

BLM FILM PERMIT CHECKLIST

1. Background Information

- a. Film permits are issued under the authority of Section 302(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1732) and the regulations in 43 CFR 2920.
- b. The film permit authorizes a short-term commercial activity at fair market value.
- c. Applications for permits must be analyzed through the environmental assessment process.
Resource values which must be considered include:

- 1. Archaeology* 2. Wildlife 3. Recreation Areas 4. Range 5. Wilderness 6. Watershed

*Archaeological clearances may be necessary. Proponents may need to contract for archaeological surveys to meet established deadlines.

- d. Applications for projects that meet minimum impact criteria are generally processed within 30 days of the filing of a complete application. Projects that do not meet minimum impact criteria require an additional 30-day appeal period, and are generally processed in 60 days.

2. Application Checklist

- Completed Form 2920-1, which includes the information on the sample application.
- Plan of Operations, list and maps of desired filming locations and description of proposed activity at each site.
- Certificate of Insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 naming the U.S. Government as additional insured.
- A performance bond is required for all set constructions, explosions, and situations where satisfactory reclamation must be assured.
- For most projects, the company is required to hire a BLM-approved film monitor.

3. Fees

- a. The fair market user fee for filming/set-up on public lands is based on the schedule below and is payable in advance of the permit authorization.

Commercial Moving Photography**

Commercial Still Photography***

01 to 30 people -----\$250/location/day
 31 to 60 people -----\$500/location/day
 61 or more people -----\$600/location/day

01 to 10 people -----\$100/location/day
 11 to 30 people -----\$150/location/day
 31 or more people -----\$250/location/day

**Motion Pictures, Movies, Documentaries,
 Television, Commercials, Videos, etc.

***Advertisements

- b. Cost Reimbursement Fees – fees to reimburse the government for costs of processing the application, doing the required environmental analysis, and monitoring the filming activities on public lands. The categories for these two one-time fees are determined separately and are based on the estimated number of work hours to process the application or monitor the permit. The processing fees are payable at the time of application. The processing fee is not refundable.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Processing Fee****</u>	<u>Monitoring Fee ****</u>
1 (1 to 8 hours)	\$ 117	\$ 117
2 (8 to 24 hours)	\$ 410	\$ 410
3 (24 to 36 hours)	\$ 773	\$ 773
4 (36 to 50 hours)	\$1,108	\$1,108
6 (50+ hours)	Full reimbursement for actual costs	Full reimbursement for actual costs

****2013 fees. Fees adjusted each year based upon inflation index. See 43 CFR 2804.14 and 2805.16.

4. Filing Office Information

Please make checks payable to:

Department of Interior – BLM
Farmington Field Office
6251 College Blvd., Ste A
Farmington, NM 87402

Phone: (505) 564-7600
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