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52.3 - Adds clause C-14 as a mandatory supplemental clause for special use authorizations that involve supervision of children under the age of 18 by the holder or the holder's agent and clause C-15 as a mandatory supplemental clause in a ski area permit that involves supervision of children under the age of 18 by the holder or the holder's agent.

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C-14. Operating Plan for Supervision of Children (Other Than For Ski Areas). The following clause is mandatory in special use authorizations that involve supervision of children under the age of 18 by the holder or the holder's agents. Include this clause in permits that provide programs for children, such as organizational camps, schools, outfitting and guiding programs for youth, and commercial filming and still photography involving children.

OPERATING PLAN. The holder shall prepare and by [date] [annually/every ___ years] revise an operating plan. The operating plan shall be prepared in consultation with the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative and shall cover all operations authorized by this permit. The operating plan shall outline steps the holder will take to protect public health and safety and the environment and shall include sufficient detail and standards to enable the Forest Service to monitor the holder's operations for compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The operating plan shall require that any allegations of sexual abuse, observed serious physical injuries, or life-threatening neglect of children under the age of 18 be immediately reported to the local social services and law enforcement agencies with authority to take emergency action to protect children who are abused or neglected (the local agencies) and as soon as practicable thereafter to the authorized officer. The operating plan shall include the name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address of the local agencies; the requirement for all employees who supervise children under the age of 18 to undergo a criminal background check; and a schedule for providing periodic training of prospective reporters of child abuse or neglect. The training must cover the signs of child abuse and neglect and the reporting requirement when child abuse or neglect is suspected. The operating plan and any revisions to the operating plan shall be submitted by the holder and approved by the authorized officer prior to commencement of operations and shall be attached to this permit as an appendix. The authorized officer may require an annual meeting with the holder to discuss the terms and conditions of the permit or operating plan, annual use reports, or other concerns either party may have.

C-15. Operating Plan for Supervision of Children (For Ski Areas). The following clause is mandatory in all ski area permits that involve supervision of children under the age of 18 by the holder or the holder's agents. Insert the following paragraph in form FS-2700-5b, clause III.A.14:

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