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Rio Grande National Forest Proposes to Increase Cabin Rental Fees

MONTE VISTA - The Rio Grande National Forest is inviting public comment on a proposal to increase cabin rental fees on the Saguache and Conejos Peak Districts.

Currently, the Forest offers three historic cabins for rent to visitors seeking a unique experience in some of the most amazing country anywhere in Colorado. Fees for the cabins contribute to cabin maintenance costs such as propane, appliances, furniture, cleaning, toilet pumping, building repair, water systems, etc. Cabins on the rental system include Ellwood Cabin \$20/night, located near the old mining town of Summitville; Carnero Guard Station \$35/night, located northwest of the town of La Garita; and Brewery Creek Guard Station \$35/night, located near the town of Bonanza. The proposed rental fee for these cabins would be increased to \$50/night.

These historic Guard Stations are offered for rent to the general public. Many of these Guard Stations were once used as administrative sites for Forest Service employees working in remote backcountry locations in the early part of the last century. To find out more about our currently available rental cabins, or to make a reservation, log on to the web at <http://www.recreation.gov>. Once there, search for the Rio Grande National Forest's cabins. Public comments to the proposed cabin fee increase can be sent by e-mail to: comments-rocky-mountain-rio-grande@fs.fed.us or by mail to Rio Grande National Forest, ATTN John Murphy, 1803 W. Hwy 160, Monte Vista, CO 81144.

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