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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE**

SPECIAL USE PERMIT

AUTHORITY:

Occupancy Permits, As Amended Act of March 4, 1915, Granger Thye Act, Section 7 April 24, 1950

Gunflint Trail Historical Society, c/o Bruce Kerfoot, Trustee, of 201 S. Gunflint Lake, Grand Marais, MN 55604.

Gunflint Trail Historical Society (the holder) is authorized to use and occupy National Forest System lands on the Superior National Forest, subject to the terms and conditions of this term special use permit (the permit).

This permit covers approximately 50 acres (the permit area), as shown on the map attached as Appendix A. This permit is issued for the purpose of:

Operation and maintenance of the historic Chik- Wauk Lodge for a museum and the surrounding lands for interpretive nature trails, scenic viewpoints, and hiking trails.

The following improvements are authorized in the permit area: **The lodge, outhouse and small log pump house.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL TERMS

A. AUTHORITY. This permit is issued pursuant to the authorities enumerated at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 251 Subpart B, as amended. This permit, and the activities or use authorized, shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Secretary's regulations and any subsequent amendment to them.

B. AUTHORIZED OFFICER. The authorized officer is the Forest Supervisor or a subordinate officer with delegated authority.

C. EXPIRATION AT THE END OF THE AUTHORIZED PERIOD. This permit will expire at midnight on **12/31/2026**. Expiration shall occur by operation of law and shall not require notice, any decision document, or any environmental analysis or other documentation.

D. CONDITIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF A NEW PERMIT. At the expiration or termination of an existing permit, a new permit may be issued to the holder of the previous permit or to a new holder subject to the following conditions:

1. The authorized use is compatible with the land use allocation in the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.
2. The permit area is being used for the purposes previously authorized.
3. The permit area is being operated and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the permit.

4. The holder has shown previous good faith compliance with the terms and conditions of all prior or other existing permits, and has not engaged in any activities or transaction contrary to Federal contracts, permits laws, or regulations.

E. AMENDMENT

1. This permit may be amended in whole or in part by the Forest Service when, at the discretion of the authorized officer, such action is deemed necessary or desirable to incorporate new terms that may be required by law, regulation, the applicable land management plan, or projects and activities implementing a land management plan pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215.

2. At the sole discretion of the authorized officer, this permit may be amended to remove authorization to use any National Forest System lands not specifically covered in the master development plan for this permit or not needed for the use and occupancy authorized by this permit.

3. The holder may apply for an amendment to this permit to cover new or changed uses or areas. In approving or denying an amendment, the authorized officer shall consider, in addition to the requirements in applicable laws and regulations, the findings or recommendations of other affected agencies and whether the new or changed use or area can be accommodated by an amendment to this permit, or whether a new permit should be issued.

F. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. In exercising the privileges granted by this permit, the holder shall comply with all present and future federal laws and regulations and all present and future state, county, and municipal laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that apply to the permit area, to the extent they do not conflict with federal law, regulation, or policy. The Forest Service assumes no responsibility for enforcing laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that fall under the jurisdiction of other governmental entities.

G. NON-EXCLUSIVE USE. The use and occupancy authorized by this permit are not exclusive. The Forest Service reserves the right of access to the permit area, including a continuing right of physical entry to the permit area for inspection, monitoring, or any other purpose consistent with any right or obligation of the United States under any law or regulation. The Forest Service reserves the right to allow others to use the permit area in any way that is not inconsistent with the holder's rights and privileges under this permit, after consultation with all parties involved. Except for any restrictions that the holder and the authorized officer agree are necessary to protect the installation and operation of authorized temporary improvements, the lands and waters covered by this permit shall remain open to the public for all lawful purposes.

