

Site Name Infra I  Region:  Forest:

District:



SRP Site 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="12/1/2008"/></p> <p>Expected annual occupancy (%): <input type="text" value="23"/></p> <p>Additional fee structure: <input type="text" value="\$10.00 per adult, Season Passes per adult would be \$70.00, Kids under 18 would still be free. There would still be no summer trail user fees"/></p>	<p>Date of last fee increase: <input type="text" value="12/1/1996"/></p> <p>Current fee: <input type="text" value="\$5.00"/></p> <p>Current annual occupancy (%): <input type="text" value="23"/></p> <p>Additional fee structure: <input type="text" value="\$5.00 per adult, Season Passes per adult are \$40.00, kids under 18 are free. There are no summer trail use fees."/></p>	<p>Annual operations and maintenance (O&amp;M): <input type="text" value="\$70,000"/></p> <p>Deferred maintenance backlog: <input type="text" value="\$2,400"/></p> <p>Start-up costs: <input type="text" value="\$0"/></p> <p>Current revenue: <input type="text" value="\$12,000"/></p> <p>Predicted revenue: <input type="text" value="\$24,000"/></p> <p>Difference in revenue associated with fee change: <input type="text" value="\$12,000"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Increase hours of operation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve facilities/services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reduce deferred maintenance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maintain site to standard</p> <p>Planned accomplishments and methods for informing the public: <input type="text" value="Expand frequency and consistency of grooming. Provide groomer training. Add another groomer operator. Provide a warming hut."/></p>

Reason for Changing Fee
<p>Major area improvements have been completed. 2005/06 improvements included: widened roads, enlarged 2 existing parking lots and added 2 new parking areas (total car capacity = 100); new trails and wider trails for a total of 20.3 miles of Skate skiing, Classic Skiing and Snowshoes, new signs, kiosks, 2CXT vault toilets. Road and trail improvements have increased plowing costs by 50 and grooming costs by 80%. The ski complex will have fully implemented all planned expansions and additional amenities by winter 2009 including adding an additional 3.4 miles of classic ski trails. Increased fee revenue will help the District avoid becoming more dependent on State Grants for annual operation.</p>

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

## Results of Not Implementing Fee Change

Reduced grooming and plowing. Shorter season of use.

- 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
- 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
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### Other public participation tasks:

Fee increases have been proposed since 2006 for this site. In local media for 2006 and 2007. Federal legislative contacts made in 1/08.

### Public participation results:

Lake Chelan Nordic Ski Club (LCNSC) support the proposed fee increase and current quality of the facility. We have receive positive feedback from many onsite users (23 users 77%) and one unsolicited letter.(Included)  
23% (8 users) understand the need,but would like a smaller fee increase, smaller increments, or season pass breaks to the local residents. Only one person who skis for 1 hr did not support any fee increase.

### Brief description of project area

Mid-size Nordic Ski complex, 2.4 miles of re-built FS system road to service area with four parking lots (2 large 1.5 acre lots), four toilets, pay tubes, information kiosks, fee signage, all intersection marked, bulliten boards at multiple junctions 8.6 miles of easy Classic and or Skate skiing opportunities, 4.9 miles of more difficult Classic and or Skate skiing, 6.8 miles of most difficult Classic, Skate, Snowshoes, some with dogs. Forest Service access road is maintained by FS personnel with some County road crew help. Trail grooming is done through a partnership agreement with Lake Chelan Nordic Ski Club

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Inflation will further erode the purchasing power of fee revenue. Without additional fee revenue or supplemental funding, services will likely be cut. Cost cutting would further reduce Wilderness Ranger presence on the ground, eliminate Saturday office hours (to issue permits) and result in increased resource damage due to a lack of education, enforcement and toilet management services.

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All listed task items have been completed. In addition, proposed fee increase announcements have been made on local radio and on the Forest Web page.

### Public participation results:

Two public comment letters received. One letter supports a fee increase but suggests a lower rate for children. The second letter supports the permit system but suggests increasing the number of permits as the preferred method to increase revenue.

## Brief description of project area

The Alpine Lakes Wilderness limited access area, commonly called the Enchantment permit area, has 5 quota zones: Enchantments, Snow Lakes, Stuart Lake, Colchuck Lake and Eightmile/Carolines Lakes. All Zones are located on the Wenatchee River Ranger District. Quota permits are required for overnight camping in all zones from June 15 to October 15. Quota permits include a parking pass for the duration of the permit. Permit Reservations can be made through mail in applications. Twenty five percent of the entry quota is allocated to walk-in visitors using a daily drawing each morning (except Sundays). Day use of the permit area is not limited.