



2026 Permit Fee: **Type 1: \$168.25** **Type 2: \$635.00** **Type 3: \$736.25**

INSTRUCTIONS: To apply for a Special Use Permit, fill in the information requested on this page. Sign and date where indicated below. Mail or deliver the completed form and the appropriate permit fee to Attn: Special Use Permits at the appropriate Regional Office at least 45 calendar days prior to the date of the requested activity or event. Regional office information is on page 3. Information about permit types, terms and conditions, potential additional costs, and refunds is in Attachment A. Do not submit Attachment B unless and until you are notified by the Department that your application is going to be approved pending your acceptance of the conditions for your particular special use. If at least one purpose of the event is to raise funds or generate revenue, Attachment C must be completed and submitted with this application for the application to be considered complete. **Applications will not be processed unless they are complete and submitted with the entire permit fee.** The Department will not approve a Special Use Permit for unlawful use of state resources under Government Code Section 8314.

You will be contacted by the Department regarding approval or denial of the Special Use Permit, permit conditions, and scheduling a site visit if necessary. For questions about your application, contact the Regional Office and ask to be contacted by land management staff for the Department land you would like to use. For general questions about Special Use Permits, contact the Department’s Lands Program (916) 834-3763.

PAYMENT POLICY: Payment may be made by money order, cashier’s check, or personal or business check. Personal or business checks must be made payable to the CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and have the account holder’s name and address imprinted on the check. Checks returned to the Department for insufficient funds or other failure to pay the amount due may cause the Department to deny the issuance of a Special Use Permit or will render an issued permit invalid.

ITEM 1. ALL APPLICANTS: PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS BELOW			
FIRST NAME:		M.I.:	LAST NAME:
ORGANIZATION NAME (IF APPLICABLE):		(AREA CODE) PHONE NUMBER(S):	
ADDRESS:	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE:		FAX NUMBER:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		DEPARTMENT LAND TO BE USED (ONE PROPERTY PER APPLICATION):	
REQUESTED DATE(S) OF USE (YOU MAY REQUEST MULTIPLE EVENTS ON ONE PROPERTY OVER A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS OR LESS):			
NAME OF 2 ND CONTACT PERSON:		PHONE NUMBER FOR 2 ND CONTACT PERSON:	
IS THIS EVENT(S) A HUNTING DOG TRIAL OR TEST? (Sec. 550(b)(17), Title 14,CCR)		ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WILL BE ON-SITE PER DAY:	
TYPES AND ESTIMATED NUMBER OF VEHICLES (CARS & TRUCKS, RV’S, TRAILERS, BICYCLES, ETC.) THAT WILL BE ON-SITE PER DAY:			
ESTIMATED NUMBER AND TYPE(S) OF ANIMALS ON-SITE PER DAY (FOR EXAMPLE: 30 DOGS, 10 PHEASANTS). IF NONE, ENTER N/A.			
ITEM 2. COMPLETE FOR ALL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OTHER THAN HUNTING DOG TRIALS OR TESTS			
On a separate sheet of paper, describe the proposed event or activity in detail from set-up through tear-down and cleanup. Include the equipment and supplies that will be used. Attach the description to this application. The application is incomplete without the description. If an activity is not listed in the description, a Special Use Permit will not allow it			



PRIVACY NOTICE

The California Information Practices Act of 1977 (Civil Code §1798.17) requires the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) to provide the following information to individuals who are asked to supply information about themselves. The principal purpose for requesting the information on the attached Permit Application for Special Use of Department of Lands DFW 730 and its attachments is to evaluate a proposed special use. The information is solicited in accordance with Sections 550, 550.5 and 703, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. It is mandatory for the applicant to provide all the requested information to the Department. Failure to provide the information will delay and may result in denial of the application.

Information furnished on the attached DFW 730 and/or Attachments B or C, may be used by various Department offices and staff as required in the regular course of business, and may be disclosed to other State and federal governmental entities where required by law. You have the right to review personal information obtained about you in accordance with Department policy and may contact the office of record maintaining such information for more information concerning your rights. The materials on this form and its attachments are maintained by the Lands Supervisor at the Department Regional Office to which the applicant submitted the application.

ADDRESSES OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW) REGIONAL OFFICES

After determining the county where the proposed special use would occur, use the table below to find the corresponding CDFW Regional Office. Mail the completed application form, permit fee and any attachments or supplemental information to the attention of the LANDS SUPERVISOR at the Regional Office address listed below. If your Special Use Permit application is approved, use the same Regional Office address to submit the acceptance of terms and conditions (Attachment B), the permit fee and payment of additional costs, if any.

