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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process by which outdoor recreational activities and uses of Department lands managed by the Wildlife Resources Division (hereinafter, Division) are determined first to be "appropriate" and second to be "compatible."

Outdoor recreational activities or uses of Division managed properties are allowed provided such uses are determined to be appropriate and compatible. In accordance with Chapter 391-4-9-.06 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, a valid license that allows hunting or fishing on state lands or a valid WRD Lands Pass is required for outdoor recreational activities or uses (other than hunting, fishing and trapping) on designated Division managed lands or sites. This regulation also stipulates that any organization or individual who desires to sponsor or conduct an event, activity, or series of events or activities on Division managed lands or sites may be required to obtain a Right of Entry Agreement (ROEA). In addition to establishing a means of evaluating appropriate and compatible uses, this policy establishes procedures for issuing and evaluating requests for other recreational and commercial uses of Division managed lands.

Definitions:

"Appropriate use" is a proposed or existing use on Division managed lands that meets at least one of the following three conditions:

- 1. Is a natural resources-dependent recreational use as defined herein;
- 2. Contributes to maintaining the essential character and fulfilling the property purpose as described in the Strategic Management Plan (SMP) plan for such property; or,
- 3. Is determined to be appropriate as specified in Section V of this policy.

"Commercial use" is any event, activity, or series of events or activities that involves, directly or indirectly, the buying, selling, exchanging, bartering, or offering for sale, exchange or barter any goods or services to derive income or other consideration.

"Strategic Management Plan (SMP)" is a written plan that establishes management objectives, constraints and strategies for a property. This includes long-term SMPs, 10-year plans, and annual work plans developed, or in development, for any Division managed property.

"Natural resources-dependent recreational use" is a use or activity dependent on some particular element of the natural environment that is fundamental to the use or activity. This includes: hunting, fishing, trapping, canoeing, kayaking, spelunking, rock climbing, and other similar uses or activities.

"Other recreational use" is a use or activity that may occur in a natural setting, generally is not a natural resources-dependent recreational use, may require substantial man-made facilities or

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maintenance to support the use or activity, or is generally a user-oriented activity (i.e., can occur or be provided anywhere). This includes: bicycling, horseback riding, picnicking, and other similar uses or activities

"Organized event" is any event, activity, or series of events or activities to which one or more of the following apply:

- 1. A fee is required or a donation is accepted for participation;
- 2. The number of people exceeds 8 individuals for a single event or activity, or exceeds 8 individuals cumulatively for a series of events or activities; or,
- 3. Includes activities that are planned, advertised, announced, or participants are registered.

"Priority natural resources-dependent recreational use" is hunting, fishing, and/or trapping.

"Quality". The criteria used to determine a quality outdoor recreational experience include:

- 1. Promotes safety of participants, other visitors and facilities.
- 2. Promotes compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and responsible behavior.
- 3. Minimizes or eliminates conflicts with fish and wildlife populations, habitat goals, and objectives in the SMP.
- 4. Minimizes or eliminates conflicts with other compatible natural resources-dependent recreation.
- 5. Minimizes conflicts with neighboring landowners.
- 6. Promotes resource stewardship and conservation.
- 7. Promotes public understanding and increases public appreciation of Georgia's natural and cultural resources and our role in managing and protecting these resources.
- 8. Provides reliable/reasonable opportunities to experience wildlife.
- 9. Uses visitor satisfaction to help define and evaluate programs.

"Region supervisor" is the official, employed by the Division who supervises the management of properties within an assigned area.

"Professional judgment" is a finding, determination or decision that is consistent with principles of science based fish and wildlife management and administration.

Policy:

This policy applies to all proposed and existing uses of Division managed properties. Natural resources-dependent recreational and other recreational uses or activities defined in an approved SMP are considered in compliance with this policy.

