

# SKI-FILM PRODUCTION AGREEMENT

## Mountain Safety Planning Document



Thank you for considering Blackcomb Helicopters (BHLP) as the helicopter charter service provider for your film production. This document contains certain information we hope will assist you with your project, as well as certain terms and conditions to which you must agree in order for BHLP to provide the charter services.

### Information to assist you:

- To get started please contact our Charter Services Manager at [vhacking@blackcombhelicopters.com](mailto:vhacking@blackcombhelicopters.com) or 604-938-1700 to provide us with a description of the scope and proposed locations of your project.
- We would strongly recommend that, for the purpose of the production, you have:
  - all necessary permitting in place prior to your shoot – see requirements here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/crown-land-water/crown-land/crown-land-uses/commercial-uses/film>
  - rescue equipment on hand, including but not limited to:
    - An oxygen kit and AED
    - First-aid kit suited to remote mountain environments
    - Splints (vacuum or otherwise)
    - Hypothermia and/or survival kit
    - Avalanche and rope rescue kit
  - modern avalanche safety equipment (PPE) for each crew/talent member and have trained with this equipment beforehand (PPE includes a modern digital transceiver with fresh batteries, a lightweight avalanche shovel, and quick-locking avalanche probe)
  - an emergency response plan (including a communications plan)
  - discussed the use of your emergency response plan with your pilot and crew/talent members
  - appropriate communication devices for the location/environment (ex. SAT, SPOT, handheld VHF)
  - discussed how to use your communication devices with your crew/talent members

### Terms and conditions:

- The following are conditions of BHLP providing the charter services:
  - you must hire a mountain technician for your on-mountain production safety needs and for BHLP's aviation safety needs (i.e. to manage avalanche risk for BHLP pilots), and provide BHLP with evidence of same. The technician will be one of the following and will have at least three years consecutive experience with helicopter operations in winter mountainous terrain: (1) ACMG Ski Guide (apprentice guides are not acceptable); (2) IFMGA/ACMG Mountain Guide; (3) CSGA Level 3 Ski Guide; or (4) graduate of the CAA Operations Level 2 or CAA Operations Level 3 program along with a valid advanced-level first aid certificate (please contact us if you need assistance with finding an appropriately qualified technician); The technician must always be in a position where they can properly and effectively and efficiently respond to emergency situations.
  - you must have an avalanche safety plan, as prepared by your mountain technician, a copy of which must be provided to the BHLP Charter Services Manager. If the mountain technician requires an avalanche safety plan template, then BHLP can provide one; and
  - we require that enough time be allocated pre-departure to have a pre-flight mountain and helicopter safety briefing involving your crew and talent, the pilot in command, and your mountain technician.
- You agree that in the event of a medical evacuation involving a crew/talent member, the injured person will be accompanied on the evacuation by an appropriately qualified attendant—for instance, your mountain technician or an attendant from an outside rescue agency (please consider this in your emergency response planning).

Printed Name of Mountain Technician: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification of Mountain Technician: \_\_\_\_\_

Client acknowledgment: I have read, understood, and agree to the foregoing terms and conditions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company\* (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_



# UAV – DRONE USE



- Use of drones is at the discretion of the helicopter pilot in command (PIC). Meteorological, safety factors, and other considerations will impact the PIC's decision regarding drone use.
- Prior to drone operations, a pre-flight briefing will be held with all personnel involved (drone operators, helicopter crew, mountain technician(s), camera crew, and talent).
- If drone use is approved by the PIC, then a designated operating area for the UAV will be established with strict vertical and lateral boundaries. Boundaries may be referenced using nearby peaks or ridges or specific features. Drone use is considered a communications critical operation between the drone operators and PIC. Predetermined and communicated exit points, UAV egress routes, and secure staging sites must be established in the event of a communications failure to avoid a potential air-to-air collision and catastrophic situation.
- A distance that is considered safe will be established by the PIC and communicated to the drone operators before the commencement of flight operations.
- If the helicopter departs the area to refuel, pick up additional crew, or scout other locations, then, unless otherwise agreed upon by the PIC, drone operations must cease until the helicopter has returned, communications are confirmed reestablished, and a plan for continued UAV operations has been acknowledged between the drone crew and PIC.
- Essentially, there are no phase changes for drone operations without the direct consent of the PIC.

Client acknowledgment: I have read, understood, and agree to the foregoing terms and conditions regarding drone use.

## Authorized by

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company\* (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If Client is a company, I confirm that I have authority to sign for the Company.*

