

TITLE 2700 - LAND USES MANAGEMENT

2710.1 - Authority

2710.43 Authority to Issue by Forest Supervisor's After Review and Advised by Regional Forester's Staff Redelegates authority from the Forest Supervisor to the District Rangers and Monument Manager to issue permits for airports (technical review by Regional Forester). This specific redelegation cannot be redelegated to another level.

2710.44 Authority Delegated to Forest Supervisor Redelegates authority from the Forest Supervisor to the District Rangers and Monument Manager to: issue permits of temporary nature, issue standard permits on approved sites, and issue annual permits. This specific redelegation cannot be redelegated to another level.

2710.44a Authority Delegated to District Rangers and Monument Manager Regardless of signing authority, from the Secretary on down, the responsibility for on-the-ground administration of all occupancy uses rest with the District Forest Ranger and Monument Manager. Recent experience has shown that it is recommended that either the District Ranger, Monument Manager, or their designated assistant personally and carefully review each clause of every new permit (including new permits for existing uses) with the permittee during a prescheduled formal conference. This conference should be documented on the face of the permit. This is especially true in the case of permits for recreation residences, resorts, etc. This procedure materially aids in future administration of the permit and provides the Forest Service an opportunity to secure the permittee's understanding of management policies and objectives pertinent to his permit.

District Rangers and Monument Manager are authorized to sign the following occupancy use documents:

1. Annual permits that terminate within one year or less (including Outfitter/Guide permits).
2. Standardized term permits on prior approved sites for recreation residence.
3. Class D roads only after review and approval by Forest Engineer.
4. Uses having only negligible environmental impacts.
5. Outfitter/Guide permits of more than one year duration, after review and concurrence by the SO.

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District Rangers and Monument Manager will receive applications for all occupancy uses and initiate action that will produce a completed permit, lease, easement, Memorandum of Understanding, Memorandum of Agreement, license, withdrawal, or right-of-way document.

1. Permits shall contain only approved clauses in FSM 2780.
2. The Districts and Monument shall provide the SO with a copy of all term permits and amendments.
3. Copies of Annual Permits and related correspondence should be kept on the District or Monument. The SO does not require a copy.

2700, 2800, 5400, NEPA process and the SO Lands Staff are the first source assistance in preparing occupancy use documents. District or Monument should request SO review of "first time" documents for questionable or positive use.

Approval by the Regional Forester or the Forest Supervisor is necessary on the following occupancy use documents:

1. Inter-Forest permits.
2. Term permits except for approved recreation residence sites.
3. Cultural resource permits.
4. Permits that conflict with approved resource plans.
5. All rights-of-way and easement acquisitions.
6. All easement issuance.