

**EXHIBIT B**  
**OPERATING PLAN**

This optional format is designed to identify all aspects of a recreation event held on National Forest System lands and will help in developing an Operating Plan for an event. Depending on the size of your event, some items may not apply. Attach additional pages, if necessary to complete the information.

This operating plan is hereby incorporated as part of the authorization in accordance with clauses 5 and 16 of the Special-Use Application and Permit for Recreation Events (FS-2700-3c), if the proposal is accepted and the application is approved.

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2. Dates: Table 1 shows the dates and locations for the events covered under this permit:

Date	Organization	Map Area	Parking / Start	Event(s)
Sat, September 9, 2023	JROTC	Spence Creek	Tr332 / Iron Springs Rd	Foot Orienteering
Sat, April 13, 2024	JROTC	Spence Creek	Tr332 / Iron Springs Rd	Foot Orienteering
Sat, May 4, 2024	GPHXO	Mingus Meadows	Tr332 / Iron Springs Rd	Foot Orienteering

*Table 1 – Event dates and locations*

The Spence Creek area is in the Bradshaw District.

3. Description of event: Foot orienteering at all events, Bike orienteering for some events as shown in Table 1 above. Permit application is for three distinct events representing two different organizations: Junior Reserve Officer Training (JROTC) at Prescott High School, and the Greater Phoenix Orienteering club (GPHXO)

Bike orienteering events limit bike travel to designated roads and trails. A list of the trails that may be used for Bike orienteering are shown in Table 2. Note that some trails are still in development in this area, and will be considered for competition once the trails are completed. There are no Bike orienteering events planned for 2023-2024.

Map Area	Trail Number	FDR Number	Trail Name
Spence Creek	TBD	-	West Side Story
Spence Creek	TBD	-	BLM
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Juniper Gate
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Lloyd's Drop
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Happy Ending
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Noodle
Spence Creek	TBD	9407P	Waterline
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Sidekick
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Juniper Gate
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Vista
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Tunnel Vision
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Tatanka
Spence Creek	TBD	-	RussTFender
Spence Creek	TBD	-	The Village
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Zygomatic
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Wally's Rest
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Santa Fe
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Skyline
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Clown Town
Spence Creek	TBD	-	Willy Nilly Tractor
Spence Creek, White Rock	332	-	Javalina
Spence Creek, White Rock	325	-	Firewater
Spence Creek, White Rock	TBD	-	Missing Link
Spence Creek, White Rock	TBD	-	Little Italy
White Rock	318	-	West Trail
White Rock	317	-	Ridge Top
White Rock	316	-	Pine Lakes
White Rock	315	-	North (Watertower)
White Rock	386	-	Rim Trail
White Rock	324	-	Garden Parth
White Rock	392	-	Garden Grove
White Rock	367	-	Miller Creek (Creekside)
White Rock, Big Juniper	326	-	Thumb Butte Bypass
White Rock, Big Juniper	323	-	Butte Connection
White Rock, Big Juniper	321	-	Butte Creek
White Rock, Big Juniper	N/A	FDR 373	Thumb Butte Road
White Rock, Big Juniper	TBD	-	Williams Peak
Big Juniper	333	-	Honey Bucket
Big Juniper	327	-	Potts Creek
Big Juniper	393	-	Cold Springs
Big Juniper	N/A	FDR 51	
Big Juniper	366	FDR 9401J	Sierra Prieta
Big Juniper	264	-	West Spuce Mountain
Big Juniper	N/A	FDR 9707T	

Table 2 – Trails and roads used for Bike orienteering

4. Location (**attach map**): Only Area 1 (Spence Creek) will be used in the 2023-2024 season. Bike orienteering can cover a larger area than any of the foot orienteering maps, and the bike orienteering region is bounded by the total region for the three smaller foot orienteering areas.

**Area 1 – Spence Creek (Bradshaw District)**. Northwest of Thumb Butte, west of Emmanuel pines camp--see map “Area 1 - Spence Creek.jpg”. Parking is in the large clearing on Tr332 (railroad grade) about ½ mile south of the Iron Springs 332 trailhead The competition area is south of Iron Springs road, and is bounded by green dashed polygon on the map. Area 1 is used on the dates shown in Table 1 above.

**Area 2 – White Rock (Bradshaw District)**. Centered around the White Rock trailhead (Thumb Butte road 1.5 miles west of Thumb Butte Recreation area). See the map “Area 2 - White Rock.jpg.” Parking is at the White rock trailhead.

**Area 3 -- Big Juniper – West of Thumb Butte, centered on the Butte Creek (Potts Creek) basin (Bradshaw District)**. Parking and start area are at the intersection of Thumb Butte road and FR51 (Big Alligator Juniper). See the map “Area 3 - Big Juniper.jpg” for planned locations for foot orienteering.

