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Mr. Dale Navish
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Dear Mr. Navish:

This letter is intended to clear up any confusion as to who or what groups are required to obtain a Special Use permit to operate on the Deschutes National Forest. The following is the definition of a guide from the Forest Service Handbook 2709.14, Chapter 53.1e: "Guiding. Providing services or assistance (such as supervision, protection, education, training, packing, touring, subsistence, transporting people, or interpretation) for pecuniary remuneration or other gain to individuals or groups on National Forest System lands. The term "guide" includes the holder's employees and agents."

The Forest Service does not differentiate between for profits, not for profits, or non-profits entities or individuals when we determine if a use is considered guiding or not. If there is money exchanged to provide a service on public lands, a Special Use permit is required.

Sincerely,

for A. SHANE JEFFRIES
District Ranger



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