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This policy does not apply to:

- 1. <u>Situations where reserved rights or legal mandates provide that certain uses must be allowed.</u> For example, there may be prescriptive purposes or other uses that are specifically required or not allowed in the deed, grant that conveyed the property to the state, short- or long-term leases, Memoranda of Understanding, Intergovernmental Agreements or other agreements that confer certain rights or restrictions.
- 2. <u>Property management activities.</u> Property management activities are specified in the SMP. These plans specify management activities such as forest management, wildlife management, water regime management, fish or wildlife population control, that are not subject to this policy when conducted by the Division or its agents.
- 3. <u>Emergencies.</u> Actions promulgated by the Board of Natural Resources pursuant to O.C.G.A. §27-1-4(3).
- 4. <u>Specialized uses.</u> These require specific authorization from the Division in the form of a Right of Entry Agreement, letter of authorization, permit, or other authorizing document issued by the Division. Some of the specialized uses that may be considered include use of buildings or other facilities, rights-of-ways and other easements, telecommunications facilities, military and other National Security uses, research, public safety training, etc. Requests for specialized uses are covered by other policies, regulations, or statutes.
- A. <u>Types of Use</u>

Priority natural resources-dependent recreational uses are compatible and appropriate uses of Division managed properties. Other uses include:

- 1. Natural resources-dependent recreational uses when compatible, are appropriate uses of WRD managed properties.
- 2. Other recreational uses as defined herein that do not contribute to the fulfillment of property purposes or goals or objectives as described in the SMP are the lowest priorities for consideration. These uses may conflict with priority natural resources-dependent uses, divert management resources from priority uses, or diminish the Division's custodial responsibilities to conserve and manage fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats. Therefore, policy and practice have a general presumption against allowing such uses on Division managed properties. Before these uses are considered, regardless of how often they occur or how long they last, an appropriateness determination must be made as defined in section E of this policy.
- B. Determining Appropriate Use

A property use is appropriate if the use meets all the following criteria:

- 1. It is a natural resources-dependent recreational use of a property;
- 2. The Division has legal jurisdiction over the use of the property or legal authority to allow the use;

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- 3. The use complies with all applicable laws and regulations (federal, state and local);
- 4. The use does not create an unreasonable level of risk to visitors or Division staff, or the use does not require Division staff to take safety precautions not customary in the Division's standard operations to assure public safety or other Division staff;
- 5. The use was evaluated under previous administrative review, was deemed appropriate, and conditions have not changed that would warrant further review (if applicable); and
- 6. The use contributes to the public's understanding and appreciation of the property's natural or cultural resources, or the use is beneficial to the property's natural or cultural resources.

The region supervisor shall consider the above criteria and complete an appropriate use review (Attachment 1) for each property use subject to the appropriateness test. The completed reviews shall be forwarded through the chain of command to the Director.

C. <u>Determining Compatibility</u>

Uses determined to be appropriate for Division managed properties will be evaluated for compatibility to determine whether the use will be allowed, and under what conditions the use will be allowed. The region supervisor will exercise professional judgment in making these determinations. The region supervisor should consider field experience and knowledge of the property's resources and particularly its biological resources. In applying professional judgment, the region supervisor will use available information that may include consulting with others inside and outside the agency. At a minimum, the following should be considered:

- 1. Will the use materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of the Division's mission?
- 2. Is the use consistent with the approved SMP or other documents? If the proposed use, either itself or in combination with other uses or activities, conflicts with the SMP, the use is generally not compatible.
- 3. Is the use manageable within available resources? If a proposed use diverts resources or management efforts away from the proper and reasonable management of a property or priority natural resources-dependent recreational use, the use is generally not compatible.
- 4. Will the use be manageable in the future in the context of existing resources? If the use would lead to recurring requests for the same or similar activities that will be difficult to manage in the future, then the use is generally not compatible. If the use can be managed so that impacts to natural and cultural resources are minimal or inconsequential, or if clearly defined limits can be established, then the use may be compatible.
- 5. Can the use be accommodated without impairing priority natural resourcesdependent use or reducing the potential to provide quality outdoor recreational use in the future?

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6. If a use is not compatible as initially proposed, can it be modified with stipulations that avoid or minimize potential adverse impacts thereby making the use compatible?

The region supervisor shall consider the above questions, and any other information deemed necessary to inform decisions based on professional judgment, and complete the compatibility form (Attachment 2) for each property use subject to a compatibility determination. The completed reviews shall be forwarded through the chain of command to the Director.