For an area map that covers all the bike orienteering trails in the Bradshaw District, see the file “Bike-o\_overall\_area.jpg.”

**Area 4 – Mingus Meadows (Verde District)**. An area on the plateau to the northeast of Hickey Mountain extending east to near the Potato Patch campground. See the map “Area 4 - Mingus Meadows.jpg” for planned area for foot orienteering. Note that the orienteering course will avoid excessively steep slopes as well as the Potato Patch campground.

**Area 5 – Schoolhouse Gulch (Bradshaw District)**. This area is south of Goldwater Lake, west of Senator Highway. Parking is at the west end of Trail 62 (east end of Trail 396). The start/finish is located in a clearing on the corner of Schoolhouse Gulch road and Senator highway (see “Schoolhouse Gulch.kmz” for Google Earth visualization). The competition area will avoid private land as indicated in magenta shading on the map “Area 5 - Schoolhouse Gulch.pdf”

**Area 6 – Blowout Creek (Verde District)**. An area just west of the Cottonwood Airport and south of the Clarkdale campus of Yavapai College. Parking and start/finish is on the Yavapai college campus (not on National Forest property).

5. Number of acres needed: The start areas only need area for parking and for two tables and canopies. The map areas for competition cover large areas. Area 1: Usable portion of the attached base map is less than 800 acres. Areas 2 and 3: Each covers a large area comparable to Area 1. We can compute a more precise acreage

for these areas if required. Area 4: The usable portion of the course area will be less than the ~1800 acre area outlined in the file "Area 4 – Mingus Meadows.jpg." For Bike orienteering, the area used for competition is only along the designated biking trails.

6. Planned number of participants: JROTC: <300 per event; GPHXO: <50 per event

7. Number of spectators anticipated: 5 Maximum number: 10

8. Duration of event (include pre/post event set-up days): Daytime events are usually 5 hours in duration, with 2 additional hours for control marker removal. Night events are usually 2-3 hours; For setup, control markers are placed the week before the event, and are usually removed by the day following the event. JROTC events use commercially delivered port-a-johns, and access is needed a few days before and after JROTC events to set up/retrieve equipment.

9. Overnight areas needed: No If yes, describe:

10. After hour activities for multiple-day events (music, food, etc.): N/A

11. Notification of adjacent permit holders or landowners: No

List of contacts:

12. List other permits required and coordination or cooperating agreements (attach copies):

### FACILITIES

13. Facilities provided (i.e. tents, canopies, stage, booths, benches, chairs, showers): JROTC: two canopies, several tables and chairs. GPHXO: Two tables and some chairs.

14. Provisions for drinking water (quantity, locations, bottled vs. truck): Coolers with drinks and snacks.

15. Signing (i.e. route marking, parking, trails, event schedules): Small sign on side of road at start area.

16. Sanitation Plan (i.e. number of toilets, garbage cans, recycle bins): JROTC: one or more commercial port-a-johns to be placed near parking area. GPHXO: One portable latrine setup at each start area if no pit toilets are available.

17. Accommodations for disabled visitors (i.e. parking, access): Not needed.

18. Describe power supply requirements: None.

19. Describe public address system requirements: None.

### VENDORS

20. Will food or beverages be provided? No If no, go to 27.

21. Included in price? No

22. Agreements with vendors or caterers: No
23. Number of vendor or caterers:
24. Location of food or beverage (identify on map):
25. Alcohol for sale? Yes No Vendor obtained state and local permits? No
26. Insurance coverage for alcohol: N/A

Attach a copy of the liability portion & and all endorsements and exclusions

27. Other products for sale (i.e. t-shirts, hats, ice, souvenirs): Phoenix Orienteering T-shirts and coffee mugs.
28. Other equipment for rental (i.e. snowmobiles, skis, boards, jet-skis, rafts, kayaks): None.
29. List additional third party agreements:

### PARKING AND VEHICLES

When planning for parking, be aware that one lane must always be open for emergency vehicles.

