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PROGRAM:	RETAIL FOOD
EFFECTIVE REGULATION:	<i>Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations, July 1, 2013</i>
<b>INTERPRETIVE MEMO NO.:</b>	<b>14-01</b>
DATE:	January 1, 2014
SUBJECT:	Licensing of Retail Food Service Operations in Wilderness Locations

The definition of a retail food establishment in statute and the *Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations* exempts “hunting camps and other outdoor recreation locations where food is prepared in the field rather than at a fixed base of operation.”

A retail food establishment license is not required for food preparation in remote or wilderness locations, when food is prepared on location as part of an outfitter or river-rafting trip. These locations are exempt from licensing due to their nature of not having a fixed base of operation.

However, a retail food establishment license is required for any operation where food preparation is conducted at a fixed base of operation for participants of remote or wilderness excursions. The fixed base of operation must meet all requirements of the *Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations*.

All previous interpretive memoranda issued pertaining to this subject are hereby superseded as of the effective date above.

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