

KMC Huts - Commercial Use Agreement

The purpose of this Commercial Use Agreement is to facilitate mutually beneficial commercial use in an effort to bring public users to the mountains that would not otherwise venture without guidance. Our aim is to foster a healthy relationship with qualified mountain professionals who wish to offer an immersive backcountry experience within the Bonnington Range as stewards of the land, the huts and the education of all back-country users.

This agreement must serve the interest of the public and public access to crown land and facilities. If at any time, a conflict with public interest arises, this agreement will be reviewed. The Commercial Use Agreement, terms and conditions may be revised, amended or revoked at any time by the Ministry and/or The Kootenay Mountaineering Club.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1) Terms are subject to change without notice
- 2) In addition to standard hut fees, there will be an added booking surcharge of 15\$ per person, per night for commercial user groups
 - a) Upon Ministry approval, KMC will invoice the commercial user and payment must be made prior to departure
- 3) Guides are expected to provide their clients with a good understanding of hut use, care and etiquette
- 4) Guides are expected to observe the condition of each hut and report any problems or shortages, pack out waste, canisters etc and pack in items that may be needed in the cabin(s)
- 5) At this time, a collective maximum of 6 commercial use trips will be permitted per winter season
- 6) Each commercial entity will be limited to 2 trips per year, one of which must incorporate an educational component approved by the Ministry and KMC (AST2 etc.)
- 7) Commercial use applications must be made directly to KMC. KMC will review and forward to the Ministry for final approval
- 8) At this time, commercial users will book on a first come, first served basis with no option for cancellation (per KMC booking policy) once the application is approved and fees are paid
- 9) Commercial users must book a minimum of 3 huts along the (west to east) traverse for no more than 1 night to each cabins full capacity regardless of group size
- 10) Commercial users will be required to obtain, carry and present upon request formal authorization from the Ministry. The Ministry requires 2 weeks notice to process this request. KMC advises making this booking 3 weeks in advance to ensure that all approvals are in order
- 11) The Ministry reserves the right to discontinue commercial use at any time without advance notice if the use becomes incompatible, problematic or public demand increases
- 12) Signage is to be posted at each cabin notifying the public of this limited commercial use with encouragement to report unauthorized commercial use
- 13) Commercial use will be limited to ACMG licensed guides operating within a Canadian company. Apprentice guides must be under Direct or Local supervision
- 14) All mechanized access for commercial use is prohibited
- 15) Unauthorized commercial use and/or mechanized commercial access will result in the guide and their respective guiding outfit banned from commercial use of the huts for a period of 24 months.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to abide by the above terms and conditions.

Date of signing: _____

Legal Company name or DBA: _____

Company Owner name: _____ Signed: _____

Guide full name: _____ Signed: _____

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Dates requested (must be fully available in KMC calendar)

Grassy: _____

Steed: _____

Copper: _____

Huckleberry: _____

Attach:

- Proof of ACMG Certification
- Proof of Insurance(s)

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Reviewed/approved by: _____ Signed: _____

Dated: _____

- Hold dates for Commercial User
- Forward to MOFLNR: Recreation Sites and Trails
- Upon approval, invoice commercial user and provide proof of dates upon receipt