#### Parking areas

**Area 1 (Spence Basin)** – Large dirt area located about 0.6 miles south of Trail 332 / Iron Springs trailhead. Access to the parking area is through the gate on Trail 332. See:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/34%C2%B034'27.7%22N+112%C2%B033'06.1%22W/@34.5759899,-112.5531395,817m/data=!3m2!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x8930a3aa2c5e01c6!8m2!3d34.57435!4d-112.551687>

**Area 2 – White Rock** trailhead parking area on Thumb Butte road, west of Prescott. See:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/White+Rock+Trailhead/@34.5460488,-112.5500267,545m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x872d2da858e88411:0xe7974d21827e65d3!8m2!3d34.5460445!4d-112.5457995>

**Area 3 – Big Juniper** – Parking is at the intersection of Thumb Butte road and forest road 51 (designated camp areas at the west end of Trail 327). See:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/34%C2%B031'40.2%22N+112%C2%B032'41.4%22W/@34.5278494,-112.5470227,545m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xb645202b1d3f072f!8m2!3d34.527845!4d-112.544834>

**Area 4 (Mingus Meadows)** – Limited parking at the Woodchute Trailhead parking area (aka Yaeger Saddle) is on a first-come, first-served basis. See:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/34%C2%B042'23.9%22N+112%C2%B009'24.0%22W/@34.7066344,-112.1588487,544m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x99a6c7d751dcceb4!8m2!3d34.70663!4d-112.15666>

Overflow parking for Mingus Meadows is at the [Mingus Summit Rest Area](#) on Highway 89A.

**Area 5 (Schoolhouse Gulch)** – Parking for Schoolhouse Gulch is at the [Trails 62, 299 & 396 Trailhead Parking](#) on the Senator Highway, about 0.7 miles south of the turn to Goldwater Lake Park.

**Area 6 (Blowout Creek)** – Parking is not in the National Forest—it is on the Clarkdale campus of Yavapai College.

30. Amount of parking needed (i.e. number of spaces, acres, include disabled parking): JROTC: 8-10 large school buses, 8-15 smaller buses and vans; GPHXO: 10 -20 cars. **NOTE: The Area 1 start area requires that there is access through the Tr332 gate at the Iron Springs Trailhead. Any change to the combination lock at the gate will require additional coordination for gate access.**

For the Area 2 (White Rock), Area 3 (Big Juniper) , Area 4 (Mingus Meadows) and Area 5 (Schoolhouse Gulch) events, less than 20 cars will need parking at the start areas. Area 6 (Blowout Creek) uses parking on the Yavapai College Clarkdale campus.

31. Locations (identify on map): See the orienteering maps referenced earlier.

32. Parking attendants and locations used (i.e. parking direction, lot full posting, information): See map. JROTC events will have parking attendants.

33. Parking lot security (i.e. overnight parking, remote lots): Not needed

34. Traffic controls (i.e. one way, signing): N/A

35. Shuttle service (type, when and where used): N/A

36. Will any road closures be needed? (where and how long): No

#### **SAFETY/COMMUNICATIONS/MEDICAL**

37. Attach Medical Plan and include the following:

Access for emergency vehicles (i.e. ambulance, helicopter landing zones)

Number and location of first aid stations

Names and qualifications of any medical staffing

List of emergency phone numbers and local hospitals/clinics

JROTC events: JROTC has first aid kit. Ambulance access is available all along the railroad grade. For emergencies we'd call 911. A JROTC safety vehicle will patrol along the Area 1 railroad grade throughout the event, and may also drive on portions of FDR 9707S (waterline road north of railroad grade). This vehicle provides water and assistance as needed, and is in phone contact with the base area. The outer boundary of the competition area may also be patrolled with safety officers on foot or on mountain bike.

GPHXO event: Club has first aid kit. For emergencies we'd call 911.

38. Describe communications type and number of equipment used:

No communications other than cell phones

39. Specify safety closures for high risk areas and protection of spectators (i.e. barriers, closures, restricted areas): Not needed.

### **ADVERTISING**

All advertisements must include acknowledgment that the event is located on the National Forest.

40. Description of event advertising (i.e. flyers, radio, TV, magazines, internet): email notification, Club Newsletter and on [www.gphxo.org](http://www.gphxo.org)

41. Target audiences (i.e. local regional, national, limited membership): JROTC high school cadets and Local/regional Folks from Arizona.

42. Planned filming (i.e. land, air, water): None

43. What is the reason for filming (i.e. advertising, promotion):

44. Type of advertising proposed for the event (i.e. banners, signs, posters, commercial vehicles): Signs at Start table only

### **CLEANUP**

45. Time frame to remove all facilities and garbage after the event (including removal of signs, advertising flagging, route markers): Equipment will be cleaned up the day of the event. Port-a-john retrieval for JROTC events will occur on the next business day.

46. Garbage collection site location (landfill or transfer station): Private haul away.

47. Mitigation plan to rehabilitate resource damage (i.e. closures, revegetation): Expect no issue.

48. Time frame to complete mitigation:

### **FEES**

Land use rental fees are 5% of adjusted gross receipts for one time events and 3% of adjusted gross receipts for multiple events under one permit. Adjusted gross receipts is the gross revenue less the cost to the holder of the permit of prizes awarded. Only those prizes which are paid for by the holder or come from the entry fee costs can be deducted. Donated prizes cannot be deducted.