H. ASSIGNABILITY. This permit is not assignable or transferable.

I. CHANGE IN CONTROL OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY

1. Notification of Change in Control. The holder shall notify the authorized officer when a change in control of the business entity that holds this permit is contemplated.

a. In the case of a corporation, control is an interest, beneficial or otherwise, of sufficient outstanding voting securities or capital of the business so as to permit the exercise of managerial authority over the actions and operations of the corporation or election of a majority of the board of directors of the corporation.

b. In the case of a partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, or individual entrepreneurship, control is a beneficial ownership of or interest in the entity or its capital so as to permit the exercise of managerial authority over the actions and operations of the entity.

c. In other circumstances, control is any arrangement under which a third party has the ability to exercise management authority over the actions or operations of the business.

2. Effect of Change in Control. Any change in control of the business entity as defined in clause I.1 shall result in termination of this permit. The party acquiring control must submit an application for a special use permit. The Forest Service is not obligated to issue a new permit to the party who acquires control. The authorized officer shall determine whether the applicant meets the requirements established by applicable federal regulations.

II. IMPROVEMENTS

A. LIMITATIONS ON USE. Nothing in this permit gives or implies permission to build or maintain any structure or facility or to conduct any activity unless specifically authorized by this permit. Any use not specifically authorized by this permit must be proposed in accordance with 36 CFR 251.54. Approval of such a proposal through issuance of a new permit or permit amendment is at the sole discretion of the authorized officer.

B. PLANS. All plans for development, layout, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of improvements in the permit area, as well as revisions to those plans, must be prepared by a licensed engineer, architect, landscape architect, or other qualified professional acceptable to the authorized officer. These plans and plan revisions must have written approval from the authorized officer before they are implemented. The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish as-built plans, maps, or surveys upon completion of the work.

III. OPERATIONS

A. FIVE-YEAR OPERATING PLAN. The holder shall prepare and annually revise by **April 15**, 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's 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 be submitted by the holder and approved by the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative 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.

B. PERIOD OF USE. The use and occupancy authorized by this permit shall be in normal operation at least 60 days each year or season. Failure of the holder to exercise this minimum use may result in revocation of this permit under clause VII.A.

C. RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES. As a general rule, the holder shall conduct the day-to-day activities authorized by this permit. A limited amount of activities may be conducted by a party other than the holder, but only with prior written approval of the authorized officer. The holder shall continue to be responsible for compliance with all the terms of this permit.

D. LEASING. Subject to clause III.C. the holder may lease authorized concessions and improvements owned by the holder that are located within the permit area with the prior written approval of the authorized officer. The Forest Service reserves the right to disapprove these leases. The holder shall remain responsible for compliance of the leased concessions and improvements with all the terms and conditions of this permit.

E. CONDITION OF OPERATIONS. The holder shall maintain the authorized improvements and permit area to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer and consistent with other provisions of this permit. Standards are subject to periodic change by the authorized officer. The holder shall comply with inspection requirements deemed appropriate by the authorized officer.

F. INSPECTION BY THE FOREST SERVICE. The Forest Service shall monitor the holder's operations and reserves the right to inspect the permitted facilities and improvements at any time for compliance with the terms of this permit. The obligations of the holder under this permit are not contingent upon any duty of the Forest Service

to inspect the premises. A failure by the Forest Service or other governmental officials to inspect is not a defense to noncompliance with any of the terms and conditions of this permit.

G. REMOVAL AND PLANTING OF VEGETATION. This permit does not authorize the cutting of timber or other vegetation. Trees or shrubbery may be removed or destroyed only after the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative has approved in writing and marked or otherwise identified what may be removed or destroyed. Timber cut or destroyed shall be paid for at current stumpage rates for similar timber in the National Forest. The Forest Service reserves the right to dispose of the merchantable timber to those other than the holder at no stumpage cost to the holder. Unmerchantable material shall be disposed of as directed by the authorized officer. Trees, shrubs, and other plants may be planted within the permit area with prior written approval of the authorized officer.

H. SIGNS. Signs posted on National Forest System lands must have prior written approval of the authorized officer.

I. REFUSE DISPOSAL. The holder shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements related to the disposal of refuse resulting from the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. -

J. SANITATION. The operation and maintenance of all sanitation, food service, and water-supply methods, systems, and facilities shall comply with applicable standards set by state and local health departments.

