

# **SnowBike Nation** **[www.SnowBikeNation.com](http://www.SnowBikeNation.com)**

## **SPECIAL USE APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT FOR OUTFITTING AND GUIDING of E-Bikes, E-Dirtbikes and Dirtbikes**



## **2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY**

I'm proposing to take individuals and groups on E-Bike, E-Dirtbike, and Dirtbike tours in the Hungry Horse/Glacier View, Tally Lake, and Swan Lake districts.

This will help me continue year round operations bolting on to my existing SnowBike Guiding operation to give even more people the ability to get out and experience the outdoors in areas and in ways much different than hiking, driving, or riding on ATV's / UTV's. I'll be able to take them into areas only accessible by bikes or hiking.

I believe this will be a huge hit in the area attracting many people and having an entirely new type of business not currently being conducted. E-Bikes allow just about anyone of any age who can ride a bike the opportunity to ride on trails designated for dirtbikes and mountain bikes.

Dirtbikes will attract the types of clientele I'm already attracting for my SnowBike operation and I'm hoping to expand into dirtbike tours as well.

This SnowBike Season alone, Snowbiking has attracted individuals to what otherwise was not an experience they could get here and I hope to do the same with E-Bikes, E-Dirtbikes and Dirtbikes.

I've been Mountain biking for 25 years and riding Dirtbikes for 6. I believe I am extremely qualified to offer this amazing experience to others. With my training as a helicopter pilot, Army Veteran and as a Boyscout growing up, I take safety and security very serious. I complete my Avalanche AIARE Level 2 Course in Jan and will be completing a Wilderness First Responder Course in Whitefish in April: <https://www.wildmed.com/course/5-day-wilderness-first-responder-147/>

### **Please include:**

- **The number of service days requested (or quota equivalent).**
  1. 50 average per District (Estimate 75 HH, 75 SL, 25 TL, 25 GV)
- 200 total
  
- **The anticipated number of trips and party size.**
  1. We are planning to take 1- 6 people at a time
    - I think the average group size will be 2 -4
  2. At 3 people per trip this gives us around 75 single day trips.

### **Trip Itinerary with:**

- **Starting and ending dates of the proposed operations.**
  1. May 1 – Sep 30 depending on how many bookings we get and locations open.
- **Location of routes and starting and ending points for the proposed operations (include a map showing these locations).**
  1. Any of the roads and trails in these districts which are open to Mountain bikes and dirtbikes. Of course some that are mountain bikes only and allow E-Bikes we will not be taking dirtbikes on.
- SEE ATTACHED for the areas which are similar to our snowbike zones. For Spring/Summer and Fall our areas will be limited to designated trails only.

## 1. Map Links

- **Hungry Horse Reservoir Zone - HHRD**
  - <https://tinyurl.com/y55vf26g>
- **Skyland Zone – HHRD**
  - <https://tinyurl.com/y6fsho7f>
- **Whitefish Range Zone - GVRD**
  - <https://tinyurl.com/y2oxymn8>
- **West Side Tally Lake Zone - TLRD**
  - <https://tinyurl.com/y2lrwy6n>
- **Crane / Six Mile Zone - SLRD**
  - <https://tinyurl.com/y2t7qbb4>
- **Wild Bill / Blacktail Mtn Zone - SLRD**
  - <https://tinyurl.com/yy92qkou>
- **North Swan Lake District - SLRD**
  - <https://tinyurl.com/y7ezzq6r>

## 2. Roads, Trails and Trailheads Proposed for Use

- **Hungry Horse Reservoir Zone – HHRD**
  - 497
  - 549
  - 38
  - 38B
  - 7
  - Quintonkon Rd – 2806
  - 381
  - 72
  - 293
  - Bear Cr Road – 5398
  - Wheeler Cr – 895F
  - Forest Cr – 895E
  - 897
  - 1633
  - 2817
  - Jimmie Ridge: 297
  - Lost Johnny: 895B
  - Doris Cr: 895A
  - Doris Trail: 295
  - 895H
  - 52
  - Columbia Mtn: 51

- Our plan is to start on the east side if riding dirt bikes to avoid the foot traffic on the West side. No one seems to hike the east side of Columbia

- West side would be the E-Bikes only

- **Skyland Zone – HHRD**

- 569
- 1653
- 569.1
- 569G

- **Whitefish Range Zone – GVRD**

- Cedar Flats
  - 6500
  - 6400
  - 6302
  - 6301
  - 6300
  - 6304
  - 6303
  - 10815
  - 1690
  - 10812
- Canyon Creek
  - 316
  - 316G
- McGinnis
  - 803
- Big Creek and North
  - 316
  - 317
  - 5272
  - 315
  - 5207
  - 1658
  - 1693
  - 1691
  - 1684
  - 376
  - 909
  - 40
  - 1685
  - 318

- - **West Side Tally Lake Zone – TLRD**

- Trail 800
- 789
- 113 – Intention of Parking at Star Meadows Guard station or just beyond and Doing Sylvia Lake and Elk Mtn loop

