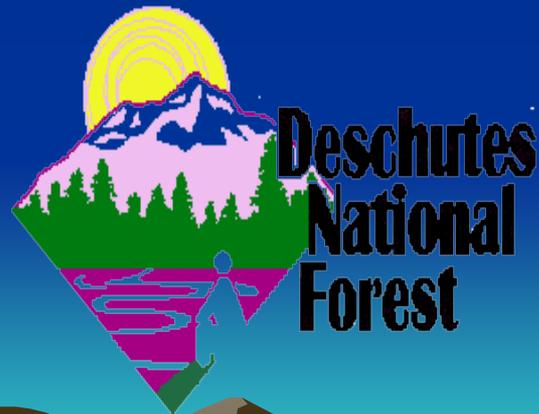


Deschutes National Forest Standard Amenity Fee Site Proposal

February 2, 2010



Objective

To address the following concerns expressed during the October Federal Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting:

- **Address concern about the required amenities being in place**
- **Clarify understanding of full public participation**

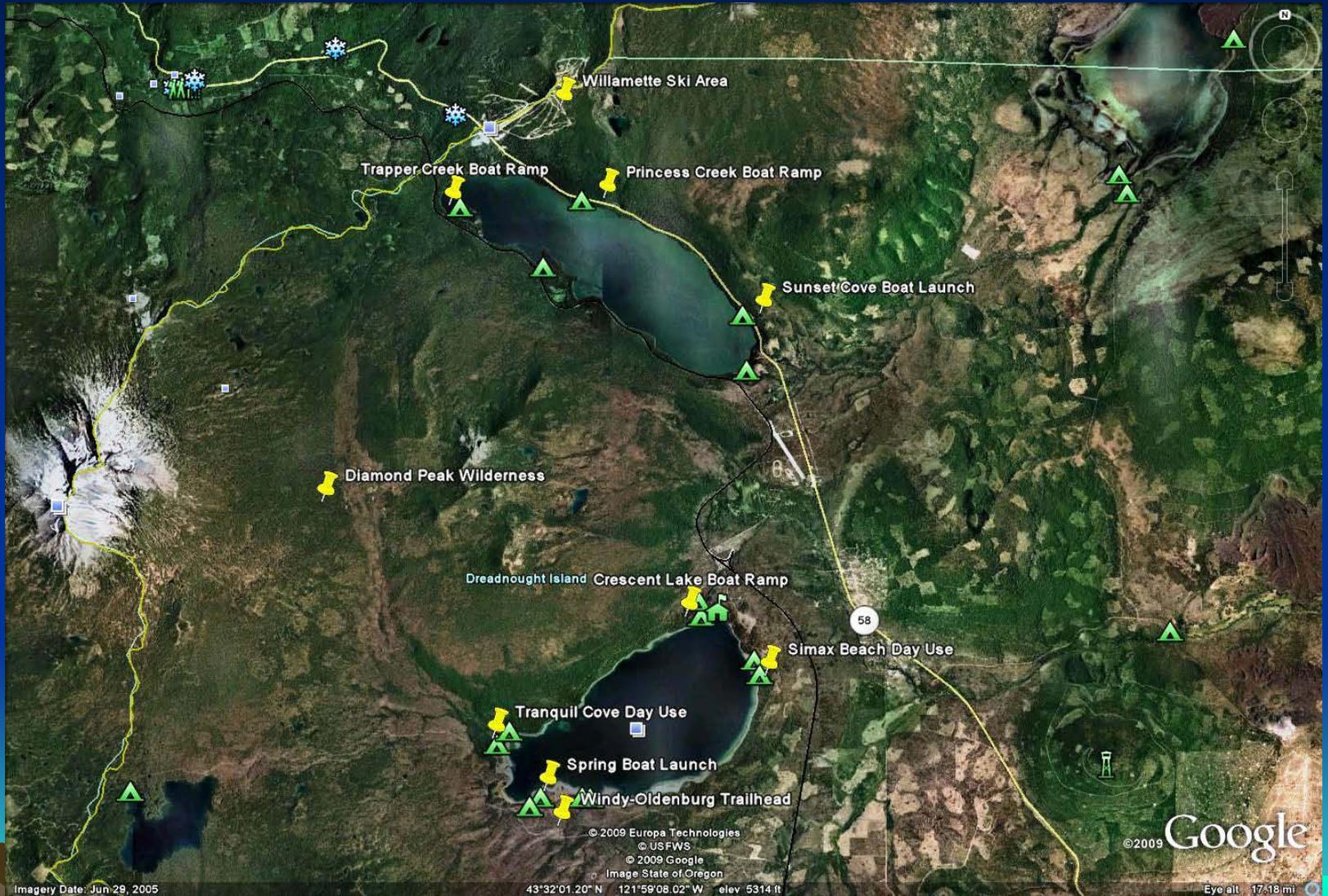


Proposal Review

- **5 Boat Launches**
 - **Crescent Lake Boat Launch**
 - **Spring Boat Launch**
 - **Trapper Creek Boat Launch**
 - **Princess Creek Boat Launch**
 - **Sunset Cove Boat Launch**
- **2 Day Use Areas**
 - **Simax Beach**
 - **Tranquil Cove**
- **1 Trailhead**
 - **Windy-Oldenberg**



Location Map



Crescent Lake Sites



Crescent Lake Boat Launch



Amenities Present:

- Designated paved parking
- Garbage
- Toilet facility
- Picnic tables
- Visitor protection



Amenities Needed:

- Interpretive sign

Spring Boat Launch



Amenities Present:

- Designated gravel parking
- Garbage
- Toilet facility
- Visitor Protection



Amenities Needed:

- Interpretive sign
- Picnic tables

Tranquil Cove Day use



