

Site Name: **Alsea Falls Day-Use** District: **Salem** Fee Project #: **OR27**
 Field Office or Resource Area: **Marv's Peak Resource Area**



Amenities- Must have all

Trash Cans Interpretive Sign, Exhibit, or Kiosk
 Designated Parking Picnic Tables
 Permanent Toilet Facilities Reasonable Visitor Protection (Security)

Site Type: **Picnic Site**

<p>Change Summary</p> <p>Action Requested: New Fee</p> <p>Proposed Fee: \$3.00</p> <p>Implementation Date: 5/28/2010</p> <p>Expected Annual # of Visits: 32372</p> <p>Additional Fee Structure: Annual fee pass would be \$15.00 Group campsite \$20 Standard campsite \$12 Firewood \$5 Extra vehicles \$5</p>	<p>Current Situation</p> <p>Date of Last Fee Increase: 6/1/1999</p> <p>Current Fee: \$0</p> <p>Annual # of Visits: 32372</p> <p>Additional Fee Structure: Currently a non fee site. Group campsite \$10 Standard campsite \$10 Firewood \$5 Extra vehicles \$5</p>	<p>Financial Information</p> <p>Annual O&M: \$75,000</p> <p>Current Revenue: \$0</p> <p>Predicted Revenue: \$9,438</p> <p>Difference from Fee Change: \$9,438</p> <p>Business Plan Completion Date: 9/18/2009</p>	<p>Planned Accomplishments from Fee Changes</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Hours of Operation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve facilities / Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce Deferred Maintenance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain Site to Standard </p> <p>Methods for Informing the Public</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper or Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bulletin Board <input type="checkbox"/> Publish in Federal Register <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web Page <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other </p>
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Reason for Changing Fee

No current fee for day use. Site is heavily used during the hot summer days. Revenue would help increase signing and striping parking areas to better serve the public.

Align fee to local market Add Amenity
 Inflationary Increase Increase / Improve Service

Level of Complexity for Implementation: **Medium**

Results of Not Implementing Fee Change

Continued crowding on hot summer days. Level of service would be reduced.

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

Brief Description of Project Area

O&M is for Alsea Falls Day-Use and Camping areas while predicted revenue is just for the proposed day-use fee. Alsea Falls Recreation Site is located 30 miles southwest of Corvallis and is managed by the Salem District Office, Marys Peak Resource Area. The site has both day use and overnight camping areas and is next to the South Fork of the Alsea River. Picnic area is adjacent to the campground and trail system. The site contains well-developed picnic and campsites, extensive trail network, Alsea Falls, and adjacent trails. The site is open from mid-May until the end of September. The site includes trash cans, restrooms, kiosk, designated parking areas, water, and 22 picnic units with one or more tables and fire pits or grills. Activities include hiking and swimming in the South Fork Alsea River and water hole at the bottom of Alsea Falls. Fishing and hunting is allowed nearby. City facilities such as a store, restaurant, library, and post office are 10 miles away in the town of Alsea.

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
- Announcements near or in site where fee will be implemented
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Other Public Participation Tasks

Included the proposed fee changes on the OR/WA recreation site web page 7-7-2008. Public notice posted on bulletin boards in the campground and picnic area 7-15-2008 and removed waiting for approval of site business plan. Need to have plans approved before moving forward on public outreach as per District Managers request. A meeting with Benton County's commissioner occurred December 9, 2008 with no comments. Public notice of the fee changes was posted onsite during the first two weeks of July 2008; one comment stated fees were fine as long as they were use at the site collected, another comment was that was too bad, no other comments were received from this posting. A news article in the Corvallis Gazette-Times mentioned fee increases at Alsea Falls and the sites on the Quartzville (http://www.gazettetimes.com/news/local/article_a2a8d933-9744-5ab5-83f7-bbf42f0b4e55.html). Another public notice posting of the new fee was posted July 14, 2009, which will remain until implemented. On July 21, 2009, a letter was mailed to congressional representative Kurt Schrader and the Benton County commissioner notifying them of proposed fee changes for 2010, no comments were received from this mailing. Press releases were sent to local papers in July 2009 for posting, but none has been published as of August 31, 2009. The public notice and news release contain contact information for public comments on the proposed fee changes. Website information was updated on February 3 informing the public fee increases were proposed for 2010. Fee signs and paper materials would reflect proposed fee change. The BLM would monitor visitation to detect changes in site utilization, document written and oral communication from the public on this issue, and assess all feedback. Business plan review would occur on a biennial schedule from the date of the last signature. Future adjustments to Alsea Falls fee schedule will reflect public comment and program implementation needs.

