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Difference in revenue associated with fee change:

Planned Accomplishments

- Increase Hours of Operation
- Improve facilities / Services
- Reduce Deferred Maintenance
- Maintain Site to Standard

Planned Accomplishments and Methods for Informing the Public:

Reason for Changing Fee

- Align fee to local market
- Inflationary Increase
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Results of Not Implementing Fee Change

We are currently seeking grant funding to re-install the water line, septic/drainfield system, renovate the indoor bathroom/shower and upgrade the electrical system to accommodate a water heater, stove, and refrigerator. If the proposed fee increase is not approved, these amenities will not be added and it will take longer to complete a variety of backlog maintenance projects at the cabin.

- Reduce Season or Service
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- Decommission Site
- Close Site

Public Participation

Have the following tasks been accomplished? Yes

New Fee Minimum Tasks

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Public Participation Results

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Brief Description of Project Area

American River Guard Station is a popular year-round cabin rental located on the banks of the American River. The rustic cabin and outhouse were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1941, and it is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The cabin has a capacity of 8 people and up to 4 passenger vehicles, and includes a furnished kitchen, living room, small bedroom, second story sleeping loft, outhouse, and outdoor picnic table and fire ring. The cabin currently has electricity but no indoor plumbing.

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Brief Description of Project Area

This is a popular group reservation camp area on the banks of Clear Creek with a capacity of 40 people and ten vehicles. It is located in the Clear Lake Recreation Area, a popular destination for fishing and water play. The site is secluded and attractive, but could use improvements such as new picnic tables, a replacement for the old wooden vault toilet, and additional vehicle controls.

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Results of Not Implementing Fee Change

The season of use may need to be reduced. Improvements to facilities will take longer to implement or may not happen. If the cost of maintaining the water system becomes prohibitive, it may be eliminated.

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Brief Description of Project Area

This is a popular large, secluded group reservation camp area on the banks of Bumping River. It is conveniently located off the Chinook Pass Scenic Byway/Mather Memorial Parkway (SR410). The group site has a capacity of 65 people and 22 vehicles. The site includes pitcher pump water, 8 picnic tables and vault toilets. Desired future projects include the replacement of old wooden vault toilets and repair/replacement of picnic tables.

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Planned Accomplishments and Methods for Informing the Public:

Reason for Changing Fee

It has been roughly ten years since a fee increase was imposed at this site. Fuel, supply, employment and waste disposal costs continue to rise. At present, the District is heavily dependent upon grant money to help manage, maintain and improve facilities and services at existing fee and non-fee recreation sites. Recreation site collections are vital for making recreation site maintenance and improvements that count as "matches" and allow us to be competitive for state grant funding.

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This is a popular group reservation camp area on the edge of the Little Naches River. The camp site is located in an area popular with ORV enthusiasts, and there are both single tread motorized and 4WD trails in the vicinity. The camp is a group site with a capacity of 60 people and 12 vehicles. The site includes picnic tables and vault toilets. Pitcher pump water is available at a neighboring campground. Many of the picnic tables and fire rings are in need of repair or replacement.

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The season of use may need to be reduced. Improvements to facilities will take longer to implement or may not happen. This group site, in particular, is in need of better traffic controls/definition, replacement of the old wooden vault toilets, repair and replacement of picnic tables/fire rings, parking and landscaping improvements.

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Brief Description of Project Area

This is a small group reservation camp area on the banks of American River. It is conveniently located off the Chinook Pass Scenic Byway/Mather Memorial Highway (SR410). The camp is a group site with a capacity of 60 people and 8 vehicles. The site includes 6 picnic tables and 2 vault toilets. Pitcher pump water is available at the neighboring Hell's Crossing Campground located 2.5 miles west of the site. Desired future projects include the replacement of old vault toilets, repair/replacement of picnic tables and fire rings, and improvements to parking and the natural setting.