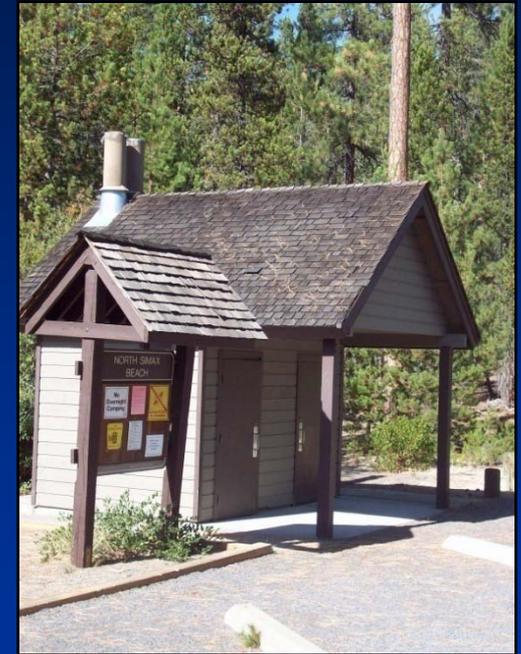
Amenities Present:

- Designated parking area
- Picnic tables
- Toilet facility
- Visitor protection

Amenities Needed:

- Interpretive sign
- Garbage

Simax Beach Day Use



Amenities Present:

- Toilet facilities
- Designated paved parking
- Garbage
- Picnic tables
- Visitor protection

Amenities Needed:

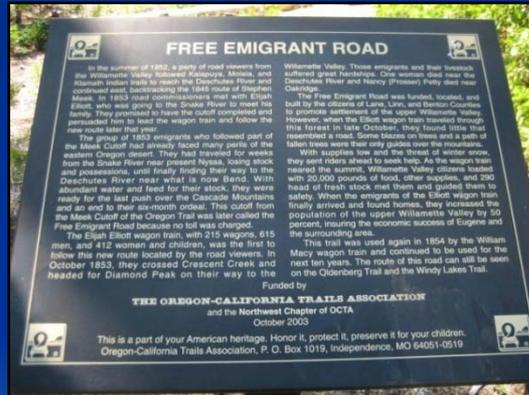
- Interpretive sign

Windy Oldenburg Trailhead



Amenities Present:

- Designated gravel parking
- Interpretive sign
- Toilet facilities
- Visitor protection



Amenities Needed:

- Picnic tables
- Garbage

Odell Lake Sites



Trapper Creek Boat Launch



Amenities Present:

- Designated paved parking
- Interpretive signs
- Garbage
- Toilet facility
- Visitor protection

Amenities Needed:

- Picnic tables

Sunset Cove Boat Launch



Amenities Present:

- Designated paved parking
- Interpretive signs.
- Picnic tables
- Garbage
- Toilet facilities
- Visitor protection



Amenities Needed:

- None

Princess Creek Boat Launch



Amenities Present:

- Designated paved parking
- Picnic tables
- Toilet facilities
- Garbage
- Visitor protection