CDFW Regional Office	Counties Served
NORTHERN REGION (1) 601 Locust Street Redding, CA 96001 (530) 225-2300	Del Norte, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity
NORTH CENTRAL REGION (2) 1701 Nimbus Road Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 (916) 358-2900	Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter, Yuba, and the portions of Sacramento, San Joaquin and Yolo counties that are north of I-80 and/or east of I-5
BAY-DELTA REGION (3) 2825 Cordelia Rd. #100 Fairfield, CA 94534 (707) 428-2002	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Solano, Sonoma and the portions of Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Yolo counties that are south of I-80 and/or west of I-5
CENTRAL REGION (4) 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93710 (559) 243-4005	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Monterey, Merced, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne
SOUTH COAST REGION (5) 3883 Ruffin Road San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 467-4201	Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura
INLAND DESERTS REGION (6) 3602 Inland Empire Boulevard, Suite C-220 Ontario, CA 91764 (909) 484-0167	Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside, and San Bernardino



Attachment A

SPECIAL USE PERMITS-TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) Issuance of Special Use Permits

Conducting a special use without a valid Special Use Permit is a violation of subsection 550(c)(2)(A), Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) and is subject to enforcement action. A Special Use Permit may be issued to cover one event or multiple events, over a period of 12 months or less, on a single property. A separate application and fee are needed for each property. Special Use Permits are issued to a single individual or organization and are not transferable.

Criteria the Department uses to evaluate a Special Use Permit application are in Section 550.5(d), Title 14, CCR. The applicant will receive written notification from the Department regarding the approval or denial of the Special Use. Permit Notice of pending approval will include the terms and conditions that the applicant will need to accept for the approval process to be completed. The conditions may include costs in addition to the permit fee. Permit denials will include a written explanation of the reason(s) for the denial. If a permit is denied, the permit fee will be returned to the applicant.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you receive a Type 1 or Type 2 Special Use Permit (defined below), you must sign and return **Attachment B** and pay in full any additional cost or deposit indicated by the Department on the second page of the permit in order for the permit to be valid. **Attachment B** with the applicant's signature and any indicated payment must be received at the appropriate Regional office at least five calendar days before the special use is scheduled to begin. Make and retain a copy of Attachment B to keep with your Special Use Permit.

If you receive a draft Type 3 Special Use Permit, a finalized, valid permit will not be issued until after you sign **Attachment B** and return the entire draft permit with payment in full any additional charge or deposit that is indicated on the second page of the draft Special Use Permit. The applicant-signed draft permit and payment of any additional charges must be received at the appropriate Regional Office at least 10 calendar days before the special use is scheduled to begin.

2) Types of Special Use Permits

Type 1 Special Use - Type 1 special uses involve 30 or fewer visitors on-site, and ten or fewer (0 – 10) animals (such as dogs or horses) or bicycles (or other pedaled vehicles) in total, and does not involve the use of animals, bicycles, vehicles, or large equipment outside of designated parking areas, roads, trails, or areas authorized for visitor use, or use of the site for more than one full day during regular operating hours for the subject property. "Visitor" is defined in Section 550(b)(5), Title 14, CCR.

Type 2 Special Use – Type 2 special uses are hunting dog trials and tests. "Dog Trial" for the purposes of Department land, is defined as an organized competitive or scored event for testing hunting dog performance. (Section 550(b)(14), Title 14, CCR).

Type 3 Special Use - Type 3 special uses involve any one of the following (with the exception of Dog Trials): over 30 visitors on-site, over ten animals (such as dogs or horses) or bicycles (or other pedaled vehicles) in total; use of animals, bicycles, vehicles, or large equipment outside of designated parking areas, roads, trails, or areas authorized for visitor use; or use of the site for more than one day during regular operating hours for the subject property.

3) Fees and Costs for Special Use Permits

A fee is charged for the Department to recover normal costs associated with evaluating and issuing Special Use Permits. Special Use Permit fees are listed at the top of Page 1 of this application package. If the Department intends to approve your permit, you will receive written notification if there are additional costs that must be paid as a condition of issuing your permit. Special Use Permit fees for Type 1, 2 and 3 permits, are refundable only if none of the permitted activities has taken place and all the activities and dates covered by the permit are cancelled in writing, in an email or hardcopy, submitted to the Area Manager or their designee. Type 3 permit fees are only refundable until ten calendar days prior to the scheduled start of the special use, after which the permit fee will be forfeited if the permittee cancels the special use.



