



## San Juan Public Lands Center

15 Burnett Court  
Durango, CO 81301  
970 247-4874

[www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan)  
[www.co.blm.gov/sjra/index.html](http://www.co.blm.gov/sjra/index.html)



When is a Filming/Photography Permit Necessary on the San Juan National Forest?

### Commercial Film Production (Videotaping and Photography):

A special-use permit is required for all commercial film production activities on National Forest System lands.

Commercial film production is defined as the use of photography, motion picture, videotaping, sound recording, other moving image or audio recording equipment on National Forest System lands that involves the advertisement of a product or service, the creation of a product for sale, or the use of actors, models, sets or props, but not activities associated with broadcasts for news programs. For purposes of this definition, creation of a product for sale includes but is not limited to a film, pictures, videotape, television broadcast or documentary of historic events, wildlife, natural events, features, subjects or participants in a sporting or recreation event and so forth, when created for the purpose of generating income. A permit is also needed when photographing people engaged in activities, such as river rafting on National Forest lands, with the express purpose of selling the products to those same users.

Commercial film production will NOT be permitted if the Forest Service determines that any of the following criteria apply:

- There is a likelihood of resource damage that cannot be mitigated.
- There would be an unreasonable disruption of the public's use and enjoyment of the site (beyond short term interruption)
- The activity poses health or safety risks to the public that cannot be mitigated.

A special-use permit is not required when that activity involves breaking news. Examples of breaking news are:

- A plane crash in the forest
- A wildland fire
- A search and rescue

### Non-Commercial Film Production:

National Forest visitors (professional or amateur) will need a permit if the film production will:

- Use models, sets or props that are not part of the site's natural or cultural resource or administrative facilities.
- Take place where members of the public are not generally allowed. An example would be an area closed to the public to protect winter range for wildlife.
- Take place at a location where additional administrative costs are likely. An example would be sites that are so popular for filming that the Forest Service is required to regulate use.



**II. Description of Activity:**

(Include map of area, proposed ground disturbing activities, attach narratives and story boards of action in full description needed).

Include Parking plan (vehicles, equipment, aircraft)

Include Staging plan (dressing rooms, catering, portable restrooms, etc.):

**III. Description of Equipment:**

EQUIPMENT DETAIL(numbers):				
GENERATORS	CARS	TRUCKS	RVS	OTHER

Action involving vehicles and/or equipment:

Props proposed:

Traffic and safety control/special closures measures needed: (have you obtained permission to use improvements not owned by/under the jurisdiction of the United States Government, i.e. structures, roadways, etc.)?

Applicants Signature: _____	Date: _____
-----------------------------	-------------

<p><b>To be completed by the Forest Service:</b></p> <p>Fees Photography/Filming Land Use Fee: _____</p> <p>Permit Preparation/Monitoring Cost: _____ (See attached financial plan)</p> <p>Total Amount: _____</p> <p>Certification of Insurance Received:    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Bonding:  <b>Required:</b>    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No    Amount: _____  <b>Received:</b>    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Concessionaire/Permittee Coordination Required:    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Other Landowner/Agency Coordination Required:    <input type="checkbox"/> Yes    <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Last Update 05/10/2007</p>	<p>Land Use Fee Schedule</p> <p>Minimum Special Use Fee is \$50.00/\$150</p> <p>Still Photography</p> <p><b>1-10 persons      \$50/day</b>  <b>11-30 persons    \$150/day</b>  <b>30+ persons      \$250/day</b></p> <p>Other Filming</p> <p><b>1-10 persons      \$150/day</b>  <b>11-30 persons    \$200/day</b>  <b>31-60 persons    \$500/day</b>  <b>60+ persons      \$600/day</b></p> <p>Certificate of Insurance Required  <b>See attached insurance requirements</b></p>
--	---