Amenities Needed:

- Interpretive sign

NOTE: All facilities are scheduled to be upgraded in 2010-2011 through a partnership with the Oregon State Marine Board

Site Amenity Summary

Recreation Site	Standard Amenities Present					
	Designated Parking	Toilet Facility	Trash Receptacle	Interpretive Sign	Picnic Table	Security
Crescent Lake BL	X	X	X		X	X
Spring BL	X	X	X			X
Trapper Creek BL	X	X			X	X
Princess Creek BL	X	X	X		X	X
Sunset Cove BL	X	X	X	X	X	X
Simax Beach DU	X	X	X		X	X
Tranquil Cove DU	X	X			X	X
Windy-Oldenberg TH	X	X		X		X

Site Amenities

- **77% of required amenities are already in place**
- **Missing amenities are already purchased and/or in development**
- **REA states that fees cannot be charged unless amenities are in place**
- **All required amenities will be in place prior to implementing the required fee**



Site Amenities

- **Amenities can be easily placed as soon as access is available in the spring**
- **Missing amenities on hand were not installed prior to formal presentation to this Advisory Committee due to other recreation site needs should this proposal not be recommended as fee sites**
- **Some sites have additional amenities not required in standard amenity fee sites**



Public Participation

- **Federal Register notification for 6 month starting October 2008**
- **Informational signs about the proposed fees were posted at each site starting in the fall of 2008.**
- **Met with Crescent Community Action Team (CAT). Notes of this meeting were posted in the CAT newsletter which is mailed to several hundred property owners and residents of Crescent Lake Junction.**



Public Participation

- **Notices to local and non-local newsprint & television media (approximately 50 entities) were sent in November 2008**
- **Letter sent out to local recreation user groups, campground concessionaires, tribes, & government officials**
- **An estimated 60,000 people were reached through these outreach efforts**



Public Participation

- **A Regional Press Release announcing this Federal Recreation Advisory Committee meeting was issued on January 25, 2010 resulting in 1 Television story on Z21 NBC Channel 5 in Bend on January 26, 2010 and a newspaper article published in the Bend Bulletin on January 27, 2010**



Public Response

- **There were 10 written responses received in opposition to the proposed fees**
- **Written comments expressed taxes should cover the cost of operation and maintenance of these recreation facilities**
- **Several of the commenter's were opposed to fees at sites they frequent, and didn't care about fees at sites they didn't visit**



Public Response

- **Some respondents wanted a “locals” discount or “pass” in lieu of a fee**
- **Crescent Community Action Team (CAT) expressed concerned about how fees could affect the locals use of the sites and wanted to know how the fees would be used. The CAT’s concerns were alleviated once they understood that the fees were retained on site for upgrades and operations and gave verbal support to the proposal**



Public Response

- **The Deschutes campground concessionaire expressed concern that the lack of fees at these sites adversely affected their operations and verbally encouraged implementation of fees at these sites**
- **Local resort owners were concerned if fees aren't charged at these sites that their business will be undercut. They verbally expressed a preference to implement fees at these sites**



Public Response

- **The January 26th TV story and January 27th newspaper article generated 1 phone call opposed to new fees. The caller indicated tax dollars should cover the costs associated with these sites. He did not provide a name and hung up after stating his opinion.**



Public Response Considerations

- **The Forest strongly considered actual comments received, both written and verbal**
- **The Forest weighed the number of comments received against the estimated numbers of forest users reached through all public outreach efforts**
- **The Forest felt it was very important to have consistency when and where day use recreation fees are charged. Similar recreation sites with similar amenities and use levels on the Bend Fort Rock and Sisters Ranger Districts have required recreation fees for years**



Public Response Considerations

- **The Forest is committed to providing quality, sustainable recreation experiences across the Forest now and into the future**
- **These 8 day use recreation sites have a combined \$341,100 worth of deferred maintenance needs**
- **The Recreation Feasibility Analysis completed October 31, 2007, showed that user fees are important to ensure the Forest can better provide the long term recreation experience the public desires at these sites**



Public Response Considerations

- **Given these identified considerations, the limited number of responses received (both written negative and verbal positive) with respect to the estimated number of public contacted through our outreach, and the Forest's need to provide long term, sustainable recreation opportunities and experiences, we are seeking a recommendation from the Federal Recreation Advisory Committee to include these 8 recreation sites in the Forest's Recreation Fee Program.**



THANK YOU



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