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**Guest Ranch or Outfitting & Guide Facility
Information Pertaining to Public Accommodations Licensing**

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, through the Food and Consumer Safety Section, regulates establishments that provide sleeping accommodations to the public. Guest ranches and outfitting & guide facilities that meet the definitions in 50-51-102(4), (6), (9), (10) or 50-51-201(3) MCA do not need a public accommodations license at this time.

In order to determine the type of establishment, refer to this guide. Using this information, the local health authority or the Food and Consumer Safety Section will determine whether the guest ranch or outfitting & guide facility need not apply for licensure by the Department of Public Health and Human Services. The guest ranch or outfitting & guide facility may be required to meet other state and local regulations.

Guest Ranch Definition

- Sleeping accommodations for the public (not family members), with advanced reservations (no walk-ins), for a minimum stay (two or more nights).
- and-
- Provides hunting, horseback riding, fishing, or a working cattle ranch experience (as an integral part of the stay).
- and-
- Uses at least one permanent structure with running water, sewer, and a kitchen.
- and-
- Small, averaging from one to 24 guests served each day in operation.
- or-
- Seasonal, operating less than 120 days in a calendar year, and averaging from one to 40 guests served each day in operation.

Outfitting & Guide Facility Definition

- Sleeping accommodations for the public (not family members).
- and-
- Provides hunting, fishing or other recreational services with a licensed outfitter or guide (as an integral part of the stay).
- and-
- Uses at least one permanent structure with running water, sewer, and a kitchen.
- and-
- Small, averaging from one to 24 guests served each day in operation.
- or-
- Seasonal, operating less than 120 days in a calendar year, and averaging from one to 40 guests served each day in operation.

Facility name _____

Owners name _____ Phone _____

Manager _____ Phone _____

Physical address _____

County _____

Mailing address _____

Activities provided _____

Outfitter name & license (if applicable) _____

Number of days in operation in last calendar year _____

Number of overnight guests in last calendar year _____

Average _____

[The average number of guests per day is calculated by dividing the total number of guests in a year, by the total number of days the facility operated in the same year. One person staying for multiple days is counted as one guest for each day of stay. A day with at least one registered guest is counted as a day in operation. Facilities which offer other public accommodation as defined in 50-51-102 MCA requiring licensure are not exempt. Facilities may not claim exemption if submitted plans or other relevant information indicates licensure is required.]

The facility above meets the statutory definition requirements of a guest ranch or outfitting and guide facility (check one), and does not need to apply for a public accommodations license at this time.

Owner/manager signature _____ Date _____

This form may be completed by a registered sanitarian.

Signature _____ Date _____

County _____