

## 2028 Permit Continuation

- All Recreation Residence Permits on the San Bernardino NF expire December 31, 2028.
- Permit Continuation generally begins two years prior to permit expiration.
- There is no guarantee that a new permit will be issued, but non-issuance is rare and usually due to individual permittee noncompliance.
- Permits were last renewed in 2008.
  - During the 2008 process, all authorized improvements were listed on the face of the Special Use Permit;
  - Full NEPA environmental analyses were done for 2008, so a simple review may be all that's needed for 2028;
  - Together, these differences should simplify the 2028 process.
- **Permit Continuation in a Nutshell:**
  1. Consistency Determination: Is the current use (recreation residence) consistent with the Land Management Plan, statutes, regulations and policy which guide the management of National Forests?
  2. Environmental Analysis: Are there any environmental issues that need to be addressed?
  3. Continuance Determination: Is the individual permit holder in compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit?
    - Administrative Compliance – Is the permittee in compliance with their permit? Are their fees paid?
    - Physical Compliance – Inspection will verify lot improvements agree with those on the existing permit.
  4. If no issues with Land Management Plan and environmental review, and permit holder is in compliance, a new Special Use Permit for up to 20 years will be issued effective January 1, 2029.
- **What Should Be Done Now:**
  1. Two years ahead be ready to participate. If not already contacted, contact District Ranger or Special Use Administrator;
  2. Review your listed improvements. If you have improvements that aren't listed, be ready to document their approval.
  3. Correct any deficiencies before Continuation inspections.
  4. Be flexible, Forest Service has not finalized their Renewal process.
  5. As Tract Leaders:
    - Alert seriously deficient cabin owners to 2028 deadline. Owners with major deficiencies will not receive new 20-year permits.
    - Begin discussing Permit Renewal with cabin owners. Although process will not begin for 3-4 years, it's not too early for cabin owners to verify their listed improvements.