Public Participation Results

If fees are for upkeep of the site then he would be willing to pay \$3-\$5. Comments were minimal, "where are you going to get the other \$2" and "you should increase the camping fee to an even \$20 and not implement a day-use fee because it is an administrative hassle.

Site Name: Canyon Creek Recrea
 District: Salem
 Fee Project #: OR25
 Field Office or Resource Area: Cascades Resource Area



Amenities- Must have all

Trash Cans
 Designated Parking
 Permanent Toilet Facilities
 Interpretive Sign, Exhibit, or Kiosk
 Picnic Tables
 Reasonable Visitor Protection (Security)

Site Type: Picnic Site

Change Summary

Action Requested:
New Fee

Proposed Fee: \$5.00
 Implementation Date: 5/28/2010
 Expected Annual # of Visits: 5500

Additional Fee Structure:
 Annual pass would be \$25 which is valid at Elkhorn day-use also

Current Situation

Date of Last Fee Increase:
 Current Fee: \$0
 Annual # of Visits: 4500

Additional Fee Structure:

Financial Information

Annual O&M: \$10,000
 Current Revenue: \$0
 Predicted Revenue: \$15,000
 Difference from Fee Change: \$15,000

Business Plan Completion Date: 9/18/2009

Planned Accomplishments from Fee Changes

Increase Hours of Operation
 Improve facilities / Services
 Reduce Deferred Maintenance
 Maintain Site to Standard

Methods for Informing the Public

Newspaper or Letter
 Bulletin Board
 Publish in Federal Register
 Web Page
 Meeting
 Other

Reason for Changing Fee

To provide better employee/volunteer presence for customer service, as well as maintain a higher level of health and safety standards. Additionally, it would reduce the level of deferred maintenance caused by decreased district operating budgets.

Align fee to local market
 Inflationary Increase
 Add Amenity
 Increase / Improve Service

Level of Complexity for Implementation: Medium

Results of Not Implementing Fee Change

Reduction in service and amenities of the recreation site, as well as employee presence in which the result would be increased vandalism and public safety risks. No host on-site.

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

Brief Description of Project Area

Established by the Bureau of Land Management in 1963, the site encompasses undeveloped and developed areas including picnic sites, walking and hiking trails, swimming and wading areas, and a diverse example of Cascade foothill forest structure that provides an ideal aesthetic setting people enjoy. Canyon Creek Recreation Site is open to day-use annually from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Canyon Creek's infrastructure and facilities are nearly 45 years old, with the majority of newer construction occurring in the late eighties and early nineties. Site is located near Elkhorn Valley Recreation Site on a heavily-used recreation corridor. Site is visited heaviest on hot summer days with the majority of visitors coming from nearby urban areas. Site is ideal for swimming and other small waterway recreational activities. Additional parking, a new water system, entry gate, and host site were added in 2008.

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Change Summary

Action Requested:

Proposed Fee:

Implementation Date:

Expected Annual # of Visits:

Additional Fee Structure:

Campsite \$14 each (increase)
 Additional Vehicles \$5
 Firewood \$5
 Annual Pass \$25 can be used at Canyon Creek Recreation Site

Current Situation

Date of Last Fee Increase:

Current Fee:

Annual # of Visits:

Additional Fee Structure:

Campsite \$10 each
 Additional Vehicles \$5
 Firewood \$5

Financial Information

Annual O&M:

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Established by the Bureau of Land Management in 1962, the site encompasses undeveloped and developed areas including individual campsites, picnic sites, swimming and wading areas, and a diverse example of Cascade foothill forest structure that provides an ideal aesthetic setting for people to enjoy. Amenities available include water, individual fire rings and grills, toilets, garbage service, trails, and a camp host. As of 2008, there is no charge for standard amenity day-use. Visitors pay expanded amenity fees for use of 20 first come-first served individual campsites. Numerous other outdoor recreation opportunities exist within a 30-mile radius. Elkhorn Valley Recreation Site is open to day-use and camping from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. During the winter season, vehicular traffic is restricted while the site is open to pedestrians and bicyclists for day-use. Site is located near Canyon Creek Recreation Site on a heavily-used recreation corridor. Site is visited heaviest on hot summer days with the majority of visitors coming from nearby urban areas. Site is ideal for swimming and other small waterway recreational activities. Being already part of a campground, this fee increase will be easier to administer since there area already pay stations and monitoring protocols in place.

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