

FPR POLICY #17

VENDORS

Philosophy:

State lands are areas where people can experience an out-of-doors relatively free from human contrivances, developments, or other trappings of society. They are also places generally without obtrusive commercial enterprises or activities. However, there are situations where limited commercial business may be an integral part of permitted special events, may enhance services offered to state land users, and/or may be conducted without compromising the natural values of the land or experiences of visitors.

Policy:

Vendors are prohibited on state lands, including roadsides, except when permitted by written authorization from the Department (see below). Where the Department does not own or control use of roads through or next to state lands, it will seek the cooperation of affected towns and the Agency of Transportation in implementing this policy.

“Commercial” or “concessionaire” zones may be designated if they are consistent with the land management plan for the affected area. A concession agreement shall be required for vendors to use these zones.

Permission may also be granted as part of a special use permit for a special event, under the following conditions:

- 1) The vendor shall be directly related to and an integral part of the purpose for which the permit is issued.
- 2) There shall be adequate parking to support the vendor’s activities and customers.
- 3) No safety hazard shall be created by the location and operation of the vendor.
- 4) The vendor shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal ordinances, laws, and regulations and shall acquire all necessary permits prior to the event.
- 5) The vendor shall ensure that the concession site is left in its original or better condition.
- 6) Signage shall comply with the Department’s commercial advertising policy.
- 7) No alcoholic beverages shall be sold or dispensed at the site.

Procedure for Implementation:

Forest and Park Managers at all levels shall ensure compliance with this policy on any lands under their jurisdiction. Enforcement of noncompliant persons shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement authority.

The Commissioner may designate commercial or concessionaire zones and shall approve and sign all concession agreements within these zones, following review and preparation by the Director of Parks and Director of Lands Administration.

Vendor requests for permission to conduct business as part of a special use permit shall be handled according to procedures in the Department's policy on Special Use Permits, Licenses, and Leases.

The Director of Lands Administration shall initiate discussions with affected towns and Agency of Transportation, to ensure compliance with non-department roads running through or by state lands.

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