Additional Costs: If the Regional Manager or their designated representative determines that Department staff will need to conduct work outside of normal duties to prepare for the special use, monitor or assist with the special use, and/or return the site to its previous condition following the special use, payment to the Department to cover the additional anticipated cost may be required. The additional cost will be based on the estimated number of hours to be worked, the job classification(s) of Department personnel required to conduct the work, other costs to be incurred by the Department (e.g., extra mileage, supplies) and overhead based on the Department's official rate. **Payment to cover additional costs is due with your submission of Attachment B (i.e., five calendar days before the start of a Type 1 or Type 2 special use, ten calendar days before the start of a Type 3 special use).**

Cleaning or Damage Deposit: Depending on circumstances and the anticipated need for cleaning or damage repair associated with a special use, the Department may charge the applicant a cleaning or damage deposit in an amount determined by the Regional Manager or their designated representative. Costs to return the site to its previous condition will be deducted from this deposit. The Regional Manager or their designated representative will determine how much, if any, of the deposit is refunded. **Payment of any deposit is due with your submission of Attachment B (same time frame as "Additional Costs").**

Revenue Generating Uses: The Department will not approve a Special Use Permit for any activity or event that would be an unlawful use of state resources under Government Code Section 8314. Unless an event is sponsored or co-sponsored by the Department, the Regional Manager or their designated representative may charge a guaranteed minimum fee or percentage of the gross revenue as a condition of issuing a Special Use Permit that authorizes revenue generating activities on Department lands. The criteria utilized to determine the fee or percentage are in Section 550.5(d)(3)(A), Title 14, CCR. **Payment of a guaranteed minimum fee or percentage of estimated gross revenue may be due with your submission of Attachment B.**

4) Terms and Conditions for Special Use Permits

Special Conditions: To protect human health and safety, natural or cultural resources, or Department facilities, the Regional Manager or their designated representative may impose **special conditions** in addition to the standard terms and conditions included in this application (Section 550.5(d)(5)(A), Title 14, CCR). All terms and conditions for a Special Use Permit, including any special conditions, will be provided to the applicant with written notification of approval or pending approval from the Department.

Standard Terms and Conditions: Standard terms and conditions for Special Use Permits are listed below.

1. A Special Use Permit is valid only for the date or dates and time or times specified on the permit.
2. Special Use Permits are not transferable.
3. In accordance with subsection 550.5(d)(8), Title 14, CCR, the permittee or representative must have the Special Use Permit in his or her possession and on-site during the special use and present it to any Department representative upon request.
4. Only the special use activities directly authorized in the Special Use Permit are permitted. All activities in connection with this Special Use Permit must be carried out in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
5. The permittee, employees, agents, representatives, contractors, and participants in the special use will be responsible for knowing and complying with all general rules and regulations for use of Department lands in Sections 550 and 550.5, Title 14, CCR as well as any site-specific regulations for the subject property in Section 551 (for a Wildlife Area) or Section 630 (for an Ecological Reserve).
6. No structures may be constructed on or transported onto the property, and no modification, decoration, or alteration of Department facilities, grounds, trees, or shrubs shall occur unless specifically described in writing, submitted with the Special Use Permit application, and authorized in the Special Use Permit.
7. The permittee will control all traffic, vehicles and equipment associated with special use as directed by the Regional Manager or designated representative.



