



Pincher Creek District Box 1810 Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0 Telephone: 403-627-1110

Date: April 4, 2013

### Guiding or Instructing an Outdoor Activity Permit - GIP-13-005

The Minister of Alberta Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture pursuant to the *Provincial Parks Act* and General Regulation (Alta. Reg. 102/85) as amended, grants permission to:

Permittee: Pincher Creek Search and Rescue Society of

Address: Box 1251 Pincher Creek, Alberta TOK 1W0

Telephone:

Bus: 403-627-2460

Home: 403-627-2460

Email:

Proposed Activity: Swift Water Rescue Training

Location:

Oldman River - Boulder Run Day Use at the Oldman Dam Provincial Recreation Area

Crowsnest River at Lundbreck Falls Provincial Recreation Ara

**Dates Effective:** 

From April 26, 2013 to April 29, 2013

### **General Conditions:**

- 1. This permit is valid for the dates only as specified above.
- 2. The permit is valid only for guiding or instructing in the specific areas identified on this permit.
- 3. Permits are non-transferable.
- 4. Guides and instructors must be prepared to produce a copy of the permit at the request of a Conservation Officer or Forest Officer.
- 5. The permittee will report to the District Conservation Officer or other authorized person prior to commencing the on-site activity.
- 6. Unless specifically authorized as a condition of the permit, the use of any aircraft except in emergency situations will not be permitted.
- 7. All guides and instructors under this permit shall hold a valid and recognized First Aid and CPR certificate and be certified to guide or instruct the activity being conducted.

- 8. The permittee shall be fully responsible for all actions of the people in his employ and his clients with regard to conditions specified in this permit and to the applicable Acts and Regulations.
- 9. The Department reserves the right to add any other conditions as may be required.

### Special Conditions:

- 1. The permittee shall ensure that first aide certified personnel are on site at all times during field instruction.
- 2. The permittee shall provide Alberta Parks with and emergency response plan outlining process in place to deal with potential emergency situations (ie: medical emergency, first aid / evacuation plans for event). This plan shall be submitted to the Conservation Officer in Charge a minimum 1 week prior to the event and any recommended changes shall be incorporated into the plan.
- 3. The permittee hall ensure that impact on vegetation / shoreline / natural environment is minimized and all sites are cleaned to the satisfaction of the Conservation Officer.
- 4. Motorized vehicles are not permitted off of designated roadways or parking areas at all times.
- 5. All sites used by permittee will be returned to satisfactory condition as determined by the Conservation Officers by May 6, 2013.

Permit Fee:

\$ No Charge Group

GST:

\$ NIL

Total:

SNIL

I have read the conditions under which this permit is issued and agree to comply with all Agreement: conditions stated therein. I agree that failure to comply with department legislation and the conditions stated on this permit may, at the discretion of the Area Manager, result in the cancellation of the permit and the forfeiture of any applicable bond.

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Permittee's Signature:

Date: APAIL 5 , 20/3.

Authorized Department Representative:

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## 2013-04-26 Swift Water Rescue course/Emergency Response Plan

### From PCSAR

< 2013-04-26 Swift Water Rescue course

This is an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for potential emergencies that may occur during the April 26-28, 2013 Swift Water Rescue course to be held in Pincher Creek at the Oldman Dam and Lundbreck Falls Provincial Recreation Areas.

The Alberta Parks Permit requires that an ERP be submitted and approved.

### **Contents**

### 1 Unique character

This plan recognizes the unique character of the event in which many of the participants will be the same people who could be called upon to respond to an emergency including:

- search and rescue personnel
- Alberta Parks personnel
- Pincher Creek Emergency Services personnel
- RCMP members
- swiftwater rescue instructors

As such the normal processes of notifying emergency authorities, tasking responders and arrival of those responders, although still undertaken, may be foreshortened by having key people already on scene.

### 2 Hazards

Slips, trips and falls - accessing and working along the rocky shoreline presents a hazard of slips, trips or falls that may result in minor or more serious injury.

**Medical emergency** - a medical emergency arising from an injury or a developing medical condition from one of the participants may result in the need for first aid and/or emergency medical attention and evacuation to roadway access.

Swift water - working and training near and in the rivers may result in an unintended entry into the river and the need for a swift water rescue.

**Other users** - Other users of the Provincial Recreation Areas may be attracted to activities being performed and become bystanders at risk. Knowing there are emergency personnel in the area, other users might report their emergencies to course participants.