D. <u>Right of Entry Agreements</u>

Pursuant to Department of Natural Resources Regulation, Chapter 391-4-9-.06, organized events or activities may require a Right of Entry Agreement (ROEA). Procedures and guidelines for implementation and standardization of ROEAs are:

- 1. <u>Application Procedure (Attachment 3):</u>
 - a. Organized groups or events, or multiple events during a year, exceeding 8 individuals, collectively or individually, may require special permission or a ROEA prior to group use of Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) or Public Fishing Areas (PFAs).
 - b. ROEA applications (Attachment 4) shall be received by the Region Office not less than 30 days prior to date(s) requested. ROEA applications received less than 30 days prior to the requested date(s) will not be approved.
 - c. ROEA applications shall be submitted to the appropriate Game Management or Fisheries Management Region Office (Attachment 5) for consideration and evaluation.
 - d. ROEA applications will be approved only when such activity is deemed appropriate and compatible in accordance with this policy.
 - e. In addition to ROEA or other departmental authorization, a valid WRD Lands Pass may be required for individuals to enter a WMA or PFA.
- 2. <u>Group Permission</u> When a use is deemed appropriate and compatible, the region supervisor, may issue Group Permission in lieu of a ROEA when any of the following apply:
 - a. The organized event is sponsored in whole or in part by the Department;
 - b. The event is a priority natural resources dependent use or activity that does not conflict with other property objectives or activities, and does not preclude access to areas or facilities; or,
 - c. The group size and organized event are such that the impact on resources and other users are minimal and unlikely to affect the quality of other natural resources-dependent recreation uses.

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The region supervisor shall use the ROEA procedure any time an activity is not a priority natural resources-dependent use or involves groups exceeding 8 individuals. Group permission will be granted by letter (Attachment 8) from the region supervisor after determination that a ROEA is not required. Members of the group will be required to sign the standard Department waiver of liability (Attachment 9). Signed liability waivers shall be returned to the region supervisor not less than 5 business days after the event or future requests may be denied. Group permission does not exempt participating individuals from the requirement to obtain a WRD Lands Pass or appropriate license, if applicable, unless such exemption is specifically indicated in the Group Permission Letter (individuals volunteering or participating in department sponsored events or activities are exempt consistent with Chapter 391-4-9-.06).

- 3. Right of Entry Agreements After receiving a ROEA application, and upon determination that the activity is appropriate and compatible, the region supervisor shall forward the ROEA to the event organizer. The event organizer will sign the ROEA and provide documentation of insurance and bonding, as required. The complete ROEA package shall be returned to Region Office with a non-refundable \$35 administrative fee within 5 business days. Region Office shall forward the ROEA to the Division Director for approval and signature. The damage deposit, if required, should be in the amount of \$500 in the form of a cashier's check issued to the Department. Liability insurance, if required, shall be in the amount of \$1 million naming the Department as an additional insured on the certificate of insurance and shall be submitted as part of a complete application. The event organizer is responsible for ensuring that all participants sign the standard Department waiver of liability prior to participating in the event. Copies of the signed liability waiver shall be returned to the region supervisor not less than 5 business days after an event or future applications may be denied. Upon determination that all the conditions of the ROEA were met and upon receipt of all signed waiver forms, the damage deposit shall be returned to the Event Organizer. If the conditions of the ROEA were not met, or the waiver forms are not returned, the damage deposit may be forfeited.
- 4. <u>Commercial Use</u> –Commercial use of WRD managed lands is generally discouraged. In the few cases where such use is appropriate and compatible, a commercial use fee of \$100 in addition to an ROEA shall be required. All requirements for a single event ROEA apply except that:
 - a. The term of the commercial use ROEA may be extended up to one year from the date of issue for a specified Division property.
 - b. Holders of commercial use ROEAs shall submit an annual report for each ROEA to include: Division property name, activity, dates, and number of participants.
 - c. The commercial use ROEA may be terminated at any time by the Division Director without cause.

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d. When a WRD Lands Pass is required, individuals participating in such commercial use or activity shall be required to obtain or have a valid individual WRD Lands Pass or valid individual license (i.e., hunting, fishing, combo, sportsman's, or lifetime license).

Attachments

Attachment 1: Appropriateness Form Attachment 2: Compatibility Form Attachment 3: Administrative Flow Chart Attachment 4: ROEA Application Attachment 5: List of Region Contacts Attachment 6: Standard ROEA Attachment 7: Commercial Use ROEA Attachment 8: Group Permission Letter Example Attachment 9: Standard Waiver of Liability Form Attachment 10: Signage



Appropriate Use Determination Form

Property Name:	Use:
Responsible Section:	Responsible Region:
DECISION CRITERIA	YES or NO, Comment if needed
Do we have legal jurisdiction over the use?	
Is the use a natural resources-dependent	
recreational use of a property?	
Does the use comply with applicable laws and	
regulations (Federal, State or local)?	
Is the use consistent with public safety?	
Is the use consistent with applicable state or	
Department policies?	
If the use was evaluated under previous review,	
was it deemed appropriate?	
Does the use contribute to the public's	
understanding and appreciation of the property's natural or cultural resources, or is the use	
beneficial to the property's natural or cultural	
resources?	
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Region Supervisor:	Date:



