

General Rules for Forest Service Recreation Residence Cabin Owners

*This list is NOT all inclusive, it only contains the most common rules for Forest Service recreation cabins. Cabin owner shall provide all personal contact information and other information required by form FS-2700-3a (Request for a New Permit), Operation and Maintenance Plan, Proof of Principle Residence form, and permit.

- Cabin owners shall provide District Ranger updated contact info if/when it changes (address, phone, & email)
- Cabin shall be used/occupied a minimum of 15 days per year.
- Cabin shall not be used as principle/primary residence
- Cabin shall not be used for any commercial use
- Cabin shall not be rented (i.e. Air B&B, VRBO) except when prior written permission is obtained from the District Ranger for “incidental rental” as described in the permit.
- Conversion of storage or other outbuildings to sleeping quarters is prohibited
- Cabin owner shall not make any modifications or repairs (other than minor repairs as defined by policy) to the exterior of cabin or other improvements on the lot without prior written permission from the District Ranger.
- Cabin owner shall not construct any new improvements without prior written permission from the District Ranger
- Exterior colors shall conform to Forest Service approved colors, generally neutral earth tones, darker than the landscape backdrop
- Landscaping and planting of ANY vegetation is strictly prohibited unless authorized in writing by the District Ranger. Even then, it will only be authorized to maintain natural conditions or historic properties.
 - Cabin owners shall not plant trees, flowers, shrubs, or vegetables on the national forest. Any decoration foreign to the natural environment are prohibited. Lawn ornaments, flower beds, potted plants, bird baths, bird feeders, plastic flowers, painted rocks, are all prohibited.
 - Lawn/Patio furniture may be acceptable on a deck or patio attached to a cabin
- Importing and using gravel is prohibited unless authorized in advance by District Ranger.
- Cabin owner shall adhere to all applicable federal, state, county, and municipal laws, regulations, codes, and policies; County Building Permits are required, as appropriate to meet County policies.
- Cabin owner shall pay their land use fee (rent), in full and on time, generally prior to Jan. 1 each year
- Pets shall be under physical control (on a leash) at all times while outdoors and shall not be left outdoors unattended; No permanent pet enclosures are allowed; Animals are limited to common household pets
- Unregistered or inoperable vehicles are not allowed on the premises.
- RVs shall not be used or stored at the cabin unless approved in writing by the District Ranger
- Trailers shall not be stored at the cabin or on the lot.
- Cabin owners shall not post any signs without prior written permission from the District Ranger; Proposed signs must be rustic in appearance; Posting of “Private Property” or “No Trespassing” signs is prohibited
- Cabins must display the lot number so that it is easily visible from the driveway
- Outdoor decorative lighting is prohibited
- Fences are prohibited unless authorized, in writing by the District Ranger
- Gates are prohibited unless authorized, in writing by the District Ranger
- All forms of non-gas burning campfires and barbeques are prohibited
- Permanent outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, and barbeques are prohibited.
- All types of swimming pools are prohibited
- Permanent outdoor recreation equipment is prohibited (swing sets/basketball hoops).
- Permanent-type attachments to trees are prohibited (nails, bolts, eyelets, yard lights, antennas, fences, tree houses, benches, signs, clotheslines, swings, and wires)