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Site type:

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Fire ring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Drinking water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Access roads <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Amenities- Must have 5 of 9

REA fee type:

Change Summary	Current Situation	Financial Information	Planned Accomplishments
<p>Action requested: <input type="text" value="Fee Increase"/></p> <p>Proposed fee: <input type="text" value="\$10.00"/></p> <p>Start date: <input type="text" value="4/15/2009"/></p> <p>Expected annual occupancy (%): <input type="text" value="30"/></p> <p>Additional fee structure: \$5 for each additional car up to 2 extra (no change)</p> <p>Additional fee is not predicted to result in a decline in use.</p>	<p>Date of last fee increase: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Current fee: <input type="text" value="\$8.00"/></p> <p>Current annual occupancy (%): <input type="text" value="30"/></p> <p>Additional fee structure: \$5 for each additional car up to 2 extra</p>	<p>Annual operations and maintenance (O&M): <input type="text" value="\$3,900"/></p> <p>Deferred maintenance backlog: <input type="text" value="\$3,240"/></p> <p>Start-up costs: <input type="text" value="\$0"/></p> <p>Current revenue: <input type="text" value="\$2,700"/></p> <p>Predicted revenue: <input type="text" value="\$3,375"/></p> <p>Difference in revenue associated with fee change: <input type="text" value="\$675"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Increase hours of operation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improve facilities/services</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce deferred maintenance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain site to standard</p> <p>Planned accomplishments and methods for informing the public:</p> <p>Posting notice of fee increase at campground kiosk while campground is open, and on CRGNSA website during CY08.</p> <p>Increases will be announced in local media and legislators will be briefed.</p> <p>Repaint restrooms, fix horse stalls, repair/replace tables and fire rings</p>

Reason for Changing Fee

Local camping alternatives based on summer rates w/ no hookups:
 USFS - Gifford Pinchot - Panther Creek - \$15-\$30
 KOA at Cascade Locks - tent site w/ no hookups \$27/night + \$2 tax
 Oregon State Parks - Ainsworth - Tent Site = \$14
 Oregon State Parks - Viento - Tent site = \$14
 Oregon State Parks - Memaloose - Tent site summer rates = \$16
 Washington State Parks - Beacon Rock - Standard site = \$19

- Align fee to local market
- Inflationary increase
- Outcome of RFA process
- Increase / improve service
- Add amenity

Results of Not Implementing Fee Change

Lost revenue capacity. All of the NSA sites are below local market values. Many campers have commented how inexpensive the FS sites are and that they are surprised that it does not cost more. Need to keep up with inflation affecting wages and supplies.

- 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
- Announcements 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

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Other public participation tasks:

To date (Feb. 08), public has been informed via website (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/columbia/recreation/rfmp.shtml>) and we have had a public meeting. Other public notification includes continued notice on the website and posting at CG kiosks.

Public participation results:

Posters posted at site for duration of open season (4/15-9/30/08). No feedback received. Website still contains fee change info...no comments received. Press releases sent to Portland and local media markets.

Brief description of project area

Herman Creek Campground is a 7-site horse camp with attached trailhead and vault toilets in a Douglas-fir/Maple stand of trees. Located 1/2 mile west of Interstate 84 exit 47. Accesses Herman Creek trail and the Pacific Crest trail. Volunteer hosts occupy an 8th site during the season which is April 15 - Oct. 1

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<p>Action requested: <input type="text" value="New Fee"/></p> <p>Proposed fee: <input type="text" value="\$5.00"/></p> <p>Start date: <input type="text" value="3/12/2009"/></p> <p>Expected annual occupancy (%): <input type="text" value="46"/></p> <p>Additional fee structure:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px;"></div>	<p>Date of last fee increase: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Current fee: <input type="text" value="\$0.00"/></p> <p>Current annual occupancy (%): <input type="text" value="0"/></p> <p>Additional fee structure:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px;"></div>	<p>Annual operations and maintenance (O&M): <input type="text" value="\$4,350"/></p> <p>Deferred maintenance backlog: <input type="text" value="\$4,500"/></p> <p>Start-up costs: <input type="text" value="\$2,000"/></p> <p>Current revenue: <input type="text" value="\$0"/></p> <p>Predicted revenue: <input type="text" value="\$4,500"/></p> <p>Difference in revenue associated with fee change: <input type="text" value="\$4,500"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Increase hours of operation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve facilities/services</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce deferred maintenance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintain site to standard</p> <p>Planned accomplishments and methods for informing the public:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Define 29 sites, install fee tube and fee station, increase security, and maintain site to standard.</p> </div>

Reason for Changing Fee

Area currently receives high use from rock climbers from Smith Rock State Park during the spring and fall. Year round use occurs from people using the nearby trail systems. Use exceeding the stay limits occurs and funds are not available to provide the security and maintenance to manage the site to standard.

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Health and safety standards are not being met due to number of users. Security concerns due to persons residing at site, theft, vandalism, and reported drug use.

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Other public participation tasks:

Posted in the federal register March 2008. Press release and article in the Bend Bulletin on June 10, 2008. Sign posted at the campground March 2008 to present time. Copies available upon request.

Public participation results:

Receive over 20 comments, mostly from the climbing community.

Do not want to see campground developed. Less people if kept primitive. Saw sanitation problems and vandalism. Oppose fee. Does not see need for and does not want increased services. State park charges less than \$5/night. Climbers would stay there instead. Do not need more than toilets. Climbers do not want to pay a fee and should have a free place to camp. Several comments fearing fees could push this to an RV type site. Does not think fees would increase services. Understands fee, but would like to see it kept low (\$3). Would rather see a donation box. Would pay a fee. Wants TP in toilets. Would pay. Would like more sites.

Brief description of project area

The campground is located amongst juniper trees, grasses and brush. It is fenced and has a cattle guard at the entrance. Smith Rocks State Park, a popular rock climbing destination, is approximately 6 miles from the campground. Ridge Rider Trail Head, a non-motorized trail popular with equestrian riders, is located just outside of the campground. No camping is allowed within a ¼ mile area outside of the campground.

Campground Amenities

2 CXT Toilets
Picnic tables
Fire rings
Tent sites
Defined parking sites for cars/RV's
Bulletin board