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SPECIAL USES OF STATE FORESTS 0351.6

Special uses of State forests will be permitted only when there is a clear benefit to the citizens of the State and when such uses do not conflict with primary (uses) programs of timber management, demonstration, research, and recreation. Such concessions must be consistent with this policy and receive written permission of the Forest Manager. The Forest Manager may require mitigations to any concession to ameliorate potential impacts on the forest or its operations.

A. Use of State forests for mining, grazing, and commercial concessions is discouraged. Concessions on State Forestlands means:

- a. The privilege of maintaining a subsidiary business within the forest, or
- b. The space allotted for such a business, or
- c. The business itself.

Examples of concessions that are discouraged:

1. Those that require permanent structures.
2. Those that are commercial in nature, i.e. the operation is tied primarily to commercial revenue generation (e.g., vendors that sell souvenirs or food) instead of a symbiotic relationship with one of the mandated uses of the State Forests.
3. Mining
4. Grazing, except where such use has been traditionally recognized on the property, or an there is an existing agreement, or where necessary for research or management (e.g., herbivory to reduce hazardous fuels)
5. Those that have no clear connection to the role of the forest in timber management, demonstration, research, and recreation.

B. Although the State Lands commission has primary jurisdiction over geothermal resources on state forests, surface operations of geothermal developers will be strictly controlled by the department in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board contained in 14 CAC Section 1500-1503.