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District Rangers are delegated the authority to issue and administer Special Use authorizations including permits and leases, but not easements, subject to the limits on District Ranger responsibilities and authority described in the parent text and regional supplements of this chapter, R1 Supplement: FSM 2732.04e, and described as follows:

1. Uses of a short term nature (occupancy not to exceed 5 years).
2. Standardized authorizations for:
 - a. Recreation residence authorizations where a determination has been made to continue that use in the Forest Plan. These uses may exceed 5 years.
 - b. Communications uses on a designated site with an approved communications site plan (FSH 2709.11, chapter 90). These uses may exceed 5 years.
 - c. Ten-year permits (or less) for temporary and priority outfitting and guiding.

District Rangers shall provide the Forest Supervisor with a copy of authorizations, along with subsequent amendments, for uses that are approved for terms that exceed 5 years (For Example: Recreation residence or communication site authorizations).

Inter-District Authorizations. When a special use proposal involves more than one Ranger District, a lead District, typically where the majority of use would occur, may be agreed upon by the Districts involved.

Proposals in the Wilderness. Authorizing activities in wilderness may require additional steps (For Example: Minimum Requirements Decision Guide) and should be processed in consultation with the Forest Supervisors Office to determine appropriate level of authority.