

**FSH 2709.11 - SPECIAL USES HANDBOOK  
CHAPTER 40 - SPECIAL USES ADMINISTRATION**

2. Assignment of Use. Do not approve requests to assign all or part of the authorized use to others. If a holder is unable or unwilling to provide the services authorized by the permit, revoke the permit or reduce the authorized use. If appropriate, assign the amount of use to others in accordance with section 41.53h.

**41.53l - Permits for Institutional and Semi-Public Outfitting and Guiding**

Permits may be issued to institutional and semi-public outfitting and guiding applicants consistent with forest land and resource management plan direction for commercial use and group size. Schedules and services may fluctuate from season to season or year to year. Applicants may include a variety of membership or limited-constituency institutions, such as religious, conservation, youth, fraternal, service club, and social groups; educational institutions, such as schools, colleges and universities; and similar common interest organizations and associations. This category may also include applicants who operate commercially on a limited or intermittent basis in providing service to selected customer clientele rather than to the public at large. Outfitting and guiding activities conducted by institutional or semi-public groups may be authorized regardless of whether a fee or other consideration is collected from participants.

1. Issue permits when the use furthers the public interest and can be accommodated without causing unacceptable resource impacts or conflicts with other authorized users. The authorized activities must be consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and forest land and resource management plans. See 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, for additional requirements on when a permit is required.
2. Ensure that applicants demonstrate financial and technical capability to meet the terms and conditions of the permit.
3. Issue a temporary permit, Form FS-2700-25, Temporary Special-Use Permit, if the permit period is for one year or less, such as for a single trip. See section 41.53e for direction on incidental use.
4. Do not assign priority use to holders of permits for institutional or semi-public outfitting and guiding.
5. Require an operating plan for permits issued for continuing intermittent use. An operating plan may also be necessary for single-trip permits to ensure public safety and resource protection, depending on the nature and scope of the trip.
6. Document performance evaluation as described in section 41.53k is optional.
7. Determine fees and fee waivers based on chapter 30 of this Handbook.