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REA Fee Type

Change Summary

Action Requested:

Proposed Fee:

Start Date:

Expected Annual Occupancy (%):

Additional Fee Structure:

Current Situation

Date of Last Fee Increase:

Current Fee:

Current Annual Occupancy (%):

Additional Fee Structure:

Financial Information

Annual O&M:

Deferred Maint. Backlog:

Start-Up Costs:

Current Revenue:

Predicted Revenue:

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
- Outcome of RFA Process
- Increase / Improve Service
- Add Amenity

Results of Not Implementing Fee Change

The current fee rate barely covers the cost of operation and maintenance and doesn't allow us to accumulate a funding source for ongoing improvements or to address deferred maintenance needs. We will have to either reduce our service to our visitors which will affect the quality of the facility or continue to allow maintenance needs to accumulate, which will also affect the quality of the facility.

- Reduce Season or Service
- Eliminate Season or Service
- Decommission Site
- Close Site

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

- Announcement in local media
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- Briefing with federal legislators (per WO direction)

Other Public Participation Tasks

Public Participation Results

Congressional reps informed; have not received any comments from constituents. Received one letter from a recreation rental user who supports the program and supports improvements at this site.

Brief Description of Project Area

Deer Creek Guard Station is a 1960s era bunkhouse located in a small meadow in ponderosa pine forest near the Murderers Creek Wild Horse territory. The cabin sleeps 4 comfortably and has wood heat and a propane cook stove, refrigerator and propane lights. There is no water, no electricity and no indoor restroom. A new vault toilet was recently installed and the building was recently painted.

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Planned Accomplishments and Methods for Informing the Public:

We plan to increase the useable interior space and make it more pleasant for the visitor.

Reason for Changing Fee

Over time, we have found the cost of operations has increased in order to maintain a standard of service that is not excessive but ensures that visitors find the facility in good, clean, safe operating condition. This is the oldest cabin on the Forest and we are willing to continue subsidizing keeping this facility operating through the rental program, however this fee increase would reduce the amount of subsidy each year. As we are able to improve the facility we believe occupancy will increase over time.

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

We will have to reduce our operational visits to the site and will not be able to improve the facility.

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Other Public Participation Tasks

Public Participation Results

Congressional reps informed; have not received any comments from constituents.

Brief Description of Project Area

This facility consists of a 1913 Rangers cabin equipped with wood heat, propane cook stove and propane refrigerator. The other cabin is a modular bunkhouse with propane heaters and four twin beds. There is no water, no electricity and a recently installed outdoor vault toilet in close proximity to the cabins. This facility is near the Cedar Grove Botanical area, several roadless areas and the Murderers Creek Wild Horse territory and adjacent to Murderers Creek.

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Planned Accomplishments and Methods for Informing the Public:

Reason for Changing Fee

We plan to use stimulus funds through ARRA to take care of deferred maintenance prior to making it available for rental.

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Results of Not Implementing Fee Change

We will not be able to make this facility available to the public and will either board it up and let it deteriorate or move it to another location for administrative use.

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Other Public Participation Tasks

Public Participation Results

Congressional reps informed; have not received any comments from constituents. Received one letter from a person in Aumsville, OR (near Salem) who expressed the opinion that this building should be used for crew quarters instead of being a recreation rental. This is not an option on this Forest and a reply with rationale and options for this building was sent.

Brief Description of Project Area

This facility consists of a 1930s Rangers cabin equipped with wood heat, electric cook stove and electric refrigerator. There is water, and an outdoor vault toilet in close proximity to the cabins. This facility is near the Monument Rock Wilderness and the North Fork of the Malheur Wild and Scenic River.

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Planned Accomplishments and Methods for Informing the Public:

We plan to accomplish deferred maintenance on this building with stimulus funds from ARRA prior to making it available for rental, including making the facility fully accessible.

Reason for Changing Fee

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Results of Not Implementing Fee Change

If we are not able to put this cabin on the rental program it will most likely be sold for removal from the National Forest.

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Public Participation Results

Congressional reps informed; have not received any comments from constituents. Received a phone call from a landowner's representative in this area to inform me of noxious weeds at the entrance to this site and concern that additional vehicles may further spread the weed. Discussed this with District weed coordinator and a plan to deal with this will be developed. Received verbal support for this addition to the rental system from a private cabin rental provider in the immediate area. She said that this fee is in line with their rates and she supports this building being used rather than having it sit empty as a "vandalism magnet."

Brief Description of Project Area

The Sunshine Guard Station is located on County Road 20 along the Middle Fork of the John Day River State Scenic Waterway, a popular recreation area. This cabin accomodates 4 people, has a wood stove, and electric cookstove, refrigerator and lights. There is no water and no indoor restroom. There is an outdoor vault toilet in close proximity to the cabin.