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**PHOTOGRAPHERS AT CIRCLE B BAR RESERVE**

Some of you may have noticed the Commercial Photographers Permit Application / Code of Ethics on the Environmental Lands website ([www.polknature.com](http://www.polknature.com)) and new signs at Circle B Bar Reserve regarding special use permit required for Commercial Photographers. For all Polk County Environmental Lands' visitors there are guidelines and rules to follow. The permit application and associated Code of Ethics reiterates the visitation guidelines for all visitors and is also a part of the special use permit packet for commercial photographers who visit Polk County Environmental Lands' properties, one of which is Circle B Bar Reserve. We love that these properties have become a great attraction for many professionals, but this sometimes results in conflicts. The County is requiring commercial (professional) photographers to obtain a permit to prior to working on County Environmental Lands. The permit doesn't cost anything, but it does require the individual to read and agree to follow the Code of Ethics.

The County's Environmental Lands Ordinance (#08-003) has always allowed for this requirement, but due to the greatly increased use and demands on Environmental Lands, it important that we now put this into place. We believe that the requirements and restrictions are not extreme. They can be summarized briefly as respect the land; respect the wildlife; respect the other members of the public that are out enjoying these wonderful sites. The Code of Ethics are very good guidelines for everyone to follow.

Sincerely,

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