

Incidental Business Permit Information

Incidental Business Permits (IBPs) authorize companies or individuals to conduct business in Rocky Mountain National Park on an annual basis. An IBP is a non-exclusive license to offer services to park visitors.

An organization is considered a business if it provides goods, services, activities, or other things to the public using National Park Service (NPS) lands. If any form of compensation is received for the activities provided in Rocky Mountain National Park, a business or commercial activity is being conducted. The National Park Service definition of a business or commercial organization does not distinguish between commercial and non-profit organizations; both must obtain IBPs.

IBP activities must be appropriate to the mission of the park, compliment resource protection, visitor protection and interpretation goals and not pose any potential for derogation of values or purposes for which the park was established. The activities must be consistent with the park's future plans as well as present operations. They should be compatible with the planning documents for the park. The park will not normally limit the number of organizations that offer similar services or activities.

IBP holders have their base of operation outside the park. All the commercial aspects of the activity must occur outside of NPS lands. This includes marketing, advertising, use of permanent or temporary structures, and negotiation with customers. Compensation or payment for services (event tipping) may not occur on NPS lands.

Some activities are authorized under Concessions Contracts, which are exclusive multi-year authorizations to provide goods and services. Horseback rides, wood sales, merchandise operations, backpacking tours, and climbing trips and classes are operated under Concessions Contracts. To obtain more information about these services, call the Concessions Office at (970) 586-1209. Do not use the IBP application to apply for these services.

Currently, the following activities are permitted under the IBP program in Rocky Mountain National Park:

Frontcountry bicycle tours	Snowshoe and ski tours
Interpretive hiking tours	Fly fishing instruction
Photography workshops	Llama packing services
Portrait photography sessions	Shuttle services

The cost for an IBP is \$200 per calendar year for each activity. Access the [IBP Application](#) to apply for an IBP.

Application to Provide Commercial Services Within Rocky Mountain National Park Under an Incidental Business Permit

Proposals to provide commercial services within Rocky Mountain National Park are evaluated for conformance with the park's Commercial Services Plan. You are encouraged to submit your proposal as far in advance of your intended operations start date as possible. Send application to: Management Specialist, Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, CO 80517. If you have questions, please contact the Management Specialist at (970) 586-1209.

Company or Entity Name

Contact or Representative Name

Address

Phone (including area code)

City

State

Zip

Email address

Please provide detailed answers to the following, using additional paper if necessary:

1. Please provide a description of the service you propose to provide.

2. Who will this service be provided to? What is the target clientele?

3. How will this service provide meaningful opportunities to educate or enlighten the clients about the mission or values of Rocky Mountain National Park?

4. Where will this activity occur? What park facilities will be utilized by this service?

5. What will be the schedule of operation? Include dates of season and days and times of operation.

6. What safety and loss control measures will be in place for this service?

7. Why must this service be provided within Rocky Mountain National Park as opposed to another location?

8. Do you agree to obtain liability insurance, of at least \$300,000, which names Rocky Mountain National Park as co-insured?

9. Do you agree to obtain standard first aid and CPR certification for each guide/instructor/leader who will be functioning within the park?

Signature

Date: _____