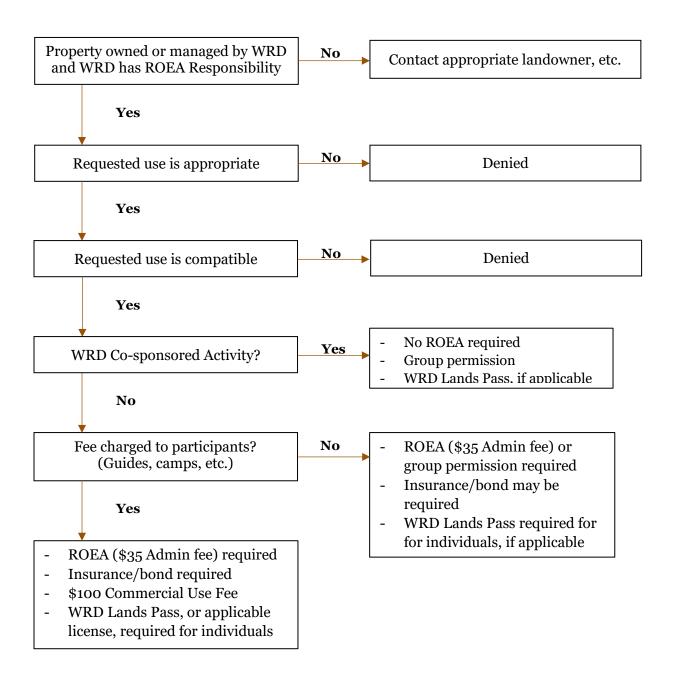
Use Compatibility Determination Form (Only applicable to uses already determined to be appropriate)

Property Name:			
Responsible Section:	Responsible Region:		
Description of use:			
DECISION CRITERIA	Yes or No? Comment if not compatible.		
Does use conflict with any acquisition			
authority (include prescriptive purposes, any			
property use restrictions established by deed			
or grant, etc.) of the property?			
Does use conflict with the property purpose?			
Is the use in conflict with CMP goals and			
objectives?			
Will allowing the use over extend available			
resources?			
Will the potential impact of the use degrade			
the quality of priority natural resources-			
dependent use?			
Determination (Check One):	Not Compatible Compatible		
Additional Comments:			
Region Supervisor:	Date:		



ROEA/GORP Decision Guide: Administrative Flow Chart

(See attached language for definitions and interpretations)





WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION

MARK WILLIAMS COMMISSIONER

RUSTY GARRISON DIRECTOR

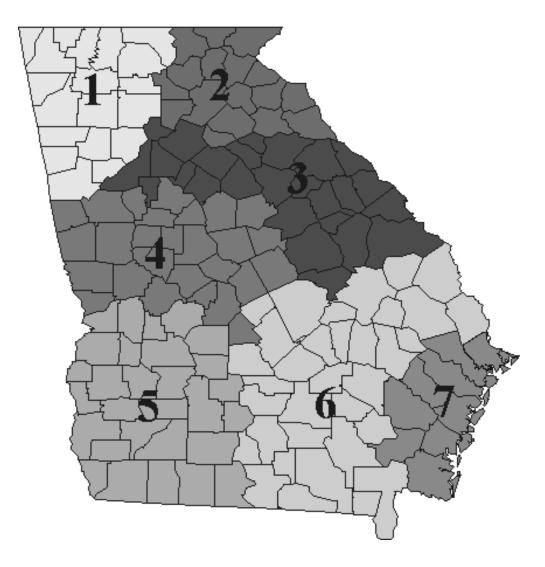
RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant				
Address				
(Street, P.O. Box)	(City)		(State)	(Zip)
Telephone Number		Work		Home
Name/Address of Sponsoring Organizat	ion			
Desired Date(s) of Event or Activity				
Location of Activity (WMA/PFA) and a	ny specific a	areas or facil	ities requested):	:
Name of Event/Activity				
Purpose of Event/Activity				
Total Number of participants/spectators/	attendees ex	pected		-
Will participants or attendees be charged Is the group being led by a commercial g	l a fee? guide?	Yes Yes	No No	
<u>C E</u>	RTIFICA	TION		
As required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, I hereby [Place your initials in the applicable block bel		n lawfully pre	esent in the United	l States as follows
I am a United States citizen or lega	al permanent	resident eighte	een (18) years of a	ge or older; or
I am a qualified alien or nonimmig U.S.C., as amended; I am eighteen (18) years My alien number issued by the Department of	of age or olde	r; and I am la	wfully present in t	the United States.
Signature of Applicant			Date	