8. The permittee will restore the area to its prior condition to the satisfaction of the Regional Manager or designated representative.
9. Per California Government Code Section 14998, *et seq.*, if the special use includes filming or still photography for other than personal use or news media, the permittee must possess a valid State Film Permit from the California Film Commission. A State Film Permit is not required by the Department to process a Special Use Permit application; however, it must be obtained prior to the start of filming or photography.
10. Film or photographs for other than personal use must be credited to the subject property and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
11. The Department may require, at the discretion of the Regional Manager or designated representative, any of the following additional conditions (a – f):
 - a. Fire control measures and additional firefighting equipment to be furnished by the permittee at no cost to the Department.
 - b. First-aid or other medical or paramedic services to be supplied by the permittee, including but not limited to ambulance service, doctors, or nurses, at no cost to the Department.
 - c. Additional law enforcement or traffic control personnel at the expense of the permittee.
 - d. Parking arrangements required for the permittee's operating personnel.
 - e. Provision of sanitary facilities, at the expense of the permittee, above and beyond any sanitary facilities that may be furnished by the Department.
 - f. Provision of garbage cans for the special use activities and removal of garbage to be provided by the permittee at the permittee's expense.
12. The Regional Manager or their designated representative may terminate any special use activity when the Department deems termination is necessary for human health and safety or protection of natural or cultural resources or Department facilities and may revoke a Special Use Permit for violation of any Department rules or regulations, or conditions of the Special Use Permit. In addition, any Special Use Permit may be cancelled without notice in the event of a disaster or unforeseen emergency.
13. The permittee shall be responsible for any damage to Department land or property, and property of third parties, in connection with the activity or event for which the Special Use Permit is issued. It is an express condition of the Special Use Permit that the State of California, the Department, and its officers, agents, employees and representatives, shall be free from all liabilities and claims by reason of any death of or injury or injuries to any person(s) or damage to property of any kind whatsoever, from any cause or causes whatsoever, arising out of any use of Department land or property under the custody or control of permittee, its agents, employees, representatives, contractors, invitees or guests, or any event or activity carried on in connection with this Special Use Permit. Permittee hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the State of California, the Department, and its officers, agents, employees, representatives, invitees and guests of and from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, obligations, charges, expenses (including attorney's fees), damages and costs on account of, or arising out of, any such deaths, injuries, liabilities, claims, suits, or losses however occurring, or damage growing out of same, other than those caused solely by the willful or actively negligent acts of the Department.
14. For events or activities having greater potential hazard or liability to the State than is incurred through typical daily activities on the subject property, the permittee will be required by the Regional Manager or their designee to obtain and provide a certificate of insurance with required endorsements as proof of liability insurance coverage. The policy will cover the period of the Special Use Permit and will be for no less than a Combined Single Limit (CSL) of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. The Special Use Permit will be revoked prior to the event or activity if proof of insurance is required as a condition of issuing the Special Use Permit and it is not provided.



Insurance policies shall be underwritten to the satisfaction of the State and shall contain the following special endorsements:

The State of California, Department of Fish and Wildlife, its officers, employees, and servants are included as additional insureds but only insofar as operations under this permit are concerned;

The insurer will not cancel or reduce the insured's coverage during the period that this Special Use Permit is in effect or without 30 days prior written notice, whichever is shorter, to the Department.

This cancellation provision shall not be construed in derogation of the duty of the permittee to furnish insurance during the entire term of the Special Use Permit.

15. The interest of permittee, if any, created by this Special Use Permit may be subject to property taxation. The permittee agrees to pay any possessory interest tax, or any other tax levied on such interest and to indemnify the Department from any damage or loss arising by reason of such tax or Revenue and Taxation Code Section 107.6.

16. No amendment or variation of the terms of this Special Use Permit shall be valid unless in writing and signed by the Department. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated in this Special Use Permit shall be binding on the Department.

17. Permittee and its contractors and subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex (includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and/or related medical conditions), sexual orientation, race, color, ancestry, religion (includes religious dress and grooming practices), national origin (includes language use restrictions), disability (physical and mental, including HIV and AIDS), genetic information, gender, gender identity, and gender expression, medical condition (genetic characteristics, cancer or a record or history of cancer), age (40 and above), marital status, and use of family care leave. The permittee and its contractors and subcontractors shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Permittee, its contractors, and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Section 12990 (a – f), et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285, et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Council implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a – f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Special Use Permit by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. The permittee, its contractors and subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this paragraph to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. Further, permittees shall post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, all mandated notices/posters available through the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing. (Government Code Sections 12920-12994). The permittee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this paragraph in all contracts and subcontracts to perform work under this Special Use Permit.

REMEDIES FOR WILLFUL VIOLATIONS:

The Department may determine a willful violation of the Fair Employment Practices Act to have occurred upon the receipt of a final judgment having that effect from a court in an action to which permittee was a party, or upon receipt of a written notice from the Fair Employment Practices Council that it has investigated and determined that permittee has violated the Fair Employment Practices Act and has issued an order pursuant to the appropriate provisions of the Government Code. In case of a willful violation of the Fair Employment Practices Act, the Department shall have the right to terminate this Permit and any loss or damage sustained by the Department by reason thereof shall be borne and paid for by permittee.

18. Permittee agrees that the Department, the California Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representative(s), shall have the right to review and copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the special use that is the subject of this Special Use Permit. The permittee agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three years after the last date that this Special Use Permit is in effect unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. Permittee agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any officers, employees or representatives who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, the permittee agrees to include a similar right of the State to audit records and interview staff in any contract or subcontract related to this Special Use Permit or any special use it authorizes.



