

The Yellowstone Ski Festival has been advised by the Hebgen Lake District of the USFS of unauthorized services on the Forest. Please see the email excerpt below for more information. Although Dan Cantrell is listed as the contact, you will be referred to Drew Barney to coordinate all clinic efforts. For every 8 skiers that your club registers through the West Yellowstone Clinics, one of your coaches can be hired.

The Yellowstone Ski Festival invites all skiers this November to West Yellowstone and does not want to discourage anyone's attendance. We are confident that we can work through the necessary channels to provide a fun and professional learning experience for skiers from across the nation. The following is not relevant to junior teams who attend the Yellowstone Ski Festival to train.

10/14/11 excerpt

Hello XXXX,

I am the Hebgen Lake Ranger District recreation/special uses coordinator. It has come to my attention that a few ski clubs, including XXXX are offering instruction for a fee at the upcoming Yellowstone Ski Festival on the Rendezvous Ski Trails in West Yellowstone. I wanted to make you aware that you are required to have a special use authorization if you are providing a commercial service on National Forest Lands. Essentially any service for a fee requires a special use permit through an outfitter/guide type authorization or a recreation/special event permit. In the case of the Ski Festival, there is an existing recreation event special use permit with the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce and the West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation (WYSEF). WYSEF has an operating plan, indemnification insurance for the US Government, and a safety plan in place that is approved by the US Forest Service. This is a long standing permit and one that has worked well for years.

In my recent conversations with WYSEF members and Ski Festival directors Dan Cantrell and Drew Barney, they agreed to the concept of including you and other ski clubs who have plans to attend fall camp and provide instruction to ski club members. Essentially you would be an instructor operating under their existing special use permit, direction and insurance. Having you under the WYSEF umbrella is best for all involved, keeps you legal, and facilitates the best experience for your members as well. You simply need to contact them to discuss coordination. I have included contact information for WYSEF and Dan Cantrell below. I will follow this up with a phone call to you so we can talk in person.

Thank you, don't hesitate to get into contact with us for questions or direction.

Dan Cantrell

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