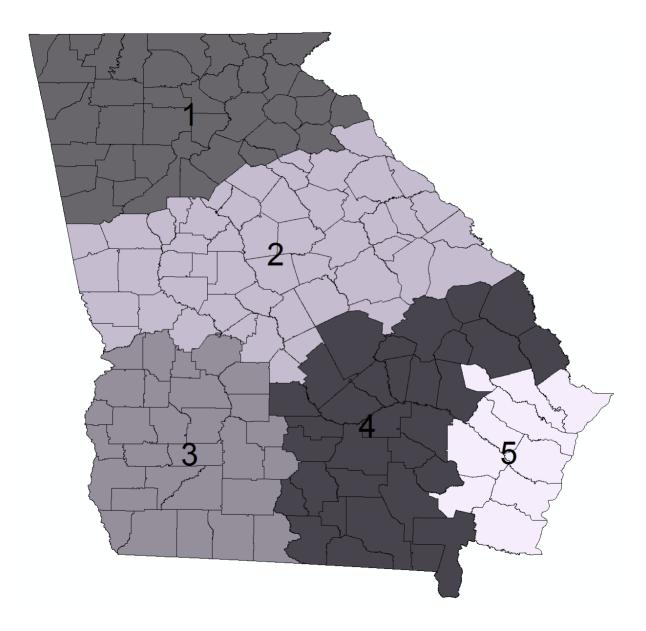
Completed application must be submitted not less than 30 days in advance to the appropriate Game Management or Fisheries Management Region Office. There is a \$35 nonrefundable administration fee that must be submitted along with application. Application Procedure:

- 1. Organized groups or events, or multiple events during a year, involving more than 8 individuals total may require Right of Entry Agreement (ROEA) prior to group use of Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) or Public Fishing Areas (PFAs).
- 2. Applications for ROEA must be received by Region Office at least 30 days prior to date(s) requested or they will be not be approved.
- 3. Applications should be submitted to the appropriate Game Management or Fisheries Management Region office (Exhibit 4).
- ROEA applications will be approved only when such activity is deemed appropriate and compatible in accordance with policy. The \$35 administration fee will be returned if your application is not accepted or your event does not require a ROEA form.
- In addition to ROEA or other departmental authorization, Georgia Outdoor Recreation Pass (GORP) may be required for individuals to enter upon a particular WMA or PFA or certain sites on certain WMAs or PFAs. For current listing of WMAs and PFAs and sites requiring possession of individual or group GORP passes, visit <u>www.georgiawildlife.com</u>.

Wildlife Resources Division		
Game Manage	ement Section	
Region 1	Region 2	
2592 Floyd Springs Rd.	2150 Dawsonville Hwy	
Armuchee, Ga. 30105	Gainesville, Ga. 30501	
Office Phone: (706) 295-6041	Office Phone: (770) 535-5700	
Region 3	Region 4	
142 Bob Kirk Road, NW	1014 MLK Jr. Blvd	
Thomson, Ga. 30824	Fort Valley, Ga. 31030	
Office Phone: (706) 595-4222	Office Phone: (478) 825-6354	
Region 5	Region 6	
2024 Newton Road	1773-A Bowen's Mill Hwy	
Albany, Georgia 31701	Fitzgerald, Ga. 31750	
Office Phone: (229) 430-4254	Office Phone: (229) 426-5267	
Region 7	Headquarters Office	
One Conservation Way, Suite 211	2070 U.S. Highway 278, S.E.	
Brunswick, Georgia 31520-8687	Social Circle, Ga. 30025	
Office Phone: (912) 262-3173	Office Phone: (770) 918-6404	