Attachment B

APPLICANT ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS, CONDITIONS AND COSTS

If the Department intends to approve a Special Use Permit, Department staff will complete the blank information fields near the bottom of this page and return it to you for signature. **Applicants: do not sign Attachment B until** the Department has provided you with the terms and conditions for your special use and returned your application with Attachment B for your signature.

For a Type 1 or Type 2 Permit (Type 2 is a dog trial as defined in Section 550(b)(17), Title 14, CCR): This form will be attached to a signed Special Use Permit that will include the permit Terms and Conditions and notification of additional costs, if any. **The Special Use Permit will not be valid unless you sign Attachment B and return the signed original with payment of any additional costs at least five calendar days prior to the start of your event or activity.** Send these items to Attn: Special Use Permits at the appropriate Regional Office. Make and retain a copy of the signed Attachment B to keep with your permit. A valid Special Use Permit includes the completed application, including the section signed by the Wildlife Area or Ecological Reserve Manager and any attachments indicated on the permit.

For a Type 3 Permit: This form will be attached to a draft Special Use Permit (not valid). The draft special use permit will notify you if there are any special conditions for your special use in addition to the terms and conditions in Attachment A and/or if there are costs in addition to the permit fee. To receive a valid Special Use Permit signed by the Department, sign below after reading the terms, conditions, and costs, and then return this form with the draft Special Use Permit and any payment due to Attn: Special Use Permits at the appropriate Regional Office **at least ten calendar days before the start of your event or activity.** If there are any charges beyond the permit fee, an itemized explanation will be attached to the draft Special Use Permit. After the Special Use Permit is signed by the Wildlife Area or Ecological Reserve Manager and the Regional Manager (or designated representative), it will be returned to you as your valid permit. A valid Special Use Permit includes the completed application, including the section signed by the managers mentioned above, and any attachments indicated on the permit.

Payment Policy: Payment may be made by money order, cashier's check, or personal or business check. Personal or business checks must be made payable to the CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and have the account holder's name and address imprinted on the check. Checks returned to the Department for insufficient funds will render the Special Use Permit invalid. The Department may also deny the issuance of a Special Use Permit or revoke an issued permit if the permittee has failed to reimburse the Department for the amount due.

I have read and accept the attached Terms and Conditions for the Special Use Permit issued to

[Name] _____ for [Activity or Event] _____ at:

_____ on _____
 Name of Subject Property on Permit Application Date(s) that Permit is Valid
 (Entered by CDFW staff) (Entered by CDFW staff)

I understand that the Regional Manager or authorized representative may terminate without prior notice any special use activity or event when it is necessary to protect human health and safety, natural or cultural resources or Department facilities. The Regional Manager or designated representative may revoke this Special Use Permit for violation of any rules or regulations of the California Fish and Game Commission or the terms and conditions of this Special Use Permit. I also understand that any Special Use Permit may be cancelled without notice in the event of disaster or unforeseen emergency.

 Applicant/Permittee Signature

 Printed Name

 Title if Applicable

 Date



**Attachment C
SUPPLEMENT**

INSTRUCTIONS: If you will be charging a fee for participation in the event or activity (beyond the Department's entrance fee, where required), charging a fee for a service provided on-site, or selling items or fund-raising on-site, complete and attach this form to your Special Use Permit application. If additional space is required, continue on a separate sheet of paper and attach. If a question does not apply to your use, enter N/A.

1. Is the applicant a non-profit, tax-exempt organization qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)?
Yes No
2. Is this a "campaign activity" as defined in Government Code Section 8314? Yes No
3. List all fees and charges to participants/ attendees:
 - For Department lands where visitors must pay an entry permit or day fee, list any fees or charges that would be in addition to the Department's fee.
 - If any fees charged to participants/attendees are intended to recover the permittee's cost for the Special Use Permit application and permit fees, indicate in this section by identifying the portion of the participant or attendance fees intended to recover that cost.
4. List of items or services to be sold during the special use.
5. Estimated gross receipts and net proceeds to the permittee.
6. Identify additional individuals, businesses or organizations that will receive revenue from entrance fees or from providing goods or services. If the specific individuals, businesses, or organizations are unknown at this time, at a minimum identify the types of entities that are likely to receive revenue from this event or activity.
7. Method(s) of advertising and promoting the event. Attach sample copies of brochures, flyers, posters, etc. The Department reserves the right to review and approve all promotional materials to protect the interests of the Department.
8. Detailed description of displays and concession booths to be installed, if any.
9. List of all organizations involved, whether sponsors, recipients, or promotional firms. Commercial sponsors must be specifically listed.