- Ashley Lake

- 9539
- 812
- 10236
- 289

- Lupine

- 538
- 210

- Sylvia Lake

- 538B
- 171
- 480
- 2925B

- 310

- 176

- Elk Mtn

- 252

- 253

- 803

- **Crane / Six Mile Zone – SLRD**

- Crane MTN:

- 498
- 9745
- 9714
- 10229
- 9719
- 9803

- Six Mile and Wire TH:

- 27
- 10
- 9508
- 7
- 78
- 680

- 5206
- 9509
- 9507
- 9514
- 680
- Crane MTN:
  - 498
  - 9745
  - 9714
  - 10229
  - 9719
  - 9803
- Peterson Creek
  - 5398
  - 293
- Noisy Creek
  - 5392
- **Wild Bill / Blacktail Mtn Zone – SLRD**
  - Wild Bill TH
  - All associated Trails and Road within the National Forest boundary.
- **North Swan Lake District – SLRD**
  - Strawberry
    - 5390
    - Krause Basin Trail: 5
    - 905
    - 904
    - 903
    - 902
    - 906
    - 907
  - Peters Ridge
    - 5388
    - 901
    - 37
    - 5385
  - Hemler
    - 20
- **Services that will be offered to clients (identify any services that will be provided by a party other than the holder).**
  - E-Bikes, E-Dirtbikes and Dirtbikes Rental and Tours

- Lodging and Food - Lodging off forest unless a forest service rental is purchased overnight.
- **A description of your client base or audience.**
  - The majority of our client base/audience will be tourists coming to the area looking for a slightly different off the beaten path and away from the crowds type of adventure.
  - Since we'll be doing E-Bike rentals as well people will be able to take our bikes to the destinations of their choices in the Flathead Valley
  - I'll also be targeting dirtbikers from other parts of the country looking for a great Singletrack adventure in Montana.
- **A list of government facilities you propose to use, e.g., a boat launch, parking lot, or trailhead.**
  - Various Trailheads, and possibly cabins and lookout towers to rent.
- **A list of temporary improvements or signs that you propose to use.**
  - None
- **A statement of whether the proposed operations involve motorized equipment.**
  - Yes these will be E-Bikes, E-Dirtbikes and regular Dirt Bikes. Most tours and rentals will be E-Bikes though. We'll only have 2 E-Dirtbikes and possibly 2 dirtbikes. We may also only take people on their own dirtbikes they bring.
- **A statement of whether the proposed operations involve transportation livestock, and if so, whether grazing is requested.**
  - NONE
- **A statement of whether an assigned site is requested.**
  - NONE
- **A description of cleanup and restoration during and after the proposed operations.**
  - We will be cleaning up any and all trash we bring into the backcountry and trailheads for meal purposes.

**3. ADVERTISING.** Provide a current brochure and current advertising materials or website address.

I have not yet started advertising for this but it will be similar to our current Snowbike Page only with E-Bikes and Dirtbikes. We may build out a separate website if we get approval.

- <https://www.snowbikenation.com/adventure/>
- FAQ: <https://www.snowbikenation.com/tour-frequently-asked-questions/>

**4. CLIENT CHARGES.** Provide a description of client charges and fees and what they cover. Attach a current rate sheet.

- <https://www.snowbikenation.com/adventure/>
- E-Bike Tours will be \$250/Rider Day for E-Bikes and \$200 for rentals only.
- E-Dirtbike Tours with Bike will be \$350/Day and will not be available as a separate rental
- Dirtbike tours will be \$500 a day with bike.
- Rentals include a helmet and all necessary safety gear. We'll have additional items for rent as well such as trailers.
- Everything included with the tour and rental will be explained on the web page as well.

## **5. GUIDE IDENTIFICATION**

- Attach a list of all guides who would be working under the permit.
  - Kyle Allred
  - Matt Arave
  - Chris Neibaeuer
- **Describe your requirements for employment and staff training programs.**
  - Our guides will have to at a minimum attend
    - Wilderness First Aid
  - Employees will have to show proper knowledge and operation of all the various bikes.

**6. OPERATING PLAN.** Attach an operating plan that addresses client and visitor safety, evacuation and emergency procedures, and resource protection with respect to your proposed operations and location.



1. Each rider will be assessed if booking before they arrive on location by answering a series of qualifying questions to see if they are a good fit for our Tours and they have the basic skillset to ride and operate the bikes.
  - Examples are:
    - Do you have motorcycle experience?
    - Do you have mountain bike experience?
    - Have you ridden an E-Bike?
    - Do you have back country experience?
3. Each of the guides will be carrying a Garmin Inreach Satellite Communication device so we can not only communicate with one another if we are out of Cell phone and Radio Range but we can also alert SAR and the local authorities IMMEDIATELY if an emergency arises and we need to extricate and evacuate someone.
4. Each bike will have a first aid kit and everyone will know what is contained in it and how to use each item. This will be reviewed in our Day 1 safety briefing.
5. Bikes will be maintained to operational standards and checked thoroughly before and after each ride.
- **CLIENT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK FORM.** If you plan to use an acknowledgment of risk form, attach a copy.
  1. It will be the exact same as our current waiver but with language specifically outlining E-Bikes, E-Dirtbikes, and Dirtbikes.
    - <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5fd7777c5a991/w eb/>