

## **PERMITTEE AGREEMENT**

The cooperation of all Montura Ranch landowners and their guest it is essential for the safe and effective management of the Central County Water Control District (the "district") land and waterways. I wish to secure a permit to allow me access into the District's Restricted Reservoir Area for recreational purposes. By signing below I agree, as Permittee, to follow the District's Rules and Regulations and to hold it harmless from my acts and the acts of others as follows:

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

1. "Reservoir Access Area" is that portion of the District's four-square mile reservoir area which may be accessed by a Permitted individual. Limited entry and exit is by a single access to said area through a locked gate opened by a Landowner Key. Access to wetlands, dikes District improvements and equipment within the reservoir area is strictly prohibited.
2. "Landowner Key" is required when entering/exiting the Reservoir Access Area. Each Landowner/Parcel shall be issued one key with Permittee's first access permit, and shall reimburse the District for the cost thereof. Landowner keys are not transferable and must be returned to the District upon sale of the Landowner Parcel.\*\*Expired Landowner Key must be returned to the District before new key is issued\*\* Landowner may request replacement of a lost key, subject to the approval of the District's Board of Supervisors, by first filing an affidavit that the key was lost and paying the District's Key Replacement Fee as follows:
  - a. First Replacement Key - \$100.00
  - b. Second Replacement Key - \$300.00
3. "Landowner" is the owner of a Parcel.
4. "Landowner's Parcel" is that land located in Montura Ranch which has been assigned a Parcel Identification Number by the Hendry County Property Appraiser's office and is recognized when determining the eligible electorate of the District's Board of Supervisors.
5. "Landowner Access Permit" is a license renewable by the landowner every November, allowing entry of the permittee into the District's restricted Reservoir Area. Permittee is responsible for the renewal of their Landowner Access Permit and for the payment of associated fees.
6. "Landowner Key" is the key that will fit the lock on the gate at the entrance into the reservoir. The Landowner Key will change each November. The Landowner must turn in his/her landowner key form the previous year in order to be issued a new landowner key that will open the new lock on the entrance gate.
7. "Permittee" is the holder of an Access Permit, and is limited to Montura Ranch landowners.
8. "Permittee Passengers" included all persons, other than Permittee, transported over District property by a permittee. Permittee is responsible for the actions and safety of all Permittee Passengers.
9. "Landowner Guest Passes" each Landowner shall receive two (2) landowner guest permits. The Landowner Guest is the individual authorized by a Permittee. The host Permittee shall

accompany and is responsible for the actions of his/her Landowner guest, and must assure that said guest is familiar with District Rules and Regulations. The host Permittee is responsible for assuring reservoir access using his/her Landowner Key.

10. "Temporary Guest Access Permit" is a 24-hour Access Permit issued to the Permittee for the use by Permittee's guest who is not a landowner. Permittee must go to District office to obtain permit. Up to Four (4) may be purchased for a 24 Access Permit.

## **GENERAL RULES:**

1. **Permittee and all guests enter upon District property at their own risk.**
2. Permittee and guests shall make him/herself aware of State laws concerning the use of off-road vehicles and their operation in sensitive habitat area which will be marked by signage.
3. The maximum width of any vehicle allowed within reservoir shall not be over eight foot (8') at the widest point.
4. No tracked vehicles are allowed within the reservoir.
5. Parked vehicles, shade tents, tables or grill must not obstruct the road, gate or trails.
6. Permittee shall use care to protect and preserve district property including its land, improvements and all equipment.
7. No one including Permittees will be allowed to remove saw palmetto berries from the reservoir.
8. Permittee shall report theft, vandalism, poaching, arson, littering, wetland and wildlife habitat abuse and other rule violations to the District and the appropriate authorities.
9. Failure to properly relock the access gate upon entering or exiting the Reservoir Access Area is a violation of these Rules and Regulations.
10. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
11. Hunting and fishing are allowed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission. It is illegal to hunt over bait. See Regulations for A-1 for further information.
12. Driving a metal object into any tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven, is prohibited.
13. Permittee is responsible for Permittee Passenger, his/her Authorized Guest, and for the operation of all associated vehicles on District property.
14. Motorized vehicles shall be in good working order and operated in accordance with District Rules and Regulations, and State Laws.
15. Permittee shall conduct hi/herself, and operate all vehicles and equipment, in a safe and courteous manner, and specifically agrees to the following:
  - A. maintaining a safe speed, any passenger under 16 must be wearing helmet prior to entering access gate.
  - B. Permittee shall remove all litter and garbage from the reservoir access area
  - C. Permittee shall start no fire other than a campfire, and shall not leave any fire unattended, campfires must be extinguished with water
  - D. Cutting of trees including Cabbage Palms, Clearing and excavation is prohibited
  - E. Destruction of fences, signs, and other District equipment and improvements is prohibited

- F. Riding on dikes is strictly prohibited, no motorized vehicles are allowed on dike
  - G. All permittees and guest must display an orange flag at minimum of 4' (four foot) above the highest point of the vehicle with the Landowner's Key Number present.
  - H. Permittees not displaying a Flag with a matching key number shall be reported to the Sheriff's Department and charged with trespassing
  - I. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS**
  - J. Security can and will search all vehicles upon entering access gate.
16. Violation of these rules and regulations shall subject Permittee to the revocation of All Access Permits issued for the subject Landowner's Parcel as determined by the District's Board of Supervisors. Additionally, such violation(s) shall be reported to the County, State and/or Federal agencies having jurisdiction which may subject the offending party to civil/or criminal penalties.