Group Camping Locations

1) Fivemile Pass.

Location: Fivemile Pass recreation area is located 24 miles west of Lehi off of Highway 73.
Elevation: 5350'.
Setting: Grasslands with scattered juniper groves in the pass and adjacent hills. The area receives a large amount of OHV use, especially in Spring and Fall. Locations in the Pass within sight and sound of the highway.
Directions: 24 miles west of Lehi on Highway 73. Fivemile Pass camping areas on the north and south side of the highway. Campsites can be found throughout the hills. Avoid private lands and contaminated mine tailings. (Rush Valley, Utah 1:100,000 topographic map).

2) Horseshoe Springs Knoll.

Location: In the foothills at the western base of the Stansbury Mountains.
Elevation: 4500'.
Setting: Juniper grove on low ridge overlooking Skull Valley to west. The Stansbury mountains rise to over 9000' on the east. Heavily used site.
Directions: Travel 40 miles west from Salt Lake City on I-80 to the Timpie interchange, then 9 miles south on Skull Valley Highway to an unimproved road east, opposite Horseshoe Springs Wildlife Viewing Area (WVA). No camping is allowed at Horseshoe Springs WVA. (Tooele, Utah 1:100,000 topographic map).

3) Lookout Pass/Little Valley.

Location: The Pony Express Trail crossing of the Onaqui Mountains approximately 70 miles from SLC.
Elevation: 5920'.
Setting: A small juniper grassland valley 1.5 miles west of the top of Lookout Pass. Many hiking opportunities in the canyons and ridges of the southern Onaqui's.
Directions: Take Utah Highway 36 south from I-80 (Tooele exit). Approximately 30 miles south of Tooele, turn west on the all-weather gravel road (Pony Express National Historic Trail). 7 miles to the top of the pass, ½ mile further to the Pony Express monument and one more mile to the group camping areas (Little Valley). (Rush Valley, Utah 1:100,000 topographic map).

4) Lone Rock.

Location: Stands out in the north end of Skull Valley, just south of I-80, approximately 45 miles from SLC.
Elevation: 4240'.
Setting: An isolated rock outcrop rising above the flat desert of Skull Valley. The prominent large rock sits on a surrounding low rock ridge. Within sight of I-80.
Directions: Exit I-80 at the Timpie interchange. Go south on the Skull Valley Highway for 3 miles. Follow unimproved road west a mile to the rock. (Tooele, Utah 1:100,000 topographic map).

5) Soldiers Pass.

Location: At the base of the Lake Mountains west of Utah Lake, approximately 22 miles southwest from Lehi.
Elevation: 4920'.
Setting: Rugged Lake Mountains to north and west. Scenic view east to Utah Lake and Wasatch mountains. Campsites among junipers and rock outcrops on a south-east facing slope. An isolated section of BLM land surrounded on the north, west and south by open State Land.

Directions: From the intersection of Utah Highway 73 and Utah Highway 68, travel 17.3 miles south on Highway 68 to a dirt road heading west with a stop sign. This is Soldier Pass road. Drive west on this graded graveled road for approximately 1.5 miles. Turn left onto an unimproved dirt road and camp out in the juniper trees here.

From Utah highway 73, at the west edge of Fairfield, go south on the Allen's Ranch road go south approximately 18 miles to the Soldier's Pass road (note stop sign). Turn west on the all-weather gravel road for 1.3 miles. An unimproved road goes right (north) and immediately splits, 0.1 mile right, or 0.2 mile left, to potential campsites. (Rush Valley, Utah 1:100,000 topographic map).

6) Twelvemile Pass.

Location: North end of the East Tintic Mountains, 37 miles southwest of Lehi.

Elevation: 5400-5500'.

Setting: Open grassland in broad gentle pass between Cedar and Rush Valleys. Plenty of space for many people to spread out. No trees in pass. Good hiking opportunities in the scenic canyons of the Tintic mountains.

Directions: From Utah Highway 73, at the west edge of Fairfield, go south on the Allen's Ranch road 15 miles to the junction with the Twelvemile pass road. Turn west and travel 3 miles (passing the Broad Canyon road south) to the pass. (Rush Valley, Utah 1:100,000 topographic map).

Knolls Special Recreation Management Area is also available for large group camping. There is a \$6 fee per vehicle for overnight camping.

