

## **FOREST SERVICE POLICY ON SPECIAL USES**

### **2703 - POLICY**

#### **2703.1 - Review of Proposed Use**

The following must be considered when reviewing written requests for use of National Forest System lands:

1. Analysis of the proposed use's conformance with the Forest land and resource management plan;
2. Environmental analysis of the project proposal (FSM 1950);
3. Analysis of the need to use National Forest System lands; and
4. Analysis of the appropriateness of the use on National Forest System lands.

#### **2703.2 - Denial of Use**

Deny proposals for uses of National Forest System land which:

1. Are inconsistent with Forest land and resource management plans;
2. Are in conflict with other forest management objectives; or applicable Federal statutes and regulations; or
3. Can reasonably be accommodated on non-National Forest System lands, provided however, that First Amendment group uses (freedom of assembly and worship) may not be denied on this basis.

Do not authorize the use of National Forest System lands just because it affords the applicant a lower cost and less restrictive location when compared with non-National Forest System lands.