Wildlife Resources Division			
Fisheries Management Regional Offices			
Region 1	Region 2		
2150 Dawsonville Hwy	1014 MLK Jr. Blvd		
Gainesville, Ga. 30501	Fort Valley, Ga. 31030		
Office Phone: (770) 535-5498	Office Phone: (478) 825-6151		
Region 3	Region 4		
2024 Newton Road	108 Darling Avenue		
Albany, Georgia 31701	Waycross, GA 31502		
Office Phone: (229) 430-4256	Office Phone: (912) 285-6094		
Region 5	Headquarters Office		
22914 Hwy 114	2067 U.S. Highway 278, S.E.		
Richmond Hill, GA 31324	Social Circle, Ga. 30025		
Office Phone: (912) 727-2112 Office Phone: (770) 918-6406			



STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF FULTON

AGREEMENT AND RIGHT OF ENTRY

THIS AGREEMENT AND RIGHT OF ENTRY hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Agreement", is made and entered into this ______day of ______, 20___, between the Department of Natural Resources, a Department within the executive Branch of the State Government of Georgia, whose address is 2070 U. S. Highway 278, SE, Social Circle, GA 30025, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Department", and ______, whose address is ______, hereinafter referred to as the Organizers.

WITNESSETH THAT

WHEREAS, the Department has custody of certain real property lying within the boundaries of the ______ Wildlife Management Area, ______ County, GA; and

WHEREAS, the Organizers desire to hold an event known as "_____" for the purposes of the recreational pleasure of its participants; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to cooperate with the Organizers in their endeavor and agrees to allow ______ to be held at the aforesaid site.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto, for and in consideration of the mutual benefits flowing between said parties do mutually covenant and agree as follows:

(1) The Department agrees that on _____, the Organizers' representatives, employees, contractors, invitees, agents and registrants may enter upon the lands of the ______Wildlife Management Area, ______County, said lands hereinafter called Premises for the purpose of holding an event to be called the "

⁽²⁾ The Organizers shall be solely responsible for installing, operating, maintaining, and repairing any facilities or equipment, including adequate portable toilets and trash receptacles, utilized during the event on the Premises and the Organizers covenant and agree that it shall be responsible for such installation, maintenance, operating and repair in a safe and proper manner. The Department shall have no duties or responsibilities for installing, maintaining, operating, repairing or supervising any of the Organizers' operations, facilities, or equipment on the Premises. The Organizers further shall pay, and shall protect, indemnify and save the Department and Department's officers, members, employees, and agents harmless from and against all liabilities, damages, costs, expenses (including all attorney's fees and expenses incurred by the Department, and of the Department's members, employees, or agents), causes of action, suits demands, judgments, and claims of any nature whatsoever (excluding those based

upon the negligence of the Department, but including those caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Organizers, its agents, employees, customers, invitees, or licensees), arising from, by reason of or in connection with: **1.** Injury to or death of persons or damage to property (a) on the licensed Premises or (b) in any manner arising from use, non-use or occupancy of the licensed Premises by the Organizers or any of the Organizers' agents, employees, customers or licensees or resulting from a condition of the licensed Premises for which the Department specifically is responsible under this Agreement; **2.** Violation of any agreement by the Organizers or any of the Organizers' agents or employees; or **3.** Violation of any law affecting the licensed Premises or the occupancy of use of the licensed Premises.

- (3) The Organizers shall require each member, employee, representative, invitee, licensee, or registrant of the Organizers, before entering and going upon the Premises in the exercise of the purpose herein stated and the privileges herein granted, to sign a waiver of liability covenant releasing specifically but not limited to, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, copies of which shall be provided to the Regional Game Management Supervisor.
- (4) All rights and privileges herein granted to the Organizers shall be so exercised and so enjoyed and the Organizers ' operation on the premises so conducted as to not interfere with the proper operation and/or administration of the______ Wildlife Management Area. The Organizers expressly agree to coordinate all of their activities with the Regional Game Management Supervisor or his authorized representative.
- (5) Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as obligating the Department or the State of Georgia to expend any funds or obligate either for the future payment of any money.

(6) The staging and performance of the contemplated operations shall be under the immediate supervision of the Organizers and the Department will provide only such operational supervision, guidance, inspection, technical advice and support facilities as it considers necessary for the proper conduct of the Organizers' operation and to coordinate same with the normal operation and administration of the ______ Wildlife Management Area.

(7) In consideration for allowing use of Department lands for this event, the Organizers shall obtain a check in the amount of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) and made payable to Georgia Department of Natural Resources, noting thereon "Nonrefundable Administration Fee" and deliver custody thereof to the Regional Game Management Supervisor along with completed application for Right of Entry.