Location: South of I-80, 80 miles west of Salt Lake City.

Elevation: 4380'.

Setting: Rock hills and sand dunes in the Great Salt Lake desert. Many campsites on east side of a series of individual knolls. Sand dunes located between the hills. This location lies in an open motorized vehicle play area. Very little vegetation and no shade. Entrance fee required per vehicle.

Directions: Exit at Knolls interchange and crossover to south frontage road. Go west 1.7 miles and turn south on BLM road. You will cross railroad tracks. Many campsites along road from about one mile to a hilltop 5.5 miles south of frontage road. (Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah 1:100,000 topographic map).

Simpson Springs Campground also has an area available for large group camping. This location requires a Special Recreation Permit with a fee of \$4/person per day.

Location: Along the historic Pony Express Trail, approximately 50 miles southwest of Lehi.

Elevation: 5100 ft.

Setting: Off of the Pony Express Backcountry Byway. During 1860 and 1861, horse riders risked their lives delivering the mail. Today, you can stop at stations and interpretive sites along the Backcountry Byway where riders rested before they raced on to their 1,800-mile mail run. The fastest crossing took seven and a half days from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California--the riders were carrying Lincoln's Inaugural Message.

Directions: Highway 73 west from Lehi to signed turn-off. Follow Pony Express Backcountry Byway.

Attachment 3

Regulations for the Occupancy and Use of Public Lands

CAMPING

(CFR 8365.1-2)

Occupancy on any site on BLM lands for camping or other purposes is limited to a maximum of 14 days during a 28-day period. The 14-day limit may be reached either through a number of individual visits or through 14 days of continuous occupation during the 28-day interval. Beyond 14 days, occupation of another site shall not be within a 30-mile radius of the heretofore occupied location. When the 14 days have been reached, the person or persons must not return for a period of another 14 days from the last day of occupation (57 FR 59121, Dec 14, 1992).

BUILDING FIRES

(CFR 9212.1)

Unless permitted in writing by the authorized officer, it is prohibited on the public lands to:

- (a) Cause a fire, other than a campfire, or the industrial flaring of gas, to be ignited by any source;
- (b) Fire a tracer or incendiary device;
- (c) Burn, timber, trees, slash, brush, tundra or grass except as used in campfires;
- (d) Leave a fire without extinguishing it, except to report it if it has spread beyond control;
- (e) Build, attend, maintain or use a campfire without removing all flammable material from around the campfire adequate to prevent its escape;
- (f) Resist or interfere with the efforts of firefighter(s) to extinguish a fire;
- (g) Enter an area which is closed by a fire prevention order, or
- (h) Perform any act restricted by a fire prevention order.

PROPERTY AND RESOURCES

(CFR 8365.1-5)

- (a) On all public lands, unless otherwise authorized, no person shall:
 - (1) Willfully deface, disturb, remove or destroy any personal property, or structures, or any scientific, cultural, archaeological or historic resource, natural object or area;
 - (2) Willfully deface, remove or destroy plants or their parts, soil, rocks or minerals, or cave resources.

UNATTENDED PERSONAL PROPERTY

(CFR 8365.1-2)

A person or persons may not keep unattended personal property on public lands for a period of more than 48 hours without written permission from an authorized officer, with the exception that vehicles may be parked in designated parking areas for up to 14 consecutive days (57 FR, Dec 14, 1992).

SANITATION

(CFR 8365.1-1)

- (b) On all public lands, no person shall, unless otherwise authorized:
 - (1) Dispose of any cans, bottles and other nonflammable trash and garbage except in designated places or receptacles;
 - (2) Dispose of flammable trash or garbage except by burning in authorized fires, or disposal in designated places or receptacles;
 - (3) Drain sewage or petroleum products or dump refuse or waste other than wash water from any trailer or other vehicle except in places or receptacles provided for that purpose;
 - (4) Dispose of any household, commercial or industrial refuse or waste brought as such from private or municipal property;
 - (5) Pollute or contaminate water supplies or water used for human consumption; or
 - (6) Use a refuse container or disposal facility for any purpose other than for which it is supplied.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND COMFORT

(CFR 8365.1-4)

- (a) No person shall cause a public disturbance or create a risk to other persons on public lands by engaging in activities which include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Making unreasonable noise;
 - (2) Creating a hazard or nuisance;
 - (3) Refusing to disperse, when directed to do so by an authorized officer;

- (4) Resisting arrest or issuance of citation by an authorized officer engaged in performance of official duties; interfering with any Bureau of Land Management employee or volunteer engaged in performance of official duties; or
 - (5) Assaulting, committing a battery upon, or
 - (6) Knowingly giving any false or fraudulent report of an emergency situation or crime to any Bureau of Land Management employee or volunteer engaged in the performance of official duties.
- (b) No person shall engage in the following activities on the public lands:
- (1) Cultivating, manufacturing, delivering, distributing or trafficking a controlled substance.
 - (2) Possessing a controlled substance.

