

Organized and Commercial Activities

DCNR's Bureau of Forestry is charged with minimizing conflicts among State Forest users and ensuring our natural resources are managed in an environmentally sound manner. The forests are often used for organized events and commercial activities. We manage and govern decisions on the appropriateness of each request through one of these agreement methods.

Letter of Authorization – A Letter of Authorization (LOA) is required for any group or organized activity that poses minimal threat of damage to the environment on State Forest land. Examples include scout camporees, weddings, and organized hikes.

Special Activities Agreement – A Special Activities Agreement (SAA) allows the Bureau of Forestry to permit and control activities that are organized, possibly dangerous, large or otherwise atypical of common individual forest visitor activities. These include races, contests, and other competitive events.

Commercial Activities Agreement – A Commercial Activities Agreement (CAA) covers activities in which a person, organization or association conducts a for-profit event or business, where fees are charged above and beyond the administrative costs of the activity. It basically covers the same type of activities and events as a SAA, with the added fact that a profit is being realized. It also covers commercial activities that occur off state forest land, but use state forest lands to further their business efforts. This agreement is also a contract and contains event-specific language and requirements.

Any organized or group event occurring on State Forest lands must be reviewed and approved through one of these means. Please contact the appropriate [DCNR-Bureau of Forestry District Office](#) with details of your request. Activities will be reviewed and, if determined appropriate, regulated through one of the above tools.