

Appendix D

CURRENT OUTFITTER-GUIDES

The outfitters being studied in this analysis are described below. Refer to Figure 3.0-2 beginning on page 3-8 for a list of all outfitters operating within the analysis area. The use level and season of operation follows the descriptions. Most permittees have a specified number of client days in the special use permit. This number is based on the amount of use a holder has had over the past few previous years. Additional days can be requested by the holder based on estimated use. These requests are typically granted, and the actual annual use is reflected in the number of client days and visitor days discussed throughout the other resource sections of this analysis.

Backcountry Burro Treks

Backcountry Burro Treks has been operating under a special use permit since 1983. The current permit includes 394 service days in the Pasayten Wilderness and Upper Methow. Temporary use approval is determined based on submission and review of the permit holder's request. Trips consist primarily of standard progressive hiking trips with pack support. Full-service is available on request. Campsites most consistently used in the past five years include:

- Tamarack Basin, Goat Lakes, Mountain Home, Frosty Pass – Pacific Crest Trail Area, Pasayten Wilderness
- LidKay,-West Fork Pasayten Area, Pasayten Wilderness
- Cathedral Camp, Horseshoe Basin, Horseshoe Creek – Spanish Camp to Horseshoe Basin Area, Pasayten Wilderness
- Horse Heaven, Snowy Lakes, Porcupine – South Crest Area

Cascade Corrals

Cascade Corrals has been operating under a special use permit since 1950. Temporary use approval is determined based on submission and review of the permit holder's request. The current permit is for 375 service days in the following areas:

- Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness
- Sawtooth Backcountry

Trips include full service deluxe summer hiking or horseback riding camping trips supported by pack stock. The majority of their trips are marketed as "Hike it and like it" rather than riding trips. Campsites most consistently used in the past five years include:

- Surprise, Eagle Pass, Blue Grouse – Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness
- Moore Point Campground – adjacent to Lake Chelan-Sawtooth
- Hoodoo – Sawtooth Backcountry

Cascade Wilderness Outfitters

Cascade Wilderness Outfitters has been operating under a special use permit since 1960. Temporary use approval is determined based on submission and review of the permit holder's request. Area of temporary use could include both Methow and Chelan Ranger Districts. The current permit is for 200 service days in the following areas:

- Pasayten Wilderness
- Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness – Twisp River, Wolf Creek, and Chelan RD.
- Upper Methow – Cedar Creek

Assigned sites (corrals) are authorized near the Slate Creek trailhead and Andrews Creek trailhead (shared with North Cascade Safari). Trips include full-service and standard pack trips, full-service and standard hiking trips with pack support, drop camps and guided day hunt trips. Hunting trips are generally drop camps with an occasional guided day or full-service hunt. Campsites most consistently used in the past five years include:

Summer Season:

- Beaver Creek - Boundary Trail, Pasayten Wilderness
- Crow Lake - Larch Creek Trail, Pasayten Wilderness
- Sheep Corrals - Sawtooth Backcountry

High Hunt

- Beaver Creek, Old Miller Camp, Ptarmigan Creek, Miller Camp, Crows Nest, Bob Creek, Pasayten Hilton - Spanish Camp Area, Pasayten Wilderness
- Apex Pass, Tungsten Area, Pasayten Wilderness

General Hunt

- South Fork, Gardner Meadows, Milton Hilton, North Fork – Wolf Creek Area, Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness
- Little Slate Lake, Sheep Camp, Eagle Camp, War Creek, Reynolds Creek, Buttermilk Meadows – Twisp River Area, Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness

Deli Llama Wilderness Adventure

Deli Llama has been operating under a temporary use permit for llama outfitting and guiding since 1993. The current permit is for an unspecified number of temporary use days in the Pasayten Wilderness and South Crest Area. Approval for areas outside of permit area is determined based on submission and review of the permit holder's request. The company reported 110 service days in 2007. Campsites most consistently used in the past five years include:

- Billygoat Pass, Larch Pass – Larch Creek Area, Pasayten Wilderness
- Snowy Lakes Camp, South Crest Area

Early Winters Outfitting

Early Winters Outfitting has been operating under a special use permit since 1983. Temporary use approval is determined based on submission and review of the permit holder's request. The current permit is for 490 priority use service days in the following areas:

- Pasayten Wilderness
- Upper Methow

Trips include full-service and standard pack trips, full-service or standard hiking trips with pack support, drop camps, guided hunt trips, re-supply, and day rides. Hunting trips are generally drop camps with an occasional guided or full-service hunt. Day rides are temporary use.