K. LIQUOR SALES. The sale of liquor or other intoxicating beverages is prohibited in the permit area.

L. GAMBLING. Gambling and gambling machines and devices are prohibited on National Forest System lands, regardless of whether they are lawful under state or local law.

M. NONDISCRIMINATION

1. The holder and its employees shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex (in educational and training programs), national origin, age, or disability or by curtailing or refusing to furnish accommodations, facilities, services, or use privileges offered to the public generally. In addition, the holder and its employees shall comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended.

2. The holder shall include and require compliance with the above nondiscrimination provisions in any third-party agreement made with respect to the operations authorized under this permit.

3. The Forest Service shall furnish signs setting forth this policy of nondiscrimination. These signs shall be conspicuously displayed at the public entrance to the premises and at other exterior or interior locations, as directed by the Forest Service.

4. The Forest Service shall have the right to enforce the foregoing nondiscrimination provisions by suit for specific performance or by any other available remedy under the laws of the United States or the State in which the violation occurs.

N. EQUAL ACCESS TO FEDERAL PROGRAMS. In addition to the above nondiscrimination policy, the holder agrees to insure that its programs and activities are open to the general public on an equal basis and without regard to any non-merit factor.

O. PROHIBITION OF TIME-SHARE ARRANGEMENTS. No commercial facilities or equipment authorized under this permit will be operated under a time-share or interval-ownership arrangement. All authorized facilities and equipment shall be made available to the general public on a short-term rental basis.

P. HOLDER'S REPRESENTATIVE. The holder or the holder's designated representative shall be within the permit area at all times when the facilities are open to the public. The holder shall notify the authorized officer in writing who the holder's representative will be.

Q. HOLDER'S AND USERS' CONDUCT. Disorderly or otherwise objectionable conduct by the holder or those occupying the permit area with the holder's permission shall be cause for revocation or suspension of this permit.

IV. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

A. LEGAL EFFECT OF THE PERMIT. This permit, which is revocable and terminable, is not a contract or a lease, but rather a federal license. The benefits and requirements conferred by this authorization are reviewable solely under the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart C, and 5 U.S.C. 704. This permit does not constitute a contract for purposes of the Contract Disputes Act, 41 U.S.C. 601. The permit is not real property, does not convey any interest in real property, and may not be used as collateral for a loan.

B. VALID OUTSTANDING RIGHTS. This permit is subject to all valid outstanding rights. Valid outstanding rights include those derived under mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States. The United States is not liable to the holder for the exercise of any such right.

C. ABSENCE OF THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY RIGHTS. The parties to this permit do not intend to confer any rights on any third party as a beneficiary under this permit.

D. SERVICES NOT PROVIDED. This permit is for the occupancy of land for the purposes stated in this permit and does not provide for the furnishing of road maintenance, water, fire protection, or any other such service by a government agency, utility, association, or individual.

E. RISK OF LOSS. The holder assumes all risk of loss to the authorized improvements. Loss to the authorized improvements may result from but is not limited to theft, vandalism, fire and any fire-fighting activities (including prescribed burns), avalanches, rising waters, winds, falling limbs or trees, and acts of God. If authorized improvements in the permit area are destroyed or substantially damaged, the authorized officer shall conduct an analysis to determine whether the improvements can be safely occupied in the future and whether rebuilding should be allowed. If rebuilding is not allowed, the permit shall terminate.

F. DAMAGE TO UNITED STATES PROPERTY. The holder has an affirmative duty to protect from damage the land, property, and other interests of the United States. Damage includes but is not limited to fire suppression costs, and all costs and damages associated with or resulting from the release or threatened release of a hazardous material occurring during or as a result of activities of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees on, or related to, the lands, property, and other interests covered by this permit. For purposes of clauses IV.F and section V, "hazardous material" shall mean any hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant, hazardous waste, oil, and/or petroleum product, as those terms are defined under any federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

1. The holder shall avoid damaging or contaminating the environment, including but not limited to the soil, vegetation (such as trees, shrubs, and grass), surface water, and groundwater, during the holder's use and occupancy of the permit area. If the environment or any government property covered by this permit becomes damaged during the holder's use and occupancy of the permit area, the holder shall immediately repair the damage or replace the damaged items to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the United States.

