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The Deschutes National Forest is proposing the following “new” recreation fee sites that meet the legal requirements under the Recreation Enhancement Act for consideration as additions to the Forest’s Recreation Fee Program:

Standard Amenity Fee Sites:

Simax Beach Day Use Area  
Willamette Pass Trailhead  
Windy Oldenberg Trailhead  
Princess Creek Boat Launch  
Sunset Cove Boat Launch

Tranquil Cove Day Use Area  
Whitefish Trailhead  
Crescent Lake Boat Launch  
Spring Creek Boat Launch  
Trapper Creek Boat Launch

Expanded Amenity Fee Site:

Fall River Guard Station

The addition of these sites on the Crescent Ranger District will make all day use sites, trailheads, and boat launches consistent with current standard amenity fee sites across the Forest. The Expanded Amenity site will be an addition to our Recreation Lodging program.

If you have any questions regarding these fee proposals, please contact Mark Christiansen, Recreation Program Manager, at 541-383-5571.

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Executive Summary for New Recreation Fee Sites  
Deschutes National Forest

**Fall River Guard Station Recreation Lodging**

**Sites:** Fall River Guard Station

**Site Type:** Expanded Amenity

**Proposed Action:** New Fee Site

**Recommended Fees:** \$90.00/night

**Site Description:**

Fall River Guard Station is a small cabin that is adjacent to Fall River. The guard station is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and the nomination process is currently being completed. The cabin has been recently renovated and the last phases are almost finished.

The cabin is easily accessible as it sits next to county road 42 and the parking area is leveled and surfaced. The refrigerator, lights, cook stove, and heat are all supplied by propane. Basic mattresses, furniture, cookware, and dishes are provided. There are leveled and surfaced areas outside for RV's and tent camping. There is no water system on site so renters will be responsible for bringing their own water. Bathroom facilities will be a campground style vault toilet.

The cabin is located almost directly on Fall River so opportunities for fishing and hiking along the river are available. Recreation opportunities are nearly unlimited as the cabin is approximately 7 miles away from both Wickiup and Crane Prairie Reservoirs, 3 miles from the Deschutes River, and 15 miles from numerous trailheads which access the Three Sisters Wilderness Area.

**Fee Assessment:**

The Cabin Fee Form was completed to determine the appropriate price for this facility. The form considered similar cabin rental opportunities at resorts within the area. A "Draft" Recreation Lodging Feasibility Study has recently been completed. This draft study indicated Fall River Guard Station as 1 of the top 5 facilities out of 22 facilities studied. The study also indicated the Net Present Value for this cabin was positive in Year 4 and Year 10. The market analysis indicated the demand for recreation lodging is very high in the Pacific Northwest, with a healthy demand in the area of the Deschutes National Forests. Given the high occupancy rates with its current facilities, the proximity to major markets in the region (Deschutes, Multnomah and Lane counties), and a diversity of facilities/locations, the Deschutes is in a strong position to expand its program. The Deschutes currently has one facility, a lookout, and is reviewing 20 cabins and two lookouts for possible inclusion into the program. However, due to finite resources, it is not feasible to include all of the proposed facilities.

The Cabin Pricing Form indicated the appropriate price should be \$90.00/night.

**Public Involvement:**

This cabin was included in the Federal Register notice in July 2008. This site was also posted with a notice asking for comments on a nightly fee ranging between \$70.00 and \$100.00 per night this past summer season, starting in July 2008. A news release was made public on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and asked for comments from the public. An article in the Bend, Oregon newspaper, The Bulletin, appeared on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.