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Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie
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425-888-1421

File Code: 2720

Date: March 21, 2019

The Mountaineers
c/o Becca Polglase
7700 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115

Dear Becca:

I have reviewed your proposal for The Mountaineers to conduct volunteer driven outdoor excursions, both paid courses and free guided outings, on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Snoqualmie Ranger District in 2019. After reviewing your proposal for compliance with regulations found at 36 CFR 251.50, I have determined that your proposed use, as you have described, will have nominal effects on the lands, resources, and programs of the National Forest, therefore a special use permit is not required.

We would like for you to continue sending us periodic updates on planned activities so we can inform our employees in the field.

If your proposed use changes from what you've described, please contact me to determine whether your use continues to qualify for a permit waiver. Likewise, if any factor associated NFS lands, resources, or programs (such as the discovery of an endangered species in the area) changes and there is no longer a basis for the nominal effects determination, I or someone from my office will contact you in writing to rescind the nominal effects determination. If this happens, there may be alternative mechanisms to permit your activity.

If you propose to conduct the same activity next year, please contact me again to ensure that your use continues to qualify for a permit waiver.

As a reminder, your use must comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies. As a courtesy to others, I ask that you practice "Leave No Trace" ethics as described <https://lnt.org/>.

I recommend that you carry a copy of this letter with you to verify that I have determined that your use, as described above, does not require a special use authorization.

Enjoy your National Forest. Please contact Brian Lee, Special Uses Administrator at 425-888-8795 or bflee@fs.fed.us, if you need any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Martie Schramm
District Ranger

