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Subject: Increased Fee Proposals for Hebo Ranger District

To: Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC)

Dear Recreation Resource Advisory Committee,

We respectfully submit for your consideration our proposal to increase fees at several of the campgrounds on the Hebo Ranger District. The decision to propose an increase is based upon the results of the fee analysis tool and pricing guideline forms completed for each of the campgrounds and attached for your consideration.

We would like to increase fees at West Winds Camping Area, East Dunes Camping Area, and Sandbeach Campground, all of which are located within the Sand Lake Recreation Area (SLRA). We would also like to propose increasing the fee at Hebo Lake Campground. The following table compares the proposed increase with the current campground rates.

Fee Increase Summary		
<u>Campground</u>	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>
West Winds Camping Area (SLRA)	\$10 per night	\$15 per night
East Dunes Camping Area (SLRA)	\$10 per night	\$15 per night
Sandbeach Campground (SLRA)	\$16 per night	\$20 per night
Hebo Lake Campground	\$10 per night	\$12 per night
*Note: The existing fee for additional vehicles would not change in at any of the campgrounds.		

The need to increase the fees is based upon the increasing cost to operate and maintain our recreation sites. Deferred maintenance is increasing in all the campgrounds. Currently the waste water treatment system servicing West Winds, East Dunes, and Sandbeach Campgrounds is under a Notice of Violation (NOV) by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for exceeding it's permit requirements. The proposed fee change would contribute to the cost of redesigning and upgrading the waste water treatment system. The increased fees would contribute to the cost of repaving Sandbeach Campground, restriping the parking lot at East Dunes Camping Area, replacing fire rings at East Dunes Camping Area, patching the concrete at West Winds Camping Area, and constructing a day use area, and replacing picnic tables at Hebo Lake.

In July, we posted notifications at all the campgrounds soliciting public comments regarding the proposed fee increases. On October 9, we issued a press release regarding the proposed increase. It was published in the local papers and posted on our website to solícite comments. To date we



have not received any comments leading us to believe that there is little public concern about the proposal.

Please contact Nate Lewis, Recreation Staff, if there are any questions about these submissions. Thank you for the opportunity to address our need for additional fee revenues at these sites.

Sincerely,

/s/ George T. Buckingham

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