

Site Name

Region:

INFRA or Forest Site ID

Forest:

District:



**Amenities - HIRA
Must Have All 6**

Trash Cans

Permanent Toilet Facilities

Interpretive Sign, Exhibit, or Kiosk

Designated Parking

Picnic Tables

Reasonable Visitor Protection (Security)

HIRA Typical Characteristics

Natural and Cultural Resources

Resources Marketed for Tourism

Within 2 Hours of 1 Million People

Contains Rivers, Lakes or Interpreted Scenic Corridors

Management Challenges and Other Significant Features/Facilities:

The Illinois River Scenic Area corridor is operated under a river management plan. Capital investments are located to protect the scenic river qualities, provide for an enhanced recreation experience and visitor safety, and minimize resource damage. The area consists of four campgrounds, five picnic areas, two scenic overlooks and interpretive sites, one historic site, five trailheads, four developed parking areas with swimming and rafting opportunities, and one private commercial lodge. It is the gateway to the east side of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness and the Wild Section of the Illinois W&S River. The unique mix of recreation opportunities is significant to southern Oregon with visits exceeding 180,000 people per season.

HIRA Mandatory Characteristics

- Provides significant recreation opportunities for outdoor recreation
- Contains substantial Federal investment
- Fees can be collected efficiently
- Incurs significant expenditures
- Analyzed by regional fee boards and approved by the appropriate line officer
- Is not an entire administrative unit such as a National Forest

Meets Mandatory Characteristics

Total Number of Acres:

Number of Amenities:

Change Summary	Current Situation	Financial Information	Planned Accomplishments
<p>Action requested:</p> <p><input type="text" value="New Fee"/></p> <p>Proposed fee: <input type="text" value="\$5.00"/></p> <p>Start date: <input type="text" value="7/1/2008"/></p> <p>Expected annual occupancy (%): <input type="text" value="180000"/></p> <p>Additional fee structure:</p> <p><input type="text" value="\$5.00 per vehicle per day."/></p> <p><input type="text" value="\$10.00 Store Gulch Campground fee would be an additional fee for expanded amenity provided."/></p>	<p>Date of last fee increase: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Current fee: <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/></p> <p>Current annual occupancy (%): <input type="text" value="180000"/></p> <p>Additional fee structure:</p> <p><input type="text"/></p>	<p>Annual operations and maintenance (O&M): <input type="text" value="\$8,825"/></p> <p>Deferred maintenance backlog: <input type="text" value="\$18,440"/></p> <p>Start-up costs: <input type="text" value="\$10,000"/></p> <p>Current revenue: <input type="text" value="\$0"/></p> <p>Predicted revenue: <input type="text" value="\$120,000"/></p> <p>Difference in revenue associated with fee change: <input type="text" value="\$120,000"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase hours of operation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve facilities/services</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce deferred maintenance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain site to standard</p> <p>Planned accomplishments and methods for informing the public:</p> <p><input type="text" value="Reduce resource impacts while improving visitor safety and the recreation experience. Public has been informed through public meetings, press releases, posting at the site and individual contacts. Notice published in the Federal Register - 1/22/08."/></p>

Reason for Changing Fee	
<p>Recent capital investments of 1.2 million dollars in road and parking improvements, new picnic tables, shelters, trails, and campgrounds have been built to help serve the public, improve visitor safety and prevent resource damage. Subsequently, fees are needed to provide law enforcement presence, operation and maintenance. The recommended fees are based on 1) a Market Value analysis, 2) the Regional Campground Pricing rating, and 3) the Recreation Facility Analysis process. Fee collection will be efficiently accomplished with self-service pay stations and compliance checks.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Align fee to local market</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Inflationary increase</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outcome of RFA process</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase / improve service</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Add amenity</p>

Results of Not Implementing Fee Change	
<p>If fees are not charged, the recent capital improvements and recreation sites will be operated and maintained below actual cost. This will increase deferred maintenance over time in the area. To provide a safe and clean quality recreation experience minimizing impacts to a Wild & Scenic River corridor while providing reasonable public access. Unsafe conditions are not addressed. Resource impacts continue.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce season or service</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate season or service</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decommission site</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Close site</p>

Public Participation

Have the following tasks been accomplished? Yes

New Fee Minimum Tasks

- Six months advance notice in Federal Register
- Announcement in local media
- Announcements near or in site where fee will be implemented
- Briefing with federal legislators (per WO direction)
- Give people an opportunity to review project plans (if completed) (from Interagency Federal Register Notice)

Fee Change Minimum Tasks

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Other public participation tasks:

Two public meetings were held in December 2007 and January 2008 in Grants Pass and Cave Junction. On-site posting have occurred within the area. Notices posted at the Wild River District Office and on the Rogue River-Siskiyou NF Website, two press releases, television interview, local paper editorial supported fee proposal, and not letters opposing proposal. Notice published in the Federal Register - 1/22/08.

Public participation results:

Overall understanding for the proposal with letter of support. Minimal negative comments with the majority very supportive. Individual discussions explaining the proposal resulted in understanding and support.

Brief description of project area

The Illinois River Scenic Area is a highly used area within the nationally designated Illinois Wild and Scenic River corridor located on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, Wild Rivers Ranger District. The area is about 15 miles south of Grants Pass and within a 1 to 2 hour drive from the Rogue River Valley and Medford-Metropolitan area. The approximate 2,970 acre area is nestled in an old growth forest setting.

This proposal is part of the Illinois Wild and Scenic River corridor within the Scenic Section from Briggs Creek Campground upriver approximately 14 miles to the junction of the Illinois River Road-FS 4103 and the Soldier Creek Road-FS 4105. The area is a highly used area and is very popular for summer recreation water related outdoor activities. The area is located near Selma, Oregon.

Existing facilities include: four campgrounds, five picnic sites, five trailheads, two interpretive sites, three swimming holes, one boat ramp, one historic sites, one guard station, one overlook, four developed parking areas with river access and one private commercial lodge.