

The USDA Forest Service, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area invites comment on the proposed reissuance of outfitter-guide permits on the White Salmon and Klickitat Wild and Scenic Rivers. Attached please find a scoping letter briefly describing the project. This letter and more detailed supplemental information may be found on-line at:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58045>.

The Forest Service is proposing to reissue the ten-year outfitter and guide special use permits that authorize commercial use on the Lower White Salmon and Lower Klickitat Wild and Scenic Rivers. There are currently eleven permit holders. Eight permit holders operate white water rafting and kayaking services on the White Salmon River, and three operate kayaking and fishing services on the Lower Klickitat River. The current permits expire on December 31, 2020. The proposed action would re-authorize all eleven currently operating permit holders for a new ten-year term. The proposed action also includes some minor changes to the temporary outfitter and guide permit system on both rivers. We are seeking any comments you may have about this proposed action during the public scoping period.

Comments on this proposal are requested by June 1, 2020. Electronic responses in plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), word (.doc or .docx), or portable document (.pdf) formats may be submitted by email to comments-pacificnorthwest-columbia-river-gorge-nsa@usda.gov, using Subject: Outfitter Guide Permits. All comments received on this proposal are considered important, and the most helpful information you can provide is written comments and suggestions which provide clear rationale for your opinions.

If you have any questions about this project or would like additional information, please contact Special Uses Coordinator Amy Linn at amy.linn@usda.gov, or 541-308-1712.

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