(8) The Organizers agree that upon completion of their operation, they will remove their facilities, if there be any, remove all trash, litter and debris, particularly but not limited to, marking and flagging, placed or caused to be placed upon the Premises by, or in any manner related to, the Organizers' use of the Premises, and repair any damage to the Premises which would not be reasonably expected in the use which the Organizers are authorized to make

thereof, within a time frame and to a degree satisfactory to the Regional Game Management Supervisor. As surety to the Department of the aforementioned, the Organizers shall obtain a cashier's check in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and made payable to Georgia Department of Natural Resources, noting thereon A Performance Deposit and deliver custody thereof to the Regional Game Management Supervisor prior to entry upon the Premises. The Organizers' cleanup operation shall be completed not later than Midnight ______. Said check shall be held by the Department and returned to the Organizers promptly if the Regional Supervisor determines that the Organizers have complied with their obligations pursuant to this paragraph. Otherwise, the amount of any expenses incurred by the Department relative to the referenced cleanup and/or repair shall be deducted.

(9) Prior to entry upon the Premises, the Organizers shall provide the Regional Game Management Supervisor with a certificate of liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for total liability and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100, 000.00) for property damages, naming among the insured the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

(10) The making, execution and delivery of this Agreement has been induced by no representations, statements, warranties (including but not limited to representations or warranties with respect to title to the licensed Premises) or its conditions or suitability for the Organizers' purposes other than those herein expressed. This instrument embodies the entire understanding, written and oral, in effect between the parties, relating to the subject matter thereof. This agreement may be amended or modified only to be an instrument of equal formality signed by the respective parties.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed in their names and on their behalf by themselves and their respective officers thereto duly authorized, on the day and year first above written.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Rusty Garrison, Director Wildlife Resources Division

Witness

Organizers Representative

Witness



WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION

MARK WILLIAMS COMMISSIONER DAN FORSTER DIRECTOR

March 25, 2011

Lionel Bourne Boy Scout Troop 69 740 Crab Orchard Court Roswell, GA 30076



Dear Mr. Bourne:

This letter is to serve as notification regarding your request for Boy Scout Troop 69 to use Crockford-Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area on May 20-22, 2011. This letter supersedes any previous permission letter. As such, I hereby approve your Troop to undergo such activities per your request subject to the below listed conditions:

- 1. Approval is valid for May 20-22, 2011 only.
- 2. Approval is valid for up to 90 participants.
- 3. Approval is valid for the use of the following areas: sawmill camp and rocktown.
- 4. Leaders have sufficient emergency safety equipment available such as first-aid equipment.
- 5. Maintain and posses a participant list with emergency contact information.
- 6. Portable toilets should be provided so that all human waste is removed from the WMA.

I hope everyone enjoys their time on Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA and is able to take away a greater appreciation for Georgia's natural resources.

Sincerely,

Chuck Waters Regional Game Management Supervisor

Cc: David Gregory Daniel Booke Tim Gilbreath Josh Aldridge

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WAIVER OF LIABILITY

THE UNDERSIGNED, does hereby, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, waive, release and hold harmless, the STATE OF GEORGIA, the GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, their officers, members, employees and agents, and (name of group)___ including any affiliate thereof, its officers, representative, members, agents, heirs and assigns, and any other person whomsoever, from and against all liability, causes of action, suits, demands, judgements and claims of any nature whatsoever, arising from, by reason of, or in connection with: injury to or death of persons or damage to property (a) on the _____ WMA or (b) in any manner arising from use, non-use or occupancy of WMA, (c) or in any manner connected to the (date)___ (event)_ whether ___, _, caused by my own act or the act of another.

NAME	AGE	SIGNATURE
		(Guardian's signature if under age 18)

ENTRANCE FEE REQUIRED

This <u>WMA / PFA / site</u> requires possession of a Lands Pass or a license that has a hunting or fishing privilege. These may be purchased at <u>WWW.GEORGIAWILDLIFE.COM</u> or 1-800-366-2661.

Lands Pass

Any person, age 16 or older, entering a WMA or PFA must possess a valid license to hunt or fish or a Lands Pass (exclusions apply). Designated fee areas are marked with the posting of a sign at the site or area entrance.

> Annual Resident Lands Pass = \$30.00 Annual Non-resident Lands Pass = \$60.00

These may be purchased at <u>WWW.GEORGIAWILDLIFE.COM</u> or 1-800-366-2661.

Fisheries Signs: A Big – 9 A Small – 29 B Big - 9