**Environmental hazards** - extreme weather events or an unplanned release by the dam may make it unsafe to be in the designated areas. All participants may have to evacuate.

### 3 Equipment

The following equipment shall be provided:

### Communications

- cell phone personal cell phones shall be in place
- PCES portable radio assuming PCES personnel attend
- sat phone a PCSAR satellite phone will be made available, in case a situation evolves in a locale of poor cell phone and radio coverage.

### First Aid

a PCSAR field first aid kit (backpack)

### Stretcher

■ a PCSAR field stretcher (military style litter) shall be present

### **Swift Water Rescue**

■ The course instructor shall provide a full swift water rescue kit

Personal Protective Equipment - participants shall be provided with appropriate

- PFDs
- helmets
- wetsuits
- footwear
- aloves

### 4 Protocols

All course participants will be familiarized with this ERP at the beginning of the course.

The course instructors shall evaluate any changes in weather or river conditions and determine what activities are safe in or near the water. A significant release from the dam will be alerted by a siren and all participants will withdraw to a safe distance.

If other users, bystanders or media approach the course activities they will be informed this is a training exercise (not a real emergency) and be directed to stay away from hazardous aspects.

If an emergency related to other users (not involving course participants) is brought to the attention of participants, the appropriate authorities shall be notified and where appropriate, an offer to assist shall be made.

Because the course will involve simulated emergencies, an actual emergency will be distinguished by saying "No Duff".

If a real emergency evolves, the course will be suspended until the scope of the emergency can be determined and a decision is made when and whether the course can continue. Or in the case of minor emergencies, a decision is made that not all participants are needed and training can continue while the minor emergency is addressed.

In the event of an emergency, a senior member (Search Manager) of the hosting agency (PCSAR) shall take command (Incident Commander) pending a formal tasking from an agency having jurisdiction. Given the presence of several key agencies such as RCMP, Alberta Parks, and PCES a formal tasking of personnel on site (or alternatively a decision to use other resources) may be very rapid. If a PCSAR Search Manager who also has jurisdiction (e.g. Alberta Parks personnel) is available, this would be the first choice of command.

The most experienced person available in the rescue activity shall be assigned to be the Rescue Team Leader or Operations Section Chief. In the case of a swift water rescue, this is likely to be the senior swift water rescue instructor.

Communications shall be established with the regular emergency response system (ambulance, rescue). This could be via cell phone (911), radio, sat phone, or if in a communications shadow by sending personnel to relay messages.

The normal protocols of the responding agencies shall be applied as dictated by the situation. An actual swift water rescue shall use the NFPA techniques and methods available under direction of the instructors given the constraints of the training and experience of the personnel on site.

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### Appendix III:

### Application for a Guiding or Instructing Permit

Department use only:

Project No:

Date Received:

Applicant:

Name: PINCHER CREEK SEARCH AND RESCUE SOCIETY

BOX 1251, PINCHER CREEK, AB, TOKINO Address: Business:

Home:

403 627-2460 Home: SAME Telephone Number: Business:

Sponsor: (Individual, Company) 506/ETY

Liability Insurance: Provide copy of current liability insurance certificate.

Have you previously obtained a permit for the same or similar enterprise in this park or protected area? NO.

If yes, when:

Location of proposed project (including name of park or protected area):

ULDWAN DAM & LUNDBRECK FALLS PRAS. Please attach a Map (topographic map preferred) showing specific locations.

Type of Activity:

TRAINING IN SWIFT WATER RESCHE

Activity Dates/Times:

APRIL 26, 2013 (FRIDAY) 17:00 - DUSK

APRIL 27 (SATURPAY) DAWN- PUSK APRIL 28 (SUNDAY) DAWN- DUSK

Type of Group:

VOLUNTEEN GEARCH & RESCUE SOLIETY

Method of Operation:

INSTRUCTION IN SWIFT WATER RESCUE ON AND ALONG THE BANKS OF THE RIVERS INDICATED ON THE ATTACHED MAP.

Park facilities to be used:

PARKING FACILITIES LLOSE TO INDICATED LOCATIONS

Equipment to be used:

NO ALBERTA PARISS EXULTIMENT REQUIRED.

Will assistance from park staff be required?

NO

Employees: Provide copy of lead guide(s)/instructor(s) certification. See Section 2.5 of the Guiding or Instructing an Outdoor Activity Directive for required certification.