Campsites most consistently used in the past five years include:

Summer Season

- Whistler Camp - Robinson Creek Trail , Pasayten Wilderness
- Goat Lakes Basin - Pacific Crest Trail, Pasayten Wilderness
- First Hidden Lake - Hidden Lakes Trail, Pasayten Wilderness

High Hunt

- Coney Basin, Rock Creek Trail - Pasayten Wilderness
- Whistler Camp, Buckskin Lake, Fred's Lake, Ferguson Lake, Beauty Creek - Middle Fork Pasayten Area, Pasayten Wilderness
- Oregon Basin, Goat Lakes Basin ,Hopkins Lake - Pacific Crest Trail Area, Pasayten Wilderness

General Hunt

- Beauty Creek - Beauty Creek Trail, Pasayten Wilderness
- Robinson Creek Trail - Pasayten Wilderness
- Cedar Creek, Mud Hole, Sandy Butte, Lucky Jim, Little Boulder, Weenan Creek - Upper Methow Area

Day Rides

- Upper Methow Area
- Robinson Creek Trail - Pasayten Wilderness

North Cascade Outfitters

North Cascade Outfitters has been operating under a special use permit since 1980. Temporary use approval is determined based on submission and review of the permit holder's request. The current permit is for 200 priority use service days allocated as follows:

- Pasayten Wilderness
- Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness, Twisp River
- Sawtooth Backcountry

An assigned camp site is authorized at Crow Lake. Trips include full-service and standard pack trips, Full-service and standard hiking trips with pack support, drop camps and guided day hunt trips. Hunting trips are generally drop camps with an occasional guided day or full-service hunt. Campsites most consistently used in the past five years have changed due to a new holder holding the permit. Campsites the holder intends to use most consistently in the future are:

Summer Season:

- Beaver Creek-Boundary Trail, Pasayten Wilderness
- Crow Lake - Larch Creek Trail, Pasayten Wilderness
- Sheep Corrals - Sawtooth Backcountry

High Hunt

- Beaver Creek, Old Miller Camp, Ptarmigan Creek, Miller Camp, Crows Nest, Bob Creek, Pasayten Hilton - Spanish Camp Area, Pasayten Wilderness
- Apex Pass, Tungsten Area, Pasayten Wilderness

General Hunt

- South Fork, Gardner Meadows, Milton Hilton, North Fork – Wolf Creek Area, Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness
- Little Slate Lake, Sheep Camp, Eagle Camp, War Creek, Reynolds Creek, Buttermilk Meadows – Twisp River Area, Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness

North Cascade Safari

North Cascade Safari has been operating under a special use permit since 1970. Temporary use approval is determined based on submission and review of the permit holder's request. Area of temporary use could include both Methow and Chelan Ranger Districts. The current permit is for 430 priority use service days in the following areas:

- Pasayten Wilderness
- Upper Methow

This permit is authorized for four assigned sites: corrals near the Billygoat and Andrews Creek trailheads, and camp sites are at Sheep and Bald Mountains. Trips include full-service and standard pack trips, full-service hiking trips with pack support, drop camps and guided hunt trips. Hunting trips are generally drop camps with an occasional guided or full-service hunt. The campsites most consistently used in the past five years include:

Summer Season

- Sheep Mountain Camp - Boundary Trail, Pasayten Wilderness
- Bald Mountain Camp - Spanish Camp area, Pasayten Wilderness
- Twin Springs - Lake Chelan Sawtooth Wilderness
- Sheep Corrals - Sawtooth Backcountry

High Hunt

- Crow Lake , Dollarwatch , Timberwolf Basin, Peeve Meadows, Three Fools, Whistler Basin - Billygoat Area, Pasayten Wilderness

General Hunt

- Twin Springs , Blue Grouse, Indian Head, Ten Tree Basin , Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness
- Hardscramble,-Monument Creek, Upper Methow
- Robinson Creek Trail - Pasayten Wilderness

Sawtooth Outfitters

Sawtooth Outfitters has been operating under a special use permit since 1982. Temporary use approval is determined based on submission and review of the permit holder's request. The current permit is for 493 priority use service days in the following areas:

- Pasayten Wilderness
- Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness
- Sawtooth Backcountry

Trips include full-service and standard pack trips, full-service and standard hiking trips with pack support, drop camps and guided day hunt trips. Hunting trips are generally drop camps with an occasional guided day or full-service hunt. Campsites most consistently used in the last five years include:

Summer Season:

- Rimmel Lake, Charlie Brown, Tatoosh, Pasayten Wilderness
- Dry Lake, Surprise, Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness
- Boiling Lake and Merchants Basin, Sawtooth Backcountry

High Hunt

- Tatoosh Buttes vicinity, Pasayten Wilderness

General Hunt

- Boiling, Cub, and Cooney Lakes, and Merchants Basin, Sawtooth Backcountry

Day Rides

- Alta Lake