**THE WILLFUL DEFACING OR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC LANDS NOTICES IS SUBJECT TO
CRIMINAL PROSECTUON WHICH MAY RESULT IN A FINE AND OR IMPRISONMENT 18 USC S.
1361 – UP TO \$10,000 FINE AND/OR 10 YEARS S-156A (Dec 1978)**



Large Group Camping Notification and Use Agreement

Please check the square to indicate that your activity/event will meet the following criteria. If all criteria (below) cannot be met, a Recreation Use Permit, or Special Recreation Permit must be obtained.

- My event will not take place in a developed fee area.
- My event is not commercial.
- My event is not competitive.
- The location of my event is in one of the Large Group Camping sites established by the BLM.
- My event does not involve the use of off-highway vehicles (e.g., four-wheelers, motorcycles).

Name of Organization: _____

Type of Activity: _____

Proposed Location: _____

Date/Time: _____ to _____

Number of Participants: _____

Event Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Person Phone: _____ cell phone: _____

Print Name of Contact: _____

I agree to comply with all listed conditions of use.

Signature of Organizer/Event Contact Person: _____

Date: _____

This application is hereby agreed to subject to the conditions of use listed on the back of this Large Group Use Agreement.

(BLM Authorized Officer, Signature)

(Date)



Large Group Camping Use Agreement Conditions of Use

The Bureau requires compliance with the following conditions of use to promote public safety, protect the natural resources and minimize user conflicts at organized events on BLM land.

1. All sites are filled on “first come, first served” basis. Plan ahead to assure that your group can secure an area without infringing on other visitors.
2. “Leave no trace” camping is required. Pack it in, pack it out.
3. Cutting of vegetation, trees or bushes, is prohibited. Please provide your own firewood.
4. No open pit fires are allowed. Please use portable fire pans and grills.
5. Proper sanitation is an issue on public lands, please leave your campsite free of litter and waste. Groups are required to provide sufficient quantities of portable, chemical toilets (minimum = one unit up to 100 people, one additional unit for each additional 100 people). Sewage will be removed and disposed of under the provisions of Utah State ordinances. Group organizer is responsible for ensuring portable toilets are removed from public lands.
6. All trash will be removed from the area. No trash will be buried or burned. Please assist BLM in removing other refuse from the area to make the location a cleaner site for future users.
7. Group sponsored use of all-terrain vehicles or firearms requires a Special Recreation Permit. These activities will not be allowed under this use authorization.
8. Operation of public address systems or other amplified audio equipment is **NOT** allowed under this use authorization.
9. Directional signs used shall be removed at the completion of the activity.
10. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to imply permission to build any structure or conduct any activity not specifically named.
11. Precautions must be made to protect natural resource values and cultural or historical objects. Please do not disturb or camp within 500 feet of range or wildlife improvements such as wildlife guzzlers or water troughs. Please close all gates and be aware of livestock in the area. Do not harass or disturb wildlife, livestock or wild horses.
12. It is your responsibility to warn participants of any risks or adverse conditions which might be encountered. **Be aware of possible flash flood conditions at the Little Valley Group Site.** In case of an accident resulting in injury requiring medical attention, death or damage to property, you shall notify the Salt Lake Field Office, BLM within 48 hours.
13. Tooele and Utah counties require permits for certain organized events. Copies of county ordinances are available upon request.
14. Certified noxious weed-seed free hay, straw or mulch is required on BLM lands in Utah to help prevent the spread of noxious weeds. Copies of weed-seed free requirements are available upon request.
15. This list of use stipulations must be posted at the event location where it can be easily read by participants.

Please return completed authorization application to: Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management
2370 S. 2300 W. SLC, UT 84119 (801) 977-4300