Name:

Certification:

Duties:

Other information:

attached

I (we) the undersigned, and organizer of the activity, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Minister from any and all third party claims, demands, actions, or costs (including legal costs on a solicitor-client basis) which arise directly or indirectly from the permittee's operations whether related to the activities noted in this permit or otherwise including those arising out of any omissions, negligence or wilful acts by the permittee or permittee's employees or agents. This hold harmless shall survive this agreement.

Applicant(s) Signature

Date: MACA 23, 20/3

Applicant(s) Signature

Date:

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This application should be sent to the Area Office having jurisdiction over the location in which you are proposing to conduct your activity.

Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation Parks Division Kananaskis Country #201, 800 Railway Avenue Canmore, AB, T1W 1P1

Tel: (403) 678-5508

Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation Parks Division

South Area 416 Administration Building 909 - 3rd Avenue North

Lethbridge, AB, T1H 0H5 Tel: (403) 382-4097

Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Parks Division East Central Area

Suite 404, First Red Deer Place

4911 51 Street

Red Deer, AB, T4N 6V4

Tel (403) 340-7691

Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Parks Division West Central Area

Suite 1, 250 Diamond Avenue Spruce Grove, AB, T7X 4C7

Tel: (780) 960-8170

Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Parks Division Northwest Area

Room 1301, Provincial Building

10320 99 Street

Grande Prairie, AB, T8V 6J4

Tel: (780) 538-5350

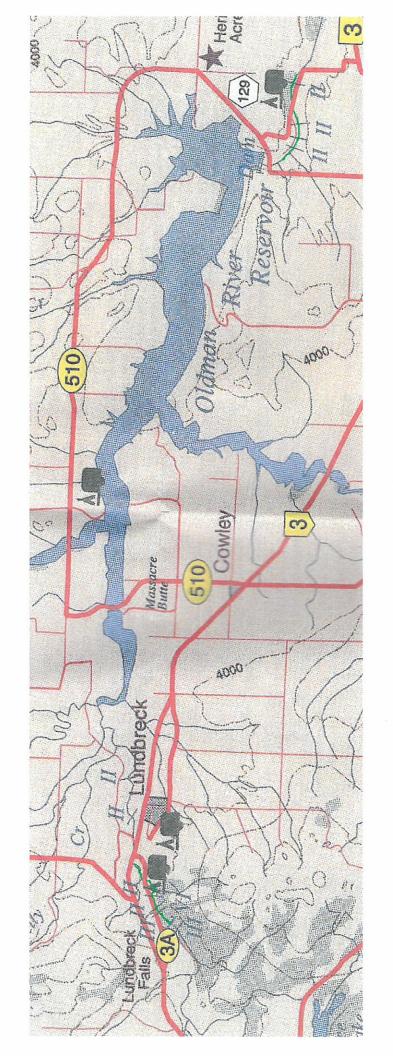
Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Parks Division Northeast Area PO Box 1019 9503 Beaverhill Road

2<sup>nd</sup> Fl, Provincial Building Lac La Biche, AB, T0A 2C0

Tel: (780) 623-5235

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# SWIFTWATER RESCUE INSTRUCTOR

THIS CARD CERTIFIES THAT

## Cody Harris

HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE SKILLS AND EVALUATIONS

FOR SWIFTWATER RESCUE INSTRUCTOR FOR THE

WHITEWATER RESCUE INSTITUTE

01/12

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INSTRUCTOR

Mike Johnston

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### Whitewater Rescue Institute Profile

- The Whitewater Rescue Institute, Inc. (WRI) is a Montana corporation in good standing and established in 2009.
- WRI provides safety training in the disciplines of Swiftwater Rescue, Motorized Boat Operations, Rope System Safety, Non-motorized Boat Operations, Ice Rescue, and Wilderness First Aid.
- WRI also provides a Environmental Emergency Response Team to a number of industry partners. WRI ER Team is responsible for the workplace safety and transport of clean-up crews on waterways.
- WRI has taught over 250 courses. Course locations include: Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, North Dakota, Ohio, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Missouri, Arkansas, Hawaii, and Costa Rica.
- WRI has taught nearly 3000 participants in over 200 agencies. Agencies include: Joint U.S. Military Operations (JPAC), National Park Service, National Forest Service, Conservation Corps, Search and Rescue Teams, Fire Departments, Commercial Raft Companies, State Employees, and Environmental Clean-up Contractors.
- In 2011, WRI ER Team had over 25,000 passenger trips on our fleet of 25 Jet Boats, and transported passengers over 100,000 river miles.