

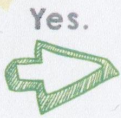
Is the Forest Service going to charge me for a photo or video?

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In the past week, the Internet's gone gaga over a story the Oregonian newspaper in Portland wrote about a Forest Service proposal that would require commercial photographers to pay a fee if they want to shoot in wilderness areas. You can argue all day about whether that's proper or not (we don't, for what it's worth), but we thought it might be more important for you to know if you should be getting a permit before you take your camera into the Tongass wilderness. The Forest Service already has a bunch of rules dealing with photography, so we sat down with Forest Service officials and came up with this flow chart to give you a hand.

START

Are you on Forest Service land?



Are you on vacation or at work?



Work. :(

Are you a journalist working on a breaking story?

Yep. I'm the next Carl Bernstein.

I'm on vacation or just taking a selfie.

No, I'm not.

Are you making an ad, a movie or a documentary?



Nah, bro.

Are you shooting video or just taking photos?



Photos.

Are you using props, models or actors?



No.

Is it going to cost the Forest Service extra money to keep an eye on you?



No.

Are you making money off this video?

No.

Are you filming in a place the public isn't allowed?

No.

YES.

I need a permit!

Stay cool. It's not that hard to get a permit. While permits can cost up to \$800, that amount is for big motion pictures. Your permit will be a lot less. Call 907-225-3101 to learn how to get one. Don't wait!

NOPE.

Need more detail? Go to http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5355613.pdf