2. The holder shall be liable for all injury, loss, or damage, including fire suppression or other costs associated with rehabilitation or restoration of natural resources, associated with the holder's use and occupancy of the permit area. Compensation shall include but is not limited to the value of resources damaged or destroyed, the costs of restoration, cleanup, or other mitigation, fire suppression or other types of

abatement costs, and all associated administrative, legal (including attorney's fees), and other costs. Such costs may be deducted from a performance bond required under clause IV.J.

3. The holder shall be liable for damage caused by use of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees to all roads and trails of the United States that are open to public use to the same extent as provided under clause IV.F.1, except that liability shall not include reasonable and ordinary wear and tear.

G. HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. The holder shall take all measures necessary to protect the environment, natural resources, and the health and safety of all persons affected by the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder shall promptly abate as completely as possible and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations any physical or mechanical procedure, activity, event, or condition existing or occurring before, during, or after the term of this permit and arising out of or relating to any activity, event, or condition existing or occurring during the term of this permit that causes or threatens to cause a hazard to the health or safety of the public or the holder's employees or agents or harm to the environment (including areas of vegetation or timber, fish, or other wildlife populations, their habitats, or any other natural resources). The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of all serious accidents that occur in connection with these activities, events, or conditions. The holder has sole responsibility to protect the health and safety of all persons affected by the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The Forest Service has no duty under the terms of this permit to inspect the permit area or operations of the holder for hazardous conditions or compliance with health and safety standards.

H. INDEMNIFICATION OF THE UNITED STATES. The holder shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States for any costs, damages, claims, liabilities, and judgments arising from past, present, and future acts or omissions of the holder in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. This indemnification provision includes but is not limited to acts and omissions of the holder or the holder's heirs, assigns, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit which result in (1) violations of any laws and regulations which are now or which may in the future become applicable, including but not limited to the environmental laws listed in clause V.A of this permit; (2) judgments, claims, demands, penalties, or fees assessed against the United States; (3) costs, expenses, and damages incurred by the United States; or (4) the release or threatened release of any solid waste, hazardous waste, hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant, oil in any form, or petroleum product into the environment. The authorized officer may prescribe terms that allow the holder to replace, repair, restore, or otherwise undertake necessary curative activities to mitigate damages in addition or as an alternative to monetary indemnification.

I. INSURANCE. The holder shall furnish proof of insurance, such as a certificate of insurance, to the authorized officer prior to issuance of this permit and each year thereafter that this permit is in effect. The Forest Service reserves the right to review and approve the insurance policy prior to issuance. The holder shall send an authenticated copy of any insurance policy obtained pursuant to this clause to the authorized officer immediately upon issuance of the policy. Any insurance policies obtained by the holder pursuant to this clause shall name the United States as an additional insured, and the additional insured provision shall provide for insurance coverage for the United States as required under this clause. Such policies also shall specify that the insurance company shall give 30 days prior written notice to the authorized officer of cancellation of or any modification to the policies. The certificate of insurance, the authenticated copy of the insurance policy, and written notice of cancellation or modification of insurance policies should be sent to Gunflint Ranger District, Attn: District Ranger, 2020 W. Highway 61, Grand Marais, MN 55604. Minimum amounts of coverage and other insurance requirements are subject to change at the sole discretion of the authorized officer on the anniversary date of this permit.

1. The holder shall have in force liability insurance covering losses associated with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit arising from personal injury or death and third-party property damage in the minimum amount of **\$200,000 as a combined single limit per occurrence.**

2. Depending on the holder's operations, the Forest Service may require the holder to demonstrate the availability of funds to address any release or threatened release of hazardous materials that may occur in connection with the holder's use and occupancy. Any requirements imposed would be established case by case by the authorized officer based on the degree of environmental risk from the holder's operations. The

