



2026 Agreement and Certification Form

The *Agreement and Certification Form* must be completed for applications to be considered complete. This form states that the concept paper (and later, business plan) being submitted to the Oil Region Alliance's Elevating Outdoor Recreation Business Contest is the original work of the applicant(s), that the applicant(s) will abide by the rules of the contest, and that the applicant(s) release the organizers of the contest and their representatives from any liability.

Please do the following:

1. Complete this form.
2. Have all applicants sign it.
3. Submit this form with your concept paper that is due by April 9, 2026, at 4:00 PM

Elevating Outdoor Recreation Business Contest
c/o Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry & Tourism
217 Elm Street
Oil City, PA 16301

If emailing a scanned copy, send to jgorman@oilregion.org

Please note: if you are mailing a hard copy, we must receive it by October 30, 2026
Applications postmarked October 30, 2026, but received later, will not be considered!

With questions, contact Jessica Gorman at the Oil Region Alliance or Kim Harris.
Call 814-677-3152 or email jgorman@oilregion.org or kharris@oilregion.org.

**Elevating Outdoor Recreation - Business Contest
Agreement and Statement of Certification**

By submitting an application to the Oil Region Alliance's 2026 Elevating Outdoor Recreation Business Contest (the Contest"), each applicant listed below agrees to the following conditions:

Compliance with Rules of the Contest. Each applicant has reviewed the contest rules ('the Rules") and terms and conditions ('the Terms"), and by his/her signature below certifies that this application and the individual or team it represents complies and agrees to abide by the Rules and Terms.

Waivers and Releases. Each applicant understands that the principals of the Contest, along with their employees, directors, and agents, are under no obligation to provide any advice or service to any applicant. Each applicant further understands that the Judges are volunteers and are under no obligation to provide any advice or service to any applicant. The views expressed by the Judges, organizers, and the organizers' representatives are their own and not those of any other person or entity.

Each applicant also understands and agrees that although the organizers of the Contest have taken and will take the steps described in the Rules and Terms regarding confidentiality of the ideas and plans submitted by the applicant(s), the legal protection of the plans submitted by the applicant(s) to the Contest is the sole responsibility of the applicant(s). In consideration of the time, expertise, and other resources provided by Contest officials, including Judges, organizers, and their representatives, each applicant hereby voluntarily releases each Contest official and their representatives from any further liabilities, responsibilities, and accountabilities relating to or arising out of such Contest officials; or organizer representative's participation in the Contest.

Each applicant grants permission to the Contest to publicize their name(s) and a description of their business plan if they are named a finalist or winner of the Contest.



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Business Idea Name:

The following signatures indicate that the named applicants have read and understood this Agreement and Statement of Certification. (List principal applicant first.)

Principal Applicant:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Email: _____

Phone number: (_